

# BRAMLEY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

## SURVEY RESULTS 2014

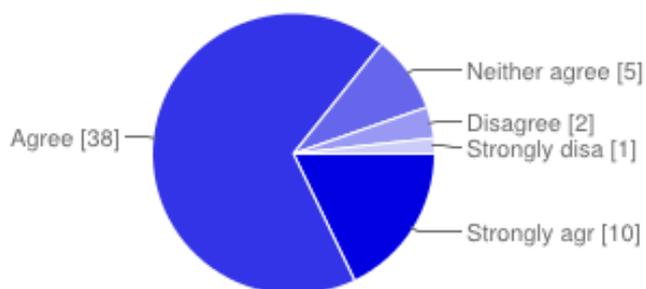
### Strategic Aims to Achieve The Vision

#### VISION FOR BRAMLEY

In 2029 Bramley will be an attractive village with a strong rural character, excellent and conveniently located community facilities, a range of high quality homes fulfilling local needs, safe and convenient access to transport services and green spaces, and good opportunities for locally based employment.

- BSA1: To Make provision for new housing development which satisfies local strategic growth requirements, fulfil local housing needs and enables locally needed infrastructure to be delivered
- BSA2: To ensure that all new housing developments complement and enhance the rural character of the village.
- BSA3: To maintain and enhance the range of community and recreational amenities, services and facilities appropriate for Bramley
- BSA4: To protect the rural character of the village and its setting and minimize the environmental impact of new development.
- BSA5: To improve pedestrian and cycle connections within Bramley and to surrounding destinations.
- BSA6: To resolve on street parking associated with the railway station, shops and Businesses.
- BSA7: To provide opportunities for suitable new employment development in Bramley

#### VISION AND STRATEGIC AIMS RESULTS



Strongly agree	<b>10</b>	18%
Agree	<b>38</b>	68%
Neither agree nor disagree	<b>5</b>	9%
Disagree	<b>2</b>	4%
Strongly disagree	<b>1</b>	2%

## HOW MUCH NEW DEVELOPMENT SHOULD THERE BE IN BRAMLEY up to 2029?

**STATEMENT:** - The Neighbourhood Plan must be “in general conformity with strategic local policy”. This means that the minimum amount of growth that the village must accommodate will be set in the Basingstoke and Deane local Plan. The revised draft Local Plan says that Bramley should accommodate at least 200 additional dwellings by 2029. The Neighbourhood Plan can say where these houses are built.

Bramley could accommodate more new housing, and this need not have just a negative impact. If Bramley continues to grow at the rate it has since 1981, there would be an additional 580 dwellings by 2029. More development would potentially provide more developer contributions towards improving local infrastructure and facilities. 580 dwellings could potentially provide £1.7 million for this purpose.

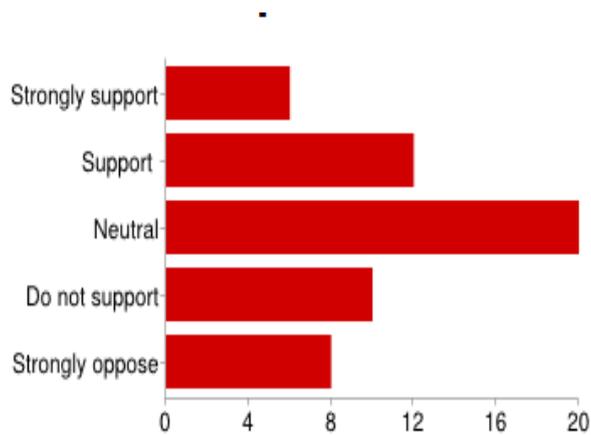
The revised draft Local Plan says that Bramley should accommodate 200 by 2029.  
Choice of 200, 400 or 580 houses?



