



# chilham parish council

serving chilham, old wives lees and shottenden

## PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT REVIEW

### HAVE YOUR SAY

#### An Invitation from Cllr Paul Lulham, Chairman of Chilham Parish Council

Dear Parishioner,

We know from the public consultation exercises we have carried out in recent years that growth and development are a major concern to people in Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden. The Chilham Conservation Area Management Plan (CAMP) and Informal Design Guidance outside the Chilham Conservation Area documents have therefore been prepared in consultation with Ashford Borough Council in order to strengthen the Parish Council's influence in the planning process. These documents together replace the Chilham Parish Design Statement published in 2005 which is increasingly at risk of being challenged as "out of date".

In reviewing the draft documents, we encourage you to focus on the 'Management of Change' policies in each. These draw together the special qualities of our settlements and seek to ensure that new development proposals respect and, where possible, enhance them. They also reflect policies in the Borough Council's Local Plan, which is the primary planning document covering the Parish and the wider District.

It is the Management of Change policies that the Parish Council will apply when considering future planning applications and we therefore welcome your feedback on these in particular.

The other sections in the documents provide historical background, describe the unique character and setting of our parish, and establish the special qualities upon which the management policies have been developed.

Ashford Borough Council (ABC) are responsible for organising the statutory consultation for the proposed adoption of the Chilham CAMP and will be publishing these arrangements with public adverts throughout the parish.

Chilham Parish Council are responsible for organising the local consultation for the Informal Design Guidance documents which will run in parallel. This document can be viewed from the Parish Design Statement Refresh page on our website at [www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) and copies can also be borrowed from Chilham Post Office, The White Horse and The Woolpack Inn for a £10 deposit. Consultation feedback forms will also be available at these locations. After completing the feedback form, please drop it into one of our collection points (ie. Chilham Post Office, Chilham Shop, the Old Wives Lees Village Hall letter box and Bramley Cottage, Soleshill Road, Shottenden) or email to [clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) by 17th January 2020. An online version for those with internet access can be submitted from the Parish Design Statement Refresh page on our website at [www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The consultation on both documents will involve a Public Consultation meeting at 630pm on Thursday 9th January 2020 in Chilham Village Hall.

There will also be a residents walkabout at 10am on Saturday 11th January meeting in Chilham Square to take interested members of the public on a walk through the conservation area to identify key areas of interest or street scenes to help visualise the significance of the Chilham CAMP.

This is an important opportunity to shape the future of decision making on planning and development in our parish and we would be grateful if you could take the time to review these draft documents and tell us what you think.

With best wishes for 2020.

Paul Lulham, Chair, Chilham Parish Council  
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