

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Neighbourhood Development Plan - Draft Policy Ideas

1) ACCESS & MOVEMENT

POLICY

WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

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| 1.1 | Traffic calming on the main route through Sissinghurst | Talk to interested groups and decide what we can do Restrict HGV access on Common Road, Sissinghurst (past primary school) |
| 1.2 | Improve road safety across the parish | Talk to interested groups and decide what we can do |
| 1.3 | Protect and improve pedestrian and cycle routes | Find new pedestrian and cycle routes |
| 1.4 | Better links between Cranbrook town centre and the Frythe | Talk to Frythe residents and collect ideas |
| 1.5 | Put new housing within walkable distance of Cranbrook/Sissinghurst centres | Find sites |
| 1.6 | Improve movement choice for the less mobile | Improve pavements and access |

2) LAND USE & SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

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| 2.1 | Public toilets | Research need and find places |
| 2.2 | Flood protection | Find where and how |
| 2.3 | Support local food production | Find existing and new sites |
| 2.4 | Support local energy projects | Find where and how |
| 2.5 | New green burial site | Research need and find places |
| 2.6 | Identify and protect key green spaces | Find sites to protect and/or invest in |
| 2.7 | Protect and improve sport and leisure facilities | Research need and find sites to protect and/or invest in |
| 2.8 | Protect and improve health and social facilities | Research need and find sites to protect and/or invest in |
| 2.9 | Make sure new and existing buildings can change over time to meet new demands | Decide how buildings may work to be flexible |
| 2.9.1 | Protect shops and services around Cranbrook High Street | Find out how the High Street is used and protect it |
| 2.9.2 | Protect shops and services around The Street, Sissinghurst | Find out how The Street is used and protect it |

3) DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY SITES

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| 3.1 | Sissinghurst self-build land (Common Rd/Frittenden Rd junction) | Meet with developer about layout |
| 3.2 | Sissinghurst land behind St. George's Institute for starter and/or retirement homes | Meet with landowners/developer. Suggest what these may look like |
| 3.3 | Possible redevelopment of land at Collins Farm, Sissinghurst, for live/work units | Meet with landowners/developer. Suggest what these may look like |
| 3.4 | Include Cranbrook School's plan into NDP | Meet with school team and agree design principles |
| 3.5 | Support redevelopment of the High Weald Academy | Meet with school team and discuss future school development |
| 3.6 | New town square on land behind Cranbrook High Street | Plan best layout for the community |
| 3.7 | Choose plot for community building / space | Plan best layout for the community |
| 3.8 | Sissinghurst land east of Common Rd (Countryside development) | Meet with developer about design detail |
| 3.9 | Safeguard land for possible Sissinghurst Primary School expansion | Meet with developer of self-build site (next door) and discuss |
| 3.9.1 | Rugby Clubhouse redevelopment | Meet with design team. Encourage community use |
| 3.9.2 | Support development on brownfield sites first (sites that have been built on before) | Suggest what these may look like |
| 3.9.3 | Support small scale, good design (on brownfield sites first) | Suggest what these may look like |

4) LANDSCAPE

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WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

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| 4.1 | Protect and improve rural landscape | Meet AONB* Team to discuss |
| 4.2 | Protect AONB* landscape | Meet AONB* Team to discuss |
| 4.3 | Keep green space at entrances and exits to Sissinghurst | Meet AONB* Team to discuss |
| 4.4 | Protect green gaps between settlements eg. Hartley and Cranbrook | Meet AONB* Team to discuss |
| 4.5 | Protect rural lane network | Find most important routes |
| 4.6 | Protect route through green spaces between Sissinghurst school and Jubilee Field | Identify route |

**AONB stands for Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which has a team that looks after and protects it. Most of the Parish of Cranbrook and Sissinghurst is inside an AONB area.*

5) COMMUNITY & CULTURE

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| 5.1 | Support activities in Cranbrook | Work with different groups |
| 5.2 | Think about place(s) for community building/space in Cranbrook | Work with different groups |
| 5.3 | Help Cranbrook businesses attract passing customers | Work with traders in Cranbrook |
| 5.4 | Improve night time opportunities for business in Cranbrook | Work with traders in Cranbrook. Find out where and how |
| 5.5 | Think about place for new village hall in Sissinghurst | Investigate where |
| 5.6 | High quality design | Create picture library of good examples |

6) HERITAGE

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WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

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| 6.1 | Protect and improve important buildings | Work with local groups and discuss how |
| 6.2 | Protect views of important buildings and landscapes | Work with local groups and discuss how |
| 6.3 | Protect and improve land around Union Mill, Cranbrook | Work with Cranbrook Windmill Association and discuss how |
| 6.4 | Restore Providence Chapel in Cranbrook for community use | Find out how to achieve this |

7) BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

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WHAT WE'RE PLANNING

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| 7.1 | Cycle routes and footpaths to Sissinghurst Castle | Investigate routes and talk to the National Trust |
| 7.2 | Protect and improve land for business | Get help to assess potential for new and existing businesses |
| 7.3 | Support different types of farms in the Parish | Talk to farm community and find out how |
| 7.4 | Support tourism in the Parish | Research demand and find out how |