# WHERE SHOULD NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT BE LOCATED FURTHER IN THE FUTURE

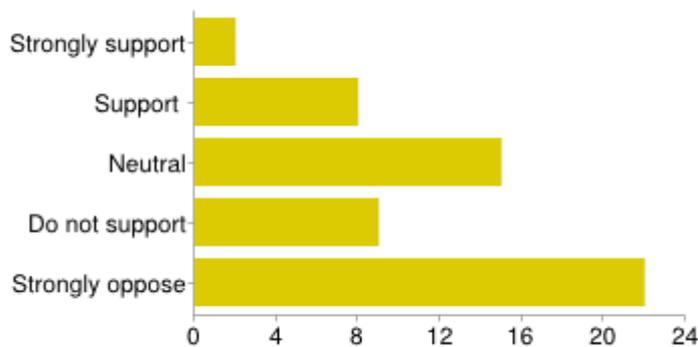
**STATEMENT:** - The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee has identified 21 potential sites all with their individual characteristics which must be fully assessed using the assessment criteria. By way of an example there are 6 sites listed below although full assessment and presentation to the Parish Council has yet to take place. Please put a tick against each of the following to say how much you support or oppose new housing development in each of these places.

## NP01 Church Fields



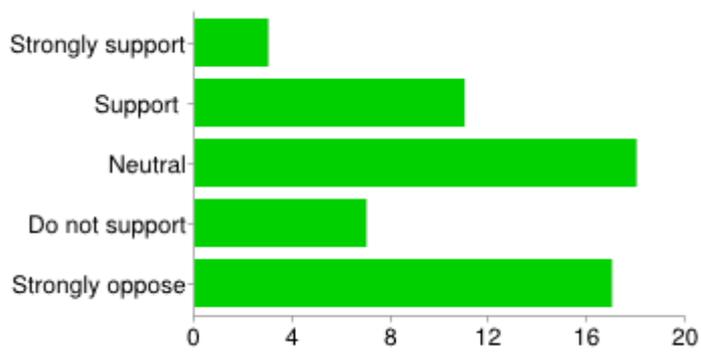
Strongly support	<b>6</b>	11%
Support	<b>12</b>	21%
Neutral	<b>20</b>	36%
Do not support	<b>10</b>	18%
Strongly oppose	<b>8</b>	14%

## NP17 Green Farm



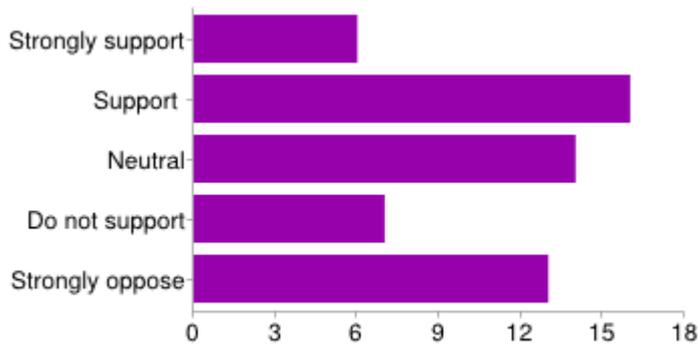
Strongly support	<b>2</b>	4%
Support	<b>8</b>	14%
Neutral	<b>15</b>	27%
Do not support	<b>9</b>	16%
Strongly oppose	<b>22</b>	39%

## NP18 Beech Farm



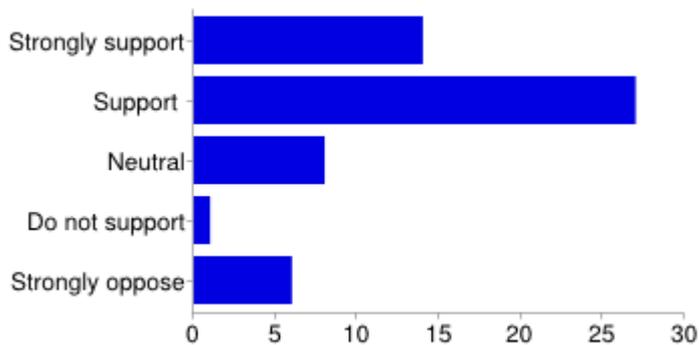
Strongly support	<b>3</b>	5%
Support	<b>11</b>	20%
Neutral	<b>18</b>	32%
Do not support	<b>7</b>	13%
Strongly oppose	<b>17</b>	30%

