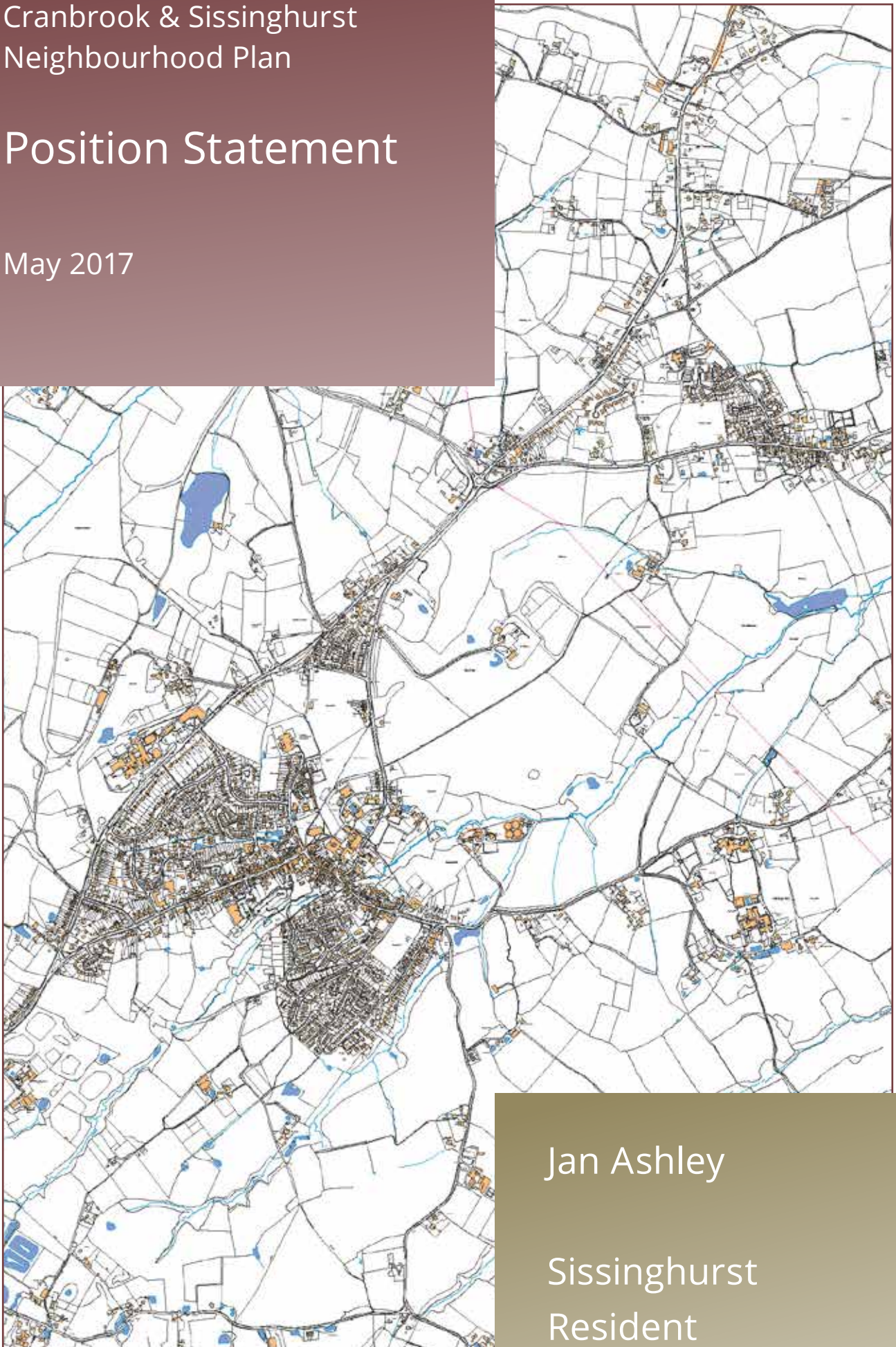


Cranbrook & Sissinghurst
Neighbourhood Plan

Position Statement

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN –SISSINGHURST - notes from a resident

1. Housing
 - a. Encourage and help financially preservation of old characterful buildings
 - b. New housing to be
 - i. In-keeping
 - ii. Made from local materials
 - iii. Economical to heat and run
 - iv. Sensible sized accommodation - good size doors, rooms, gardens
 - v. Accessible to elderly, disabled, etc
 - vi. Various sizes, including single storey; no steps
 - c. Appropriate fencing, signage – see below
2. Sports and Leisure
 - a. Keep playing fields tidy, with entrances & low hedges well maintained
 - b. Make full use
 - c. Encourage tennis, cricket, football, exercise classes, sports clubs
3. Wellbeing and Open Spaces
 - a. As above; create more of a village centre eg village pond, cafe
 - b. Make a peaceful garden area; natural habitats including pond for wildlife; do a tree survey and plant more trees; use a designer for flower boxes and baskets if necessary
 - c. Check all ages, abilities, etc are catered for
 - d. Keep footpaths clear; create more
 - e. Make a safe pathway to Cranbrook
4. Getting Around
 - a. Reroute road for through cars; change road style through village eg no colour, smooth cobble, no kerbs & pavements
 - b. No high hedges and fences; limit heights; dispose of unnecessary fences & signs; coordinate design of signs; appropriate well-designed street furniture & lights
 - c. Keep village centre slow and walking only
 - d. Create more ways to access village areas – a network of paths and roads
 - e. Make a full network of safe cycle ways, cycle-only lanes
5. Business Opportunities and Employment
 - a. Encourage small businesses by creating spaces, shops, cafe
6. Education and Personal Development
 - a. Help Village Hall project and space to run classes, meetings
 - b. Encourage school to run evening courses, U3A, certificated courses
7. Heritage and Arts
 - a. Show off historical buildings
 - b. Have art on display in public buildings and outside
 - c. Run & change exhibitions regularly
8. Shops and Services
 - a. Help local shops stay appropriate, tidy, well designed; painted signage, no flashing, neon, bright lights
 - b. Have well designed rubbish and recycling bins with weekly collections; consider household bin storage; regular street cleaning, keep tidy verges
 - c. Street lighting – low level and appropriate
 - d. Make all street furniture well-designed and coordinated eg all black/white

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Suggestions

- one-way road system – from Waterloo Road through Tanyard upto Regal/coop carpark out to High Street, down the High Street
- mini roundabout Waterloo Road / Stone St / The Hill
- wide pavements, single one-way lanes on High Street, Stone St
- official crossing on High Street for partially sighted