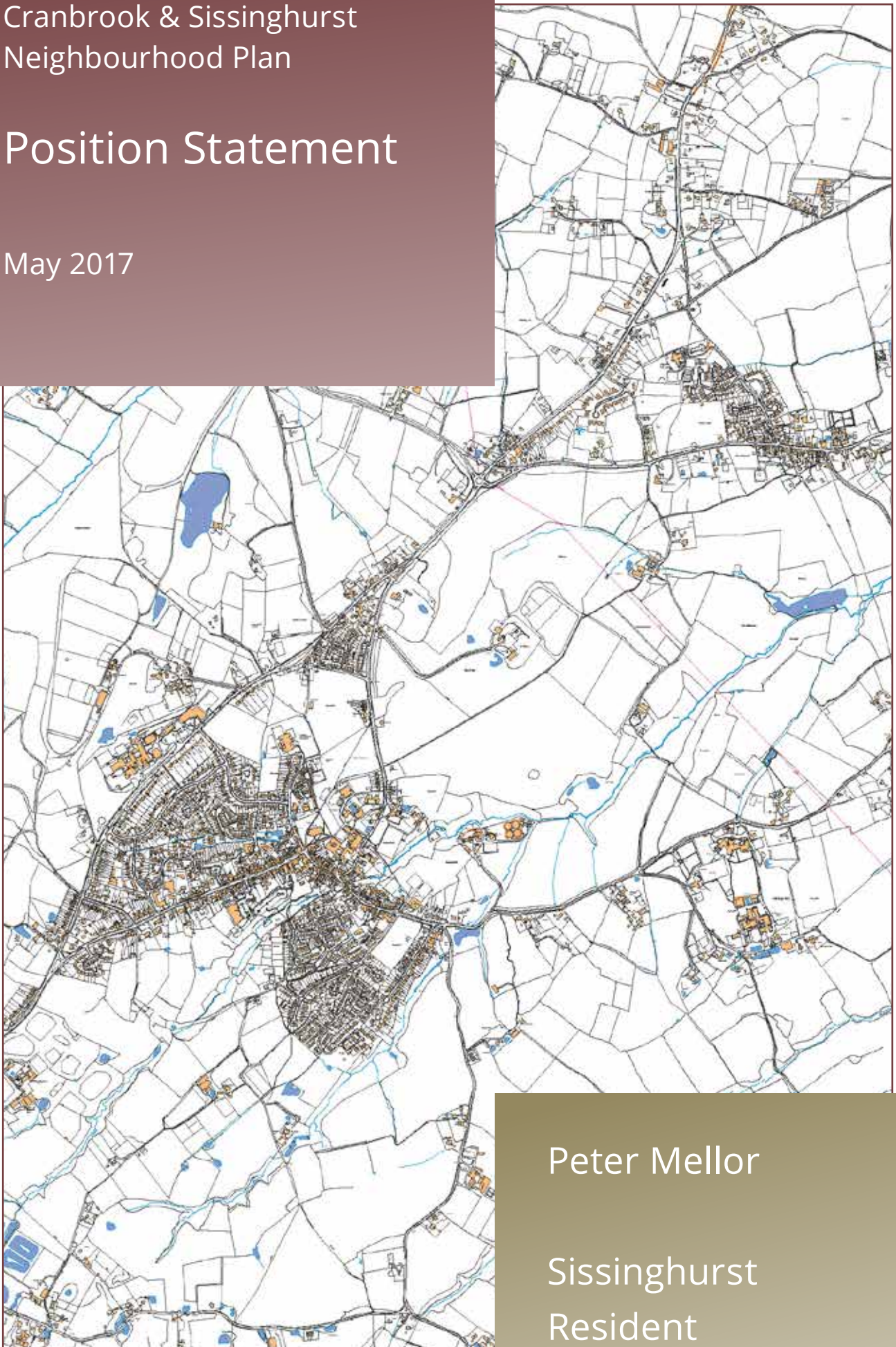


Cranbrook & Sissinghurst
Neighbourhood Plan

Position Statement

May 2017



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Neighbourhood Plan
SISSINGHURST

Top Five voted Qualities:

Historic

Attractive

Green

Friendly

Inclusive

Tunbridge Wells Borough Local Development Framework



Sissinghurst Conservation Area Appraisal

Supplementary Planning Document

Adopted October 2012

Sissinghurst

The Voted Top 5 Challenges:

- **Traffic**
- **Over-Development**
- **Health Services**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Countryside Protection**

Possible solutions:

A personal opinion by Peter Mellor
(Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)
Who has lived in Sissinghurst for 30 years

Traffic:

- Pinch points on A.262 – but where ?
and/or
- Interactive Speed Signs that work !

Over-Development:

Already over-developed : Housing

- 12 completed in Church Mews
- 9 coming in Cobnut Close
- **60** coming off Common Road + 120 cars

The Future:

- Only small-scale development of 6 to 9 houses maximum should be allowed every 5 to 10 years or so, with appropriate local architectural features, siting, and landscaping.
- Scope for the Bringloe Land: ideally bungalows for the elderly.
- Any larger scale development outside the village – the A.229 site might be suitable from 2030 onwards.
- Green Field Areas between the village and Cranbrook Common/Wilsley Pound should be kept green as a buffer zone.

Health Services:

- GP Surgery in Sissinghurst Village as in years gone-by ?

Affordable Housing:

- We need some - BUT a mixed-blessing:
Ideally the Parish needs full control of who occupies them, otherwise some undesirables rent them – causing misery for neighbours and the village

Countryside Protection:

- Green Field sites should not be developed unless for exceptional reasons



Google earth

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