## BR05 Minchens Field



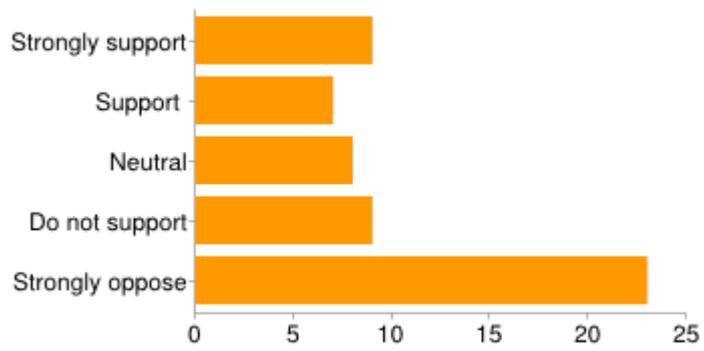
Strongly support	<b>6</b>	11%
Support	<b>16</b>	29%
Neutral	<b>14</b>	25%
Do not support	<b>7</b>	13%
Strongly oppose	<b>13</b>	23%

## BR07 Former British Legion



Strongly support	<b>14</b>	25%
Support	<b>27</b>	48%
Neutral	<b>8</b>	14%
Do not support	<b>1</b>	2%
Strongly oppose	<b>6</b>	11%

## BR10 Strawberry Fields



Strongly support	<b>9</b>	16%
Support	<b>7</b>	13%
Neutral	<b>8</b>	14%
Do not support	<b>9</b>	16%
Strongly oppose	<b>23</b>	41%

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*Question:*

*“If you think the proposed vision and aims are not what you would like to see, please say why”*

Are these aims in priority order? The implication is they are. I would like to see BSA4 a higher priority.
First, thanks very much for your work on this project.
Proposed vision needs to protect countryside views, as now enjoyed in Clift Meadow when one looks north. This of course will become a housing estate. :(
I agree with the vision, but oppose further development as we have already had a huge development with German Road and now we are told it is likely to be another 400 houses ! I cannot support this so will fight against any further large development,
yes but aims and direction are two different things
I disagree with the Strategic aims as we have had vast increase in housing over a very short period (Campbell Rad, Bramley Green and Cufau de lane). Before I disagree with BSA1 & BSA2.
The Vision is going to be hard to achieve with the present. With the Aims then Bramley should be a better, more comfortable place to live
Whilst I agree most of the aims I don't support development in the form which seems likely. I chose Bramley for its rural location and have already seen the village life eroded and my journey to work made more difficult because of development. The village cannot take more housing without spoiling the rural feel and making commuting even more difficult. E.g I can rarely park when I go to work at 7 and when I leave my car parked on the road it has been deliberately damaged twice or I get verbally abused. This will only get worse with more people using the station unless there is adequate provision. We also enjoy cycling and more housing will further ruin the lanes.
On the basis that we seemingly have no option but to accept that at least 200 additional houses will be built - this being something I strongly disagree with having moved to Bramley because of its rural location and feel. The proposed vision and aims go some way to minimising its impact.
On BSA1, only as much as Bramley is forced to take new developments
Whilst I agree with the vision and aims it is with the proviso that the number of houses planned is kept as low as possible otherwise I feel that Bramley will no longer be a village but a suburb of Basingstoke
Do not agree with BSA1 new homes area over developed infrastructure is already stretched. The rural life style is becoming more endangered. Enough is enough.
I agree with the vision, however like any resident am hesitant to encourage any development that changes the characteristics of the central village.
I object to any additional development and Bramley and will probably move away. Perhaps a protest blocking the A30 would get some attention. All the housing that is needed should now be build West and South of Basingstoke. End of.
I think it is a waste of time as the German Road Development proved that Developers and Governments dump houses here and ignore community views.
I strongly think it could, but not sure that it will. I have an underlying concern, not based on facts, that Bramley gets very little, certainly on the recreation front from B & D. When i have some time I plan to follow this up through a FOI request. Hence - great that we will have a youth facility, but it will be on land donated to the village and B & D appear to be contributing nothing. Also I think there needs to be some concrete proposals as to what the village needs, in terms of facilities, as it continues to grow, so it grows as a community rather than batches of new housing with ad hoc improvements.
Potentially not radical enough to improve the village appearance and facilities

