

## **Bridge Parish Councils response to the LP consultation**

Bridge Parish Council are in support of several of the policies within the LP that are in line with the Policies found within the 'made' Bridge NP. These include:

SS1 Environmental Strategy for the District

SS2 Sustainable Design Strategy for the District

SS3 Development Strategy for the District - *relating specifically to Bridge.*

DS1 Affordable Housing

DS11 Tourism Development – *Specifically the need to control the number of Airbnb's*

DS16 Sustainable Design

DS19 Habitats, Landscapes and sites of local importance - *Particularly the designation of a 'Green Gap' between Bridge and Canterbury.*

'Canterbury Vision' - *specifically the regeneration of the high street to reduce the number of empty shops and commercial outlets.*

### **BPC would like to make comment on:**

#### **C17 Land at Canterbury Business Park (Highland Court Farm)**

BPC is in support of a Transport Assessment being undertaken. Measures should be put in place to minimise the need for vehicles associated with the site to use rural roads.

#### **R1 Rural Service Centres**

This policy references the NP housing requirement figure for Bridge but not the 'made' plan. The Bridge NP needs to be included within the LP.

#### **R2 Great Pett Farm**

BPC would like to know if this development needs to be in the LP as it is likely to have received planning approval and started construction before the LP becomes 'made'?

BPC responded to the planning application for this development CA/23/01371.

BPC supports the development if the following substantive matters are addressed before development begins.

- That at least the minimum requirement for Affordable Housing is provided which we believe to be 3 and not the 2 stated. The PC's preference would be for a greater number to be provided.
- That the traffic survey is carried out at peak times i.e. during term time at school pick up and drop off as Pett Hill is used as a rat run. The numbers of units should be reduced due to the current access to the site and road infrastructure.

- That Pett Hill road to be widened allowing two-way traffic and a pedestrian pathway for safety.
- That Pett Hill and Station Road speed limit to be reduced from 60mph to 30mph.
- That sight lines to be installed for the development onto Pett Hill to improve visibility.
- That Developers take the opportunity to upgrade the sewerage system for that part of the village.
- That adequate drainage is installed to mitigate against seasonal flooding at the bottom of Pett Hill and the additional surface water runoff from the development.
- That the layout to be reconsidered to be more sympathetic to the farmyard setting including use of building materials to match local materials in line with AONB's own recommendations.

SS4 Movement and Transportation Strategy for the District and DS14 Active and Sustainable travel. This policy is supported by BPC within the 'made' NP and is aimed at improving, prioritising and encouraging the use of public transport. However Stagecoach has made the decision to remove Bridge from the no.89 service between Canterbury and Aylesham. This decision by Stagecoach further isolates Bridge and Aylesham and necessitates the need for car journeys therefore contradicting the aforementioned policies.

Lastly regarding SS5 Infrastructure Strategy for the district,

BPC would like to know if the proposed Schools will be under Local Authority Control?