

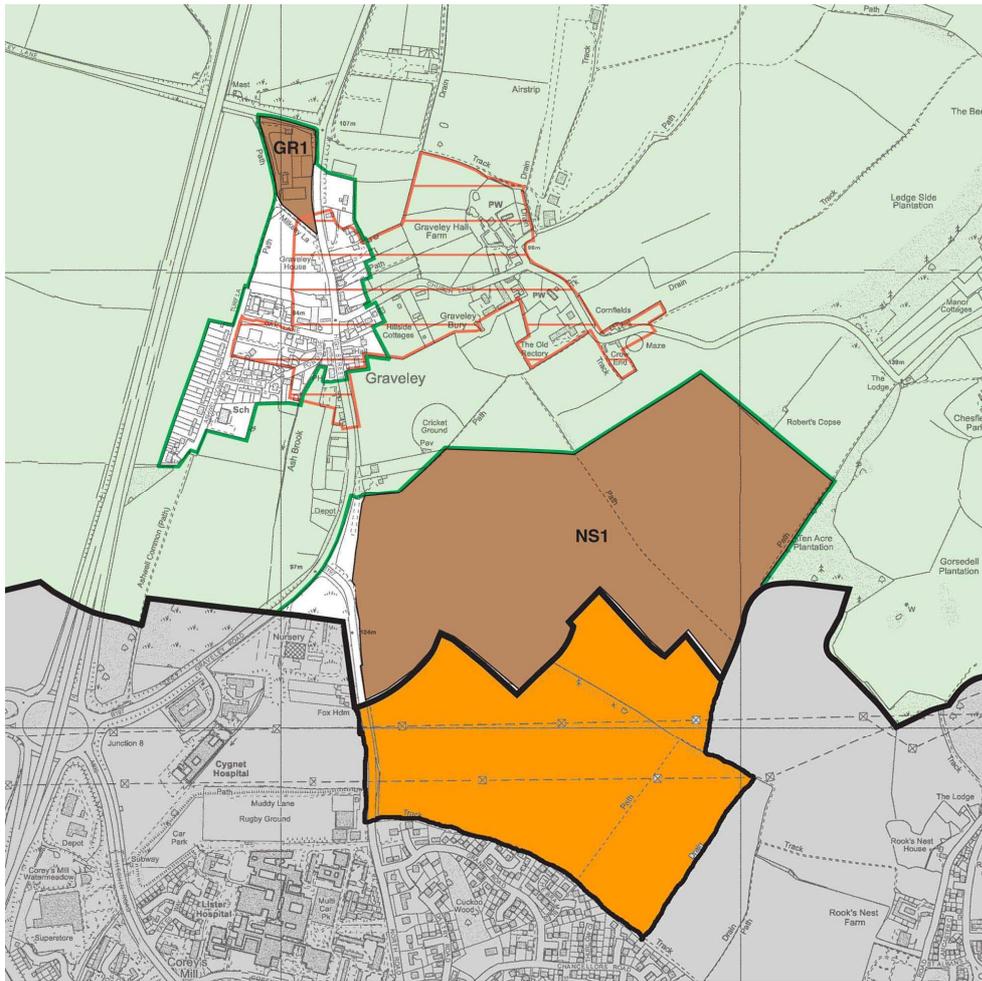
E-mail to: Louise St-John Howe

Dear Louise,

RE: Seriously Deceptive Local Plan Presentation on Graveley

I attach as Map One an enlargement of part of one of the Local Plan proposal maps showing NS1 in relation to Graveley.

Map One



A number of Graveley people are concerned that it appears to show Green Belt separating NS1 from our village, but this has only been achieved by ignoring odd numbers 1- 17 and numbers 2 and 4 of our High Street.

Those properties are considered by us all to be part of our village. They are in our official Parish which coincides with our Polling District so that they all vote in our Polling Station which is our village hall. Royal Mail also considers those properties to be in Graveley.

NHDC has said publicly that Graveley will not coalesce with Stevenage, and seem to have tried to show that by drawing a false, green-lined settlement boundary around only part of Graveley, as can be seen from Map One, although we understand that the green-lined boundary actually showed the area of our village in which, under the local plan, general development will be allowed, very worryingly for us.