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### Question:

*"What kind of new development does Bramley need?"*

Mix - no issue with affordable housing - I think it would benefit the village to encourage young professionals buying their first homes.
We don't need our beautiful rural spaces built on. Building on Strawberry fields would be an utter disgrace and we should all be ashamed if we let this happen. How has this site made it on to the short list? It has a flood plain through it and it borders the Bramley Green conservation area with protected views across it. The reason it is on the short list is because the Stratfield Estate wants it there. Yes, we have to have development in Bramley but Strawberry Fields is not where it should be.
family housing. not blocks of maisonettes or flats or tall three storey houses.
a mixture of homes
Only small developments of up to 15 houses at a time spread out over the next 15 years... If the developers don't feel this is worth their while then they need to go and build elsewhere !
Affordable homes for first time buyers that would enable children of family members to remain in the village, or to return to their birth village/area.
Small pockets of development rather than 200+ in one location
there has been heavy development to the east of the village, this should be balanced with more located to the west of the railway in this phase
Rural style type of buildings in an area that will provide adequate parking unlike the New Bramley Green development
Small as possible.
Small Developments & infill with access to amenities, without impacting existing busy roads. As only one main road trough village and already larger nature of village, 200 maximum without negatively impacting the existing population further.
Commercial and Food store
Bramley needs to develop the Royal British Legion land into a community space or a Business area.
Improvements in the infrastructure, safety on the roads, parking, recreational facilities for all ages whilst maintaining a village atmosphere
Good quality housing with planned open space. Any development should contribute towards the needed expansion of the school and surgery plus the provision of additional services eg dentist Better shops and road transport links.
Local facilities such as a car park which can support the resident commuters and facilities such as shops. The roads need improving which is a form of development. The school needs improving. Development of housing if it has to happen should be near the centre to minimise impact on roads and the station.
Any development should be as near to the centre as possible to minimise impact on the roads and station parking.
A few medium sized developments (plus some small ones) rather than one huge development
Preferably low density housing with no three storey houses. Housing in keeping with the countryside.
A small one if any
Preferably nothing as I do not want to live in a town!
No comment (RG26 5AE)
Bramley needs moderate development, in keeping with the general style of houses in the village. It should help support local families that are growing, rather than an influx of commuters who become associated only with the railway station. It must remain a village, which does not mean wrapping a ring road around it and destroying the fabric of the countryside around it.

