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**BRAMLEY PARISH COUNCIL INPUT**

**HOUSING ISSUES wrt BRAMLEY**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Bramley is a linear village bordering the C32 and at present is a Rural Community.

It has grown over the years to 2011 census figure of 4,233 population with 1,646 households of which 273 are social rented and 119 private rented, 24% of the housing stock. There has been no improvement in the infrastructure over the years to sustain this level of housing.

Bramley Parish in the Local Plan is down for 1,010 more houses, 810 to the South of the Parish bordering Basingstoke and 200 within or bordering the settlement boundary. At present 610 houses have been approved in this window of opportunity for developers, the LP and the NP not as yet been approved.

In May 2014 the housing register gives 73 applicants requiring housing in Bramley, transfers and general needs. It is this figure which drives the housing allocation, 200 the rounded up figure. Besides the 40% affordable/social housing from the approved development in the South Perimeter of the parish, the housing need is further met from the housing development bordering the settlement boundary, the housing mix which has been approved by the Borough. Sustainability and the quality of life is the issue with housing developments in Bramley.

It is likely that Bramley will be targeted, because of green field sites identified in the village by the Borough for development, if your views, Sir, as regards housing requirements in the LP as being low are implemented, or because BDBC have not a 5 year land supply. If that is the case, we implore you and the Borough to give respite to Bramley. As is now, it is unsustainable and the quality of life, an important factor highlighted in the LP for any development, would not be acceptable to private and social residents without considerable improvements in the infrastructure, social, transport, leisure, safety.

Villages surrounding Basingstoke are taking a beating concerning meeting the Strategic Housing Market Assessment figure because of available amenities listed, in the case of Bramley a shop, a railway station are highlighted. However, the impact of more housing on traffic, a major issue for Bramley, schooling (recent increase in size of 18%), social, leisure, health facilities is causing the quality of life to deteriorate, and this surely has to be of paramount importance, not to just meet housing numbers.