PROPOSED EWHURST AND ELLEN'S GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DRAFT VISION AND DRAFT OBJECTIVES March 2016

Following community support for the brief Draft Vision for our Neighbourhood Plan aired in the 2015 Parish Survey, the NP Steering Group has agreed an expanded Draft Vision and also Draft Objectives for the NP. They reflect the overall direction currently being taken in our work for the Plan.

Until these drafts have been agreed by Waverley Borough Council and by this community, they remain in draft form and may change as work on the NP progresses.

Draft Vision

The Parish of Ewhurst and Ellen's Green will accommodate necessary change that retains and improves its rich biodiversity and rural environment and which sustains its community - its people, its facilities and its heritage.

In 2030, the Parish will still be predominantly rural and undeveloped providing an attractive countryside setting for the village of Ewhurst (including Ewhurst Green), the hamlet of Ellen's Green and the scattering of mainly historic rural development.

Ewhurst village will be the focus of a strong, vibrant, healthy and self-sustaining community, and the main location for managed, sustainable development, growth and change. The historic and cultural heritage of the Parish, in both the countryside and the settlements will be retained and improved.

Draft Objectives

1. Objectives for Housing

- A. To make provision for the development of sufficient new housing to (i) meet primarily the locally generated need for additional houses, including the needs of those who work in the area and (ii) fulfil the requirements of the Local Development Plan.
- B. To allow for a mix of new housing provision which is weighted towards providing for identified local needs in terms of (i) the size, type and affordability of new housing and (ii) housing specifically suitable for the elderly and those with special housing needs.

2. **Objective for the Settlements**

A. To maintain the separate identify and physical separation of Ewhurst (including Ewhurst Green) and Ellen's Green and to limit and avoid development which would encroach upon the separation between those settlements and settlements and developments beyond the parish boundary.

3. Objectives for the Built Environment

A. To maintain and enhance the character, built environment and heritage of Ewhurst (including Ewhurst Green) and Ellen's Green and to maintain and enhance the merit and value of any historic and heritage built development and sites outside the boundaries of those settlements.

4. Objectives for the Countryside and Natural Environment

A. To seek to maintain for its own right, the character and quality of the countryside and rural areas outside the built-up areas of Ewhurst (including Ewhurst Green) and Ellen's Green.

- B. To seek to maintain, protect and enhance in all areas including within the settlements, those areas identified as having special environmental, habitat or nature conservation value, qualities and merit both those subject to statutory and recognised designations and those identified by the Neighbourhood Plan.
- C. To generally seek to maintain and improve the rich biodiversity and sustainability credentials of all areas of the Parish.

5. Objectives for Community Facilities, Assets and Services

A. To seek to ensure that the local facilities, assets and services which are important to and used by the local community, and which play a part in the strength and togetherness of the local community are available in the Parish.

6. Objectives for the Local Economy

A. To seek to ensure that the local economy and sources of employment within the Parish can continue to flourish without any detrimental impact on the quality of the environment and health and safety in the countryside and settlements.

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