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More 2 bed smaller houses
Facilities for children/teenagers. Better traffic management.
Minimal additional housing, footbridge over level crossing
Small not encroaching on too much open countryside please. We love seeing open countryside like at Green Farm!
The minimum we have to accept along with, enough addition to infrastructure as is needed to support it. le size of school, car park for station, sufficient road network to allow easy access to and from the village etc.
Less smaller dwellings (crammed on top of each other) and larger homes for people / families who want to live in a lovely village but can also afford it.
Low cost family homes
fine as it is
Where possible, development (and any further amenities) should be developed away from the existing train station and surrounding area. Although the schools are nearby the volume of traffic, coupled with the frequency of the crossing barriers being active, brings the centre of the village to a standstill. Drivers often opt to overtake/drive on the wrong side of the road to get where they want to be. Increasing traffic in the centre of the village would only lead to inevitable accidents and injuries.
If the village is to grow successfully, it will need improvements to the road network and possible even an option to cross the railway line for pedestrians (not necessarily cited near to the bakery, but somewhere along the line with access to schools/homes).
In terms of amenities; One Stop could grow however it is more than sufficient alongside the bakery. If the population grows rapidly, a similar bread/milk/paper/food/drink/essentials shop would be necessary.
Affordable 3-4 bed homes for second steppers who want to stay in the village. Larger gardens. Incorporated children play areas.
Starter homes, family homes
A better shop with off road parking.
Small developments of good quality decent sized homes, not social housing.
1. The local community needs houses that our young people will be able to afford to buy. Local people need to have priority over the housing, we know that the cross rail link to Reading has made property in this area attractive to international property investors. How can we be assured that this will not happen in Bramley.
2. Bramley also needs more facilities for young teenagers ( ages 13 to 17).
3. Cycle path/ footpath to Sherfield - 'Millennium Footpath' ?
none
A few smaller developments, with housing that young people can afford, but that still keep the village feeling. infrastructure must be improved.
Executive
executive only
It doesn't.
Improve road safety near the school and railway. Better shop and further preschool facilities.
School, shops, bridge, Green space, No social housing
Small developments filling in rather than using green field sites. I am not apposed to the development at Minchens Lane if that's all there is going to be as at least it is towards the centre of the village rather than extending the village boundaries creating a sprawling housing area. The village needs maintained roads including the lanes, cycle routes, chemist, butchers, bank or proper post office, up market coffee shop and restaurant, some independent outlets. A bridge over the railway. A school that's big enough to

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accommodate the new families without losing the only green play areas they have left after the last development. A proper car park for the station with permits for villagers. A skate park and BMX track for the youngsters. All of these things go hand in hand with a large village/small town which is what we will be with 580 new homes. New homes need to appeal to commuters who will raise the profile of the village; they will bring wealth to the village and the school. No more large low cost housing developments which again swing the social balance. Lets try and attract others to the village who will give something back, not just be used as a place to move problem families to from Popley and other areas which is what happened with the last large development. Let the housing be designed in a style that fits with a rural village, not 3 storey town houses piled in on top of each other.

Small pockets of development near existing housing, using where possible brown field sites.

Developments appear inevitable, so I surely we need to focus on ones that provide Bramley with decent infrastructure, ie:

- \* Streetlights on the main road (dangerous currently with cars doing silly speeds when children are walking / riding bikes to school in winter)
- \* A proper shop with parking
- \* Additional bar/club perhaps part of a decent football/cricket club pavilion with bar etc (eg like Ropley)
- \* Proper station car parking with a footbridge
- \* Pavement link to Sherfield

Either small pockets within the village but not resulting in the loss of open green space eg RBL or if larger then similar to Sherfield Park so it's actually self-supportive and away from the actual village and not dependent on all the immediate village facilities and infrastructure. Youth facilities need to be built both ends of the village not pointless further development on Cliff Meadow especially when as part of the Farriers development land was set aside for exactly this purpose but the PC seemed to think that Cliff Meadow was a sensible place to build yet another building on a site that already had a perfectly good building and forget about the other parts of the village that may benefit.

My first priority would be a scout/guide den/hut. We have volunteers and we have had waiting lists for years. Doing this work without a designated base is very hard work and the community loses out.

Scouts/Guides provide excellent structured activities for children and there is a strong community aspect to the scouting programme. I'm less sure about the guiding side.

New shops - fast food/retail

Any development has to sit sympathetically with the village's vision, including any impact on infrastructure

Bramley need to spread the huge influx of lawless individuals throughout the village to give respite to those who have to endure the antics of the German Road residents and the St John close residents and visitors.