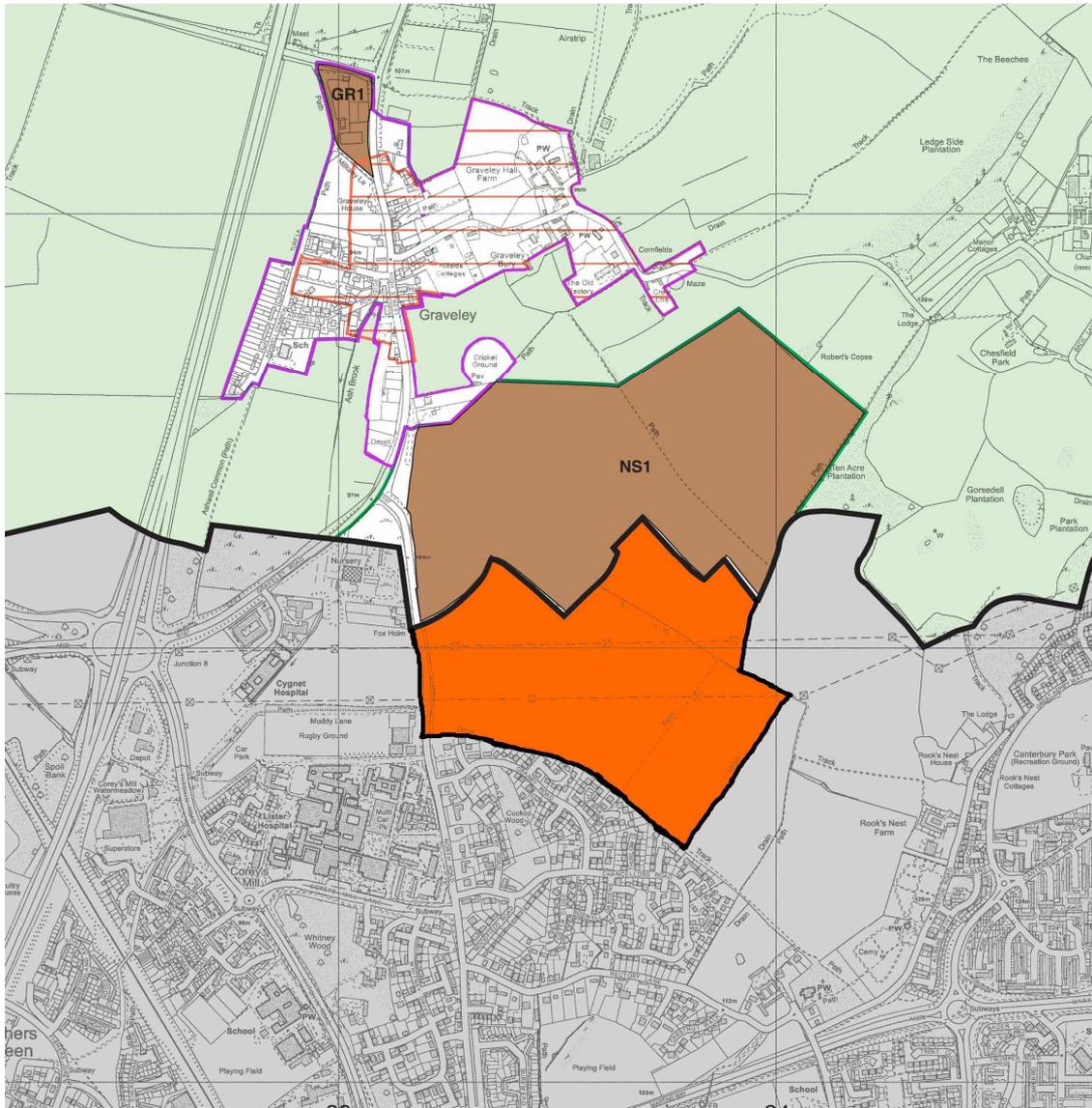
You can see from Map One that the Graveley conservation area, as marked in red by NHDC, has parts that extend to the east and to the south of the green-lined boundary, which thus seems to us again to show that the green-lined boundary has no genuine basis.

We are anxious that H.M. Inspector should be aware of this misrepresentation, because, to be honest, we ourselves only became aware of it some days ago.

