

Throop and Holdenhurst Village Parish Council

Report to Village Council

BCP planning application 7-2021-7824-C SANG - SANG development

Background

1 Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council was set up in Spring 2019 with a prospectus and clear written mandate from 308 residents (approx. 40% of Parish population):

Throop and Holdenhurst are unique within BCP:

- *Last remaining corridor of green belt*
- *Three designated conservation areas*
- *Largest collection of historic and grade two listed buildings and gas lamps in the borough*
- *Bordering the river stour.*

By creating Throop and Holdenhurst parish council we would gain protection for this special area through a meaningful level of consultation with the council on all the above issues and more.

2 SANG. The original SANG application was refused 12-3 in October 2020, but on reapplication Granted 10-1 in August 2021. Para 193 states *'the need for a SANG provides a Very Special Circumstance, combined with further Very Special Circumstances to justify it'* with 24 recommendations to be submitted in writing to the LPA by BCP.

Martin Whitchurch, Strategic Lead Greenspace & Conservation, Environment has written to THVC Chair *'Planning conditions, I see no reason why we cannot send these to you once submitted and have noted that on the project plan today.'*

3 BCP has arbitrarily named the SANG 'Throop Nature Park' without any local community engagement or discussion. Sounding have been taken from the residents which has not found favour with the above as inappropriate. Recommend Stour Valley Water Meadows

Proposal

To form a working party to consider Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council's timely response to all written submissions by BCP to the LPA as outlined in the Planning application 7-2021-7824-C SANG Para 194 Para 194 Recommendations - Conditions 1 – 24. THVC responses will reflect THVC mandate of 2019 and submissions during the BCP planning application of the above.

Furthermore, the working party will respond the SANG management Plan that comes before BCP Council on 9th March 2021.

To name the SANG: Stour Valley Water meadows

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Recommendation

To agree the setting up of the working party group and to produce a report(s) to consider the issues raised as outlined above.

Consider delegating authority to the clerk to write to BCP and request consultation on the name 'Throop Nature Park'.