I don't think Bramley needs any new development. If development is imposed then I think more needs to be done for the older community such as bungalows in close proximity to the station, pub and shops where local residents could downsize and stay within their village community. A development such as the one in Sherfield by the allotments would be ideal and would fulfil a local need without putting a large amount of additional cars on the road or creating undue pressure on the school. We must also ensure that we protect and if possible enhance our conservation areas, listed buildings and protected views or the vision of the "attractive village with strong rural character" will be lost forever.

local shops  
facilities for local sports and recreational groups  
footbridge over railway line  
footpaths linking nearby villages

It is important to keep the village as a village and not a town suburb.

Another shop, cafe, restaurant/pub especially to west of the village. More free parking

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### Question:

*"If you have any other comments, please say what they are"*

<p>I think basing on growth since 1981 is a bit disingenuous due to impact on figures of 2 or 3 larger developments eg. German Road. So if we are going to have houses I think a lower number is more appropriate.</p>
<p>I don't think we should even state that Bramley growth would be 580 by 2029 if the rate of growth continues as it has been. Some may simply view this as acceptable, after all Bramley has coped so far with the growth hasn't it?</p>
<p>Bramley should not be responsible for BDBC failure to agree a local plan.</p>
<p>200 dwellings by 2029 is 13 houses per year ..... I would support smaller developments to make up this number over the next 15 years, but not 200 all at once, then another 200 straight away after ... then who only knows!</p>
<p>The figures of 580 have been inflated by the extra development put upon Bramley when German Road was forced upon the village. Given that at one point, the Local Plan almost afforded us respite, we should pick a figure that reflects as low as possible number in order to retain our rural image, whilst providing enough development to support improvements in infrastructure. (Zero development implies zero funds available). Bramley must grow, but in proportion to the rest of the country. We must fight for the average development across the UK/Hampshire (or as appropriate) and fight unacceptable increases above other areas.</p>
<p>why is there only the option to vote on 6 sites when there are 21 potential sites?</p>
<p>I would vote for other sites but don;t have that option</p>
<p>We have just had a serious amount of houses built in the New Bramley green Area which has had a huge impact on the village, school, roads, doctors etc. so a further 200 should be the maximum as the village can't sustain the other objectives of cycle ways, resolve problems of on street parking and protect the rural character of the village if we allow more houses.</p>
<p>As few as possible as limited infrastructure here. Particularly the roads and school.</p>
<p>infrastructure and facilities cannot even sustain 200 in the right place</p>
<p>There should be no increase in further development as we have had vast increase in housing over a very short period (Campbell Rad, Bramley Green and Cafaude lane).</p>
<p>Eventually Bramley will be targetted for more development and this is where the Neighbourhood Plan can have its say, in the future of Bramley. Improvements to the infrastructure needed urgently to cope with the existing developments and definately with new developments. Should be in place before further developments.</p>
<p>See comments above. Bramley cannot support any more homes without making the lives of those who already live here more difficult.</p>
<p>As a maximum.</p>
<p>We should minimise the number of new homes, regardless of financial benefits of allowing more to be built. Footbridge at station is high priority. Also the road layout on East side of crossing should be looked at to see if (using some of the grassed area on the North) extra queuing lanes for traffic wanting to turn into Bramley Lane and Bakery respectively could be provided, to improve flow.</p>
<p>Ideally I would prefer no further development as the infrastructure is not sufficient to support more houses, people and cars. The east side of the village has borne the brunt of development over the last years so I cannot support any development on this side in the foreseeable future.</p>
<p>Bramley has already had more than its fair share of development. It is getting too big. The roads too busy and often congested.</p>
<p>The village is a village - not a town and that is what it is turning into.</p>
<p>A Bigger shop Alternative to barriers at the level crossing</p>

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The 'Vision for Bramley' refers to 'an attractive village'. Villages can range in size from larger than a hamlet to smaller than a town. But we need to consider how the village originated and cannot simply allow it to grow and grow. Bramley should never become a town, and the creep of increasing development could establish a more town-like feel. Part of the destruction of village life will be a continual build process over many years. I note the comment that Bramley could support more than 200 houses. It could, but any largescale build will clog up our village both during and after the build. The concept of building more homes to generate more money for local facilities, seems to not question fully the impact the additional build will have on the village in the future.