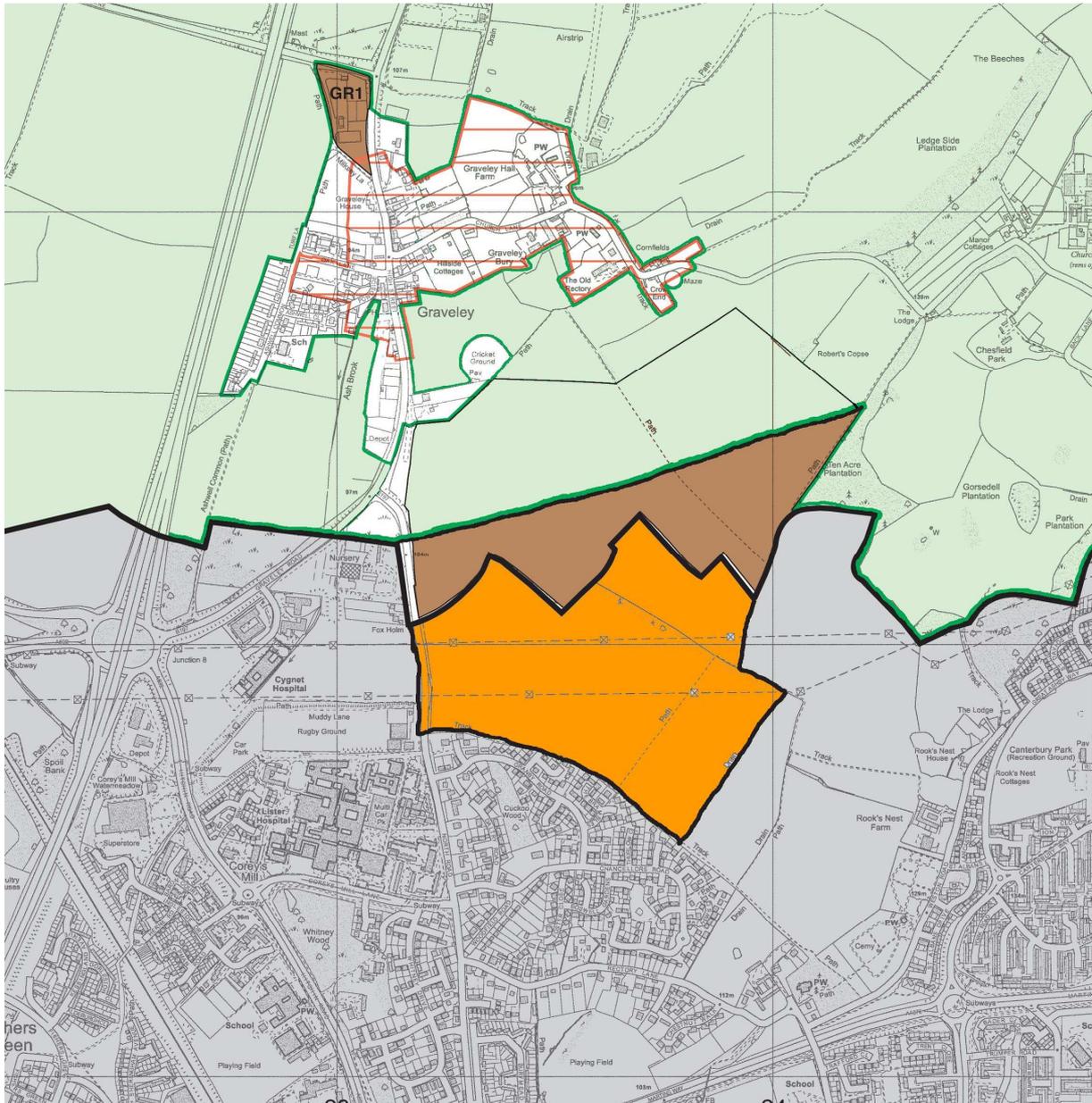
Please draw this misrepresentation to H.M. Inspector's attention because it seems to have been overlooked during the Examination, very probably because the proposal maps presented by NHDC are of too small a scale to show the facts clearly.

I attach, as Map Two, modified to show in purple what we believe to be the facts as regards roughly the true boundary of our village, the boundary given purple, which you will see coalesces with the presently proposed boundary of NS1. If NHDC truly wish Stevenage and Graveley not to coalesce then we propose that NS1 should be reduced in area to provide a genuine, continuous, Green belt between Stevenage and Graveley and we attach a Map Three showing, in principle, how NS1 should be separated from Graveley for that purpose. You will note that the proposed, very narrow, Green Belt between the eastern part of Graveley's conservation area and NS1 has been widened to provide a reasonable amount of separation there also.

Map Two



Map Three



As an additional point, H.M. Inspector will appreciate that the continual sprawling of Stevenage has been reducing wildlife corridors around it and what we propose will at least maintain a reasonable wildlife corridor between our village and Stevenage.

Yours sincerely,