

# Throop and Holdenhurst Village Parish Council

## Extraordinary Meeting 16.03.2022

### BCP Local Plan consultation – Village Council Response.

#### **1. Background:**

- 1.1 In 2019 BCP Council commenced its “Call for Sites and Initial issues” consultation and this has now been followed by its “Local Plan Issues and Options consultation”.
- 1.2 The purpose of the consultation is to provide a “key opportunity” for consultees to help BCP shape its Pre-Submission Draft Plan. This draft plan will contain site allocations and detailed policies to guide future development.
- 1.3 The consultation documentation explains BCP Council’s vision and objectives for the area and identifies key issues for the Local Plan to address. It also sets out BCP Council’s recommended approach and suggests options to address them.
- 1.4 The consultation period commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and ends on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- 1.5 There is therefore a short window of opportunity for stakeholders, including the Village Council to comment on the plans which include potential residential sites in the urban area and sites promoted to BCP council that are currently in the established green belt.

#### **2. Actions required and undertaken.**

- 2.1 The timescale for the public consultation is regrettably short, especially given the size and complexity of the consultation. To assist in preparing an appropriate response within the time available, the Village Council at its last meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, resolved to set-up a working party.
- 2.2 The working party was tasked with identifying the key issues for the Throop and Holdenhurst parish area and to support the village council in preparing its response to the consultation document.
- 2.3 In addition, the working party was also tasked with obtaining the views of all council members before preparing a comprehensive draft parish response for final deliberation and agreement by village council prior to the consultation deadline on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

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- 2.4 Appendix A contains the requested draft as referred to above and, subject to any final amendments by the Village Council, the Village Clerk will submit the response on behalf of the parish in the normal way.

### **3. Recommendations:**

- 3.1 Members are recommended to:-

- 3.1.1 Note and consider the content of this report including Appendix A.
- 3.1.2 Agree the final content of the formal village council response to the BCP Local Plan consultation.
- 3.1.3 Delegate authority to the Village Clerk to submit the agreed response to BCP Council by the deadline date of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.