

## **The Consultation Statement**

In the final version, this section will contain a statement prepared to comply with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. It will contain details of the persons and bodies were consulted about the proposed NP, explain how they were consulted, summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted and describe how these issues and concerns have been addressed in the NP.

### **Who was consulted**

Action with Communities in Rural Kent

Adjoining Parish Councils

Canterbury City Council

Consultation vote on potential sites

Direct correspondence from the Committee to local businesses

Exhibitions and Public Meetings

Local residents via Village questionnaires

Local Housing Needs Survey : See Appendix C

Parking Needs survey of local businesses

2017 Vote on Cantley proposals : See Appendix F

### **How People were consulted and informed**

Exhibitions

Interviews

Literature Questionnaires

Voting

### **Main issues and concerns raised**

Green gap

Greenfield sites

Parking

Local housing needs

How to preserve the ambience, integrity and historical heritage of the Village.

## Notes

Schedule 9 Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 sets out the requirements for a Neighbourhood Development Plan in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan.

The period of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is up to 2033

The Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions if –

- a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the NP,
- b) the making of the NP contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
- c) the making of the NP is in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the area of the authority, Canterbury City Council.
- d) The making of the NP does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations, and
- e) Prescribed conditions are met in relation to the NP and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the NP.

Bridge Parish Council is a qualifying body and entitled to submit a NP for its own parish.

The Bridge NP expresses policies relating to the development and use of land within the neighbourhood area. It does not include any provision for excluded development such as national infrastructure. There is no other NP in place in this neighbourhood area.

## National Policies and Advice

1. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) refers to Neighbourhood Plans and seeks that those plans have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in 'general conformity' with the Strategic Policies of the Local Plan.
2. The Bridge NP has regard to relevant policies within the NPPF and NPPG.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS -PAST AND PRESENT**

### **Local Residents**

Joe Connor

Esther Hall

Alan Atkinson

Rosie Atkinson

Ann Edmonds

Mark Esdale

Steve Fawke

Mervyn Gulvin

John Hill

Sue Hodges

Leah Needham

Bill Oakey

Sarah Platts

Christobel Seath

Mike Sole

Kathy Walder

Jamie Weir

Philip Wicker

Terry Wilmshurst

### **Consultants**

Jim Boot – Independent Advisor

Katharine Dove – Planning Aid

Stella Scrivener – Planning Aid

Brian Whiteley – Planning Aid

Clare B Wright – Planning Aid

## **Who Drafted the Neighbourhood Plan?**

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee was formed some 6 years ago as a separate and independent body answerable to the Parish Council.

Initially an independent chairman was appointed, Prof. Joe Connor, and a number of representatives from various village societies or clubs and individuals acting on their own behalf formed the committee together with two Parish Councillors and another Councillor representing a society. We were also lucky to have two members with planning experience resident in the village.

Events and legislation overtook this concept and the Parish Council decided to appoint it as a subcommittee of the Parish Council.

Over the years, a great number of meetings have been held and the committee has had changes in its membership but we would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following, who have taken part at some time or, in some cases still are taking part:-

Alan Atkinson, Rosy Atkinson, Joe Connor, Ann Edmonds, Mark Esdale, Steve Fawke, Mervyn Gulvin, Esther Hall, John Hill, Sue Hodges, Leah Needham, Bill Oakey, Sarah Platts, Christobel Seath, Mike Sole, Kathy Walder, Jamie Weir, Philip Wicker, Terry Wilmshurst.

Outside consultants advised the committee: Jim Boot, Katharine Dove, Stella Scrivener and Brian Whiteley, Clare B Wright.

## **A Glossary**

<b><u>Abbreviation</u></b>	<b><u>Full Name</u></b>
ACRK	Action for Communities in Rural Kent
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CDLP	Canterbury District Local Plan
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CSH	The Code for Sustainable Homes
GP	General Practitioner
HNC	Higher National Certificate
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SBD	Secured by Design
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems
VDS	Village Design Statement