Bramley is a village and overbuilding will lead to a destruction of the vision that has been set out, ie to 'be an attractive village'.

We cannot simply build more and more homes to be able to fund facilities - think of the surrounding areas that will be destroyed during and following the build.

Bramley is a village and cannot support, schooling being one issue, an excessive level of new build.

The developer contributions can provide/improve local facilities, however increased volume of traffic on the same roads at the same junctions will always increase congestion. In particular with a level crossing situated in the middle of the village which can't be changed!

No more homes!

I believe it to be important to develop Bramley in keeping with its rural village feel. The existing Bramley Green development is a great example of how Bramley has grown but the central village remains vastly unchanged.

As a country we need to build vastly more homes than we do now. If we don't my children will never be able to afford anywhere to live let along somewhere in Bramley. 580 homes are not enough.

I do not feel that the current infrastructure would cope with too many new houses. Traffic through the village particularly at the level crossing would cause additional delays. Can the schools cope with an increase in pupils? Will the present water supplies cope with the additional residents.

none

Even 200 additional homes would have a significant impact on the already overloaded infrastructure, so thought must be given to how the lives of the existing residents will not be ruined by 'dumping' a load of extra houses on teh village. School, Doctors, not to mention the existing gridlock around the station/shop.

I would rather have 0 new homes

Too many homes now

The impact on the school and on the village is not sustainable - the current housing is too much for our "rural" village as it is.

The village is at a huge stretch already. Anymore housing would ruin the village and hugely disadvantage us with the lack of facilities and secondary schooling.

Bramley is either a village or a town. If we stay as a small rural village then we can't accept any more new homes as the balance between housing and facilities would be heavily weighed towards housing, turning this area into another Chineham. If we have more homes then the village needs to grow in all areas so that we have a thriving village community with a centre and a heart that still retains a village feel. We don't want a mini modern shopping centre like Chineham or Tadley stuck in one of the new developments.

The PC formerly argued that Bramley had too much development recently and required a pause before any more, and it did not have the infrastructure to support further development. I strongly support this view, and cannot see that anything has changed recently to conflict with this. Bramley has been allocated 200 new homes in the Local Plan SPREAD OVER the next 15 years and this is what we ( including the PC) should plan for, no more.

The number is pretty much irrelevant given answer above

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Bramley has had its fair share of development attached to the past few years within the actual village unlike other areas eg Sherfield or Sherbourne St John who seem to have their developments build away from the actual villages?

Really as above. The village has grown a great deal, so to maintain a village, rather than a suburb character, we need to be able to improve the village facilities as the numbers grow. If we fail to do this, we just become a suburb. This applies to employment as well as amenities/facilities.

I don't think extrapolation of growth since 1981 should be used as an indication of natural Bramley growth going forward given that the growth in Bramley has been far in excess of the rest of the borough and includes the 277 homes in German Road which were imposed by the Secretary of State and which were surplus to the requirements of Bramley at that time. The homes growth options in this questionnaire also exclude the possible housebuilding numbers in the south of the parish (Razor's and Cufaude farms) which would easily bring the total number to considerably in excess of 580 by 2029. Developers contributions of £1.7 million are irrelevant compared to the destructive effect on the village of a larger scale of development and if past history is a guide the money would not be spent on any improvements of substance to the village infrastructure or facilities.

In recent years Bramley has massively expanded/developed without ANY improvements