

## LOWER HARDRES AND NACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Canterbury District Local Plan - draft vision and options for the district

Members discussed at length the documents and questions you requested for the District Local Plan. They were quite astounded that despite the requirement being 9000 houses to be built in the District, CCC has decided this figure be raised to 17000 on the assumption that it would help generate sufficient funds for the new Sturry by pass. We understand that this has been independently investigated and found to be totally insufficient funding. We therefore trust you will revert back to the recommended figure.

Members were provided with a copy of the suggested area put forward to the Planning Authority for development, we note there is just one area and that is the stretch between Butts Farm and the house called Frome. It was noted that some years ago proposals for development of this site were considered but did not come to fruition, one of the outstanding concerns about this site was the loss of a public view. Currently, there has already been opposition voiced for development of this land. Members considered that the land behind the Farm shop to the rear of the properties in Hardres Court Road to be more suitable area for development, as this land is at a much lower level than the properties in Hardres Court Road and would be less intrusive.

Our response to the bullet point questions are as follows.

- **Where and how should new housing growth take place?**

It was agreed that whilst we may have to accept a small amount of development, the number of dwellings should not overwhelm the area but be appropriate to the size of the Parish.

The village area of Nackington is unsuitable for any further development.

- **Infrastructure:** There is very little infrastructure in the village, two buses daily – making households reliant on car travel, no junior or senior school – car reliant again, the same for medical services, no playground or park, no post office or village stores apart from the farm shop.

- **Should all new homes be zero-carbon? Yes**

- **How should we enhance and preserve our historic and natural environment?**

Lower Hardres and Nackington is one of the first southern villages outside the City of Canterbury, it is currently surrounded by excellent quality farmland.

The proposed suggested land is in a conservation area along with the hamlet of Nackington, all of which is currently threatened by the proposed massive development of Mountfield. Any further development is likely to swallow up the Parish, lose its rural identity and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty status.

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Chairman: Miss Jane Grundy,

