

12. Glossary of Terms

Word, Phrase or Abbreviation	Long Form if Applicable	Meaning
access points		Relates to points of access to a property or development
active travel networks		Networks of pathways, cycle routes etc designed to increase physical activity
AECOM	Architecture, Engineering, Consulting, Operations, and Maintenance	A multinational company that provides site assessment and other planning technical assistance
anaerobic digesters		Break down organic material to provide energy
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Area of countryside which has been designated for conservation due to its significant landscape value.
AONB colouration study chart		Document that provides direction and guidance on the selection and use of colour in development within the High Weald AONB
balanced flue chimney		Chimney for fire appliance where air for combustion is drawn in via outer pipe and inner pipe removes smoke
biodiversity impact calculator		Tool used to measure the biodiversity value of a site
biomass facility		Facility used to manage energy or heat production from plant and animal material
blue infrastructure		Landscape elements that are linked to water, such as pools, ponds etc
braided routes		Usually cycles routes, these are flatter and smoother offering greater accessibility
brown field site		Previously developed sites that are not currently in use.
build outs		Work done to bring a construction or development project to completion
C&SPC	Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council	
CA	Conservation Area	An area considered worthy of preservation or enhancement, protected by law

CCAA	Cranbrook Conservation Area Appraisal	Supplementary planning document prepared by TWBC in partnership with local people to provide a firm basis upon which proposals for development in the Cranbrook Conservation Area can be assessed.
CCAAC	Cranbrook Conservation Area Advisory Committee	The committee, made up of local people including parish councillors and experts, that advise interested parties regarding the Conservation Area
coalescence		Relating to planning, this refers to two or more built areas merging
CODS	Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society	A local amateur theatre group that put on local drama shows
CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Organisation that works to protect, promote, and enhance our towns and countryside
Cranbrook in Bloom		Volunteer group that work to beautify Cranbrook and regularly enter the town into Britain in Bloom and similar competitions
Crane Valley re-wilding area		Area in Crane Valley that is being returned to a wild state
cupola		Relatively small, most often dome-like, tall structure on top of a building.
curtilage		In law, the curtilage of a house or dwelling is the land immediately surrounding it, including any strongly associated buildings and structures
dark Buffers		A design requirement of the developer to allow protective buffers of land left without lighting (dark) to protect the biodiversity
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	UK government department responsible for safeguarding our natural environment, supporting our world-leading food and farming industry, and sustaining a thriving rural economy
design code		A set of illustrated design rules and requirements which instruct and may advise on the physical development of a site or area. The graphic and written components of the code are detailed and precise and build upon a design vision such as a masterplan or other design and development framework for a site or area
design guide (housing & design)		A set of rules and requirements specifically for any new house, including building materials, design ideals etc
discounted purchase		An affordable housing model, the discount would come with conditions
district level licensing scheme		To help support Greater Crested Newts habitats this scheme allows developers to pay into a central fund for regional

		mitigation as an alternative to funding their own individual mitigation measures
drove ways		A route that was used for driving livestock on foot from one place to another, such as to market or between summer and winter pasture
eco design guide		A set of rules and requirements to help make the design and building of a house as environmentally friendly as possible
ecological connectivity		The degree to which similar facets of the landscape such as habitats or vegetation patches are interconnected to facilitate movements of plants, animals, and the attendant ecological processes
ecological resilience		In ecology, resilience is the capacity of an ecosystem to respond to a perturbation or disturbance by resisting damage and recovering quickly
economical critical mass		Critical mass is the point at which a growing company becomes self-sustaining, and no longer needs additional investment to remain economically viable
fascia		An architectural term for a vertical frieze or band under a roof edge, or which forms the outer surface of a cornice, visible to an observer
geocaching		Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world
gills		Generic term for a narrow valley
grade 1 listing		Buildings of exceptional interest
grade 2		Buildings that are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them
grade 2 *		Particularly important buildings of more than special interest
green field site		Previously undeveloped sites usually fields or woodland
green infrastructure		A network providing the "ingredients" for solving urban and climatic challenges by building with nature
green spaces		Local Green Space designation is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities
hereditament		Any kind of property that can be inherited
heritage trail		A walking route which connects various sights of local interest

HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle	Larger vehicles used primarily for the transport of goods
hierarchy pattern		The pattern is the shape and form of fields delineated by their boundaries
High Weald		The AONB. This is a medieval landscape of wooded, rolling hills studded with sandstone outcrops; small, irregular-shaped fields; scattered farmsteads; and ancient routeways. The 1461km ² area covers parts of Kent, Sussex, and Surrey at the heart of South East England
High Weald colour study		Document that provides direction and guidance on the selection and use of colour in development within the High Weald AONB
High Weald landscape trail		The High Weald Landscape Trail crosses the counties of West Sussex, East Sussex and Kent providing an opportunity to explore the heart of south-east England
High Weald partnership		The team who work on behalf of the High Weald Joint Advisory Committee along with partners that include the Heritage Lottery Fund, Forestry Commission, Woodland Trust, RSPB, and Environment Agency
Historic England		The public body that helps people care for, enjoy, and celebrate England's spectacular historic environment
home zones		A living street (or group of streets) as implemented in the United Kingdom, which are designed primarily to meet the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, children, and residents and where the speeds and dominance of the cars is reduced
hop pickers line		The Paddock Wood to Hawkhurst branch railway, which was closed in 1961, used a lot to bring hop pickers to the area
hoppers huts		Temporary accommodation provided for hop-pickers on English farms in the 19th and 20th centuries
hybrid housing		Intentionally designed to contain both residential and business space, and in which residents occupy and manage both spaces
IDSA	International Dark Sky Association	The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) is the recognized authority on light pollution and is the leading organization combating light pollution worldwide
infill		Infill is the urban planning term for the rededication of land in an urban environment, usually open space, to new construction
inned river valley		In the High Weald context are anciently enclosed flood plains
KCC	Kent County Council	Our local county council

KCC Highways	Kent County Council Highways	The KCC body responsible for most roadways in Kent
Kent Highways		Another name for KCC Highways
key connections		Refers to transport connections of importance, train stations, motorway junctions etc
LBD	Limit of Built Development	Identifies the area within which development proposals would be acceptable, subject to complying with other policies contained in the Development Plan. They seek to prevent development from gradually extending into the surrounding countryside
lighting zonation		Details of lighting as part of developments
live-work unit		A space that combines a workspace with living quarters
LNR	Local Nature Reserve	A nature reserve that is of local importance, either to protect a site of special scientific interest, or specific species
low heat transfer glazing		A type of energy-efficient glass designed to prevent heat escaping out through your windows to the cold outdoors
low weald		A broad, low-lying clay vale which largely wraps around the northern, western, and southern edges of the High Weald
lux limits		The limit of how bright lighting should be
LWS	Local Wildlife sites	Simply a shortened version of this phrase
MAGIC	Map and Geographic Information Centre	The MAGIC website provides geographic information about the natural environment from across government. The information covers rural, urban, coastal, and marine environments across Great Britain
mags/arcsec ²		This measurement relates to luminosity and brightness that an object gives off which is the measurement used by the Sky Quality Meter to register amount of light pollution at a specific place
Mb/s	Megabytes per second	Units of data transfer speed
micro interventions to pavements		Minor treatments to repair or maintain pavements designed to extend the life of the pavement
mitigation hierarchy		A tool that guides users towards limiting the negative impacts on biodiversity from development projects
Molen Biotoop		Windmill living space, the area around a windmill affected by and affecting the windmill
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan	A document written by the local community that sets out planning policies for the area

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework	All national level planning laws etc that need to be adhered to
OFGEM	The Office of Gas and Energy Markets	The government regulator for the electricity and downstream natural gas markets in Great Britain
ONS	Office of National Statistics	The national statistical service of the United Kingdom
opaque envelope		The physical separator between the conditioned and unconditioned environment of a building including the resistance to air, water, heat, light, and noise transfer
Passivhaus standard		Voluntary building performance standard that anyone setting out to build a low-energy home might be interested in
permeable layouts		Describes development layout the extent to which urban forms permit (or restrict) movement of people or vehicles in different directions
PROW	Public Right of Way	Any footpath, or roadway, to which everyone has access rights
public realm		The external places in our parish that are open to the public
riparian buffer zone		A vegetated area (a "buffer strip") near a stream, usually forested, which helps shade and partially protect the stream from the impact of adjacent land uses
river catchment		The area drained by a river or body of water. Also called catchment basin
RNR	Roadside Nature Reserve	Our local RNR is the Kent and Medway Road Verge Project, established in 1994, works to identify, protect, and manage road verges which contain threatened habitats or wildlife. These are marked by special signs
roofscape		A view of the rooftops of a town, city, etc
S106	Section 106 Agreement	This is a legal obligation entered into by developers to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal
SCAA	Sissinghurst Conservation Area Appraisal	Supplementary planning document prepared by TWBC in partnership with local people to provide a firm basis upon which proposals for development in the Sissinghurst Conservation Area can be assessed
self-build		A self-build is an individual house that has been commissioned by an individual homeowner to perfectly fit their exact requirements and tastes
self-completing		An affordable housing model, where legal processes complete automatically
self-finish		Like self-build, this allows a buyer to tailor a standard house to better match their own requirements

shared ownership		An affordable housing model where buyers can part own and part rent a property
shared spaces		An urban design approach that minimises the segregation between modes of road user
shaws		A strip of woodland usually between 5 and 15 metres (15 and 50 feet) wide. Shaws commonly form boundaries between fields or line a road
shelter belt pattern		A planting usually made up of one or more rows of trees or shrubs planted in such a manner as to provide shelter from the wind and to protect soil from erosion
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy	This is a legal obligation entered into by developers to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal and is a method of obtaining finance from developers for new 'local infrastructure'
social prescribing		Sometimes referred to as community referral, is a means of enabling GPs, nurses, and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services
Spatial volume marker		A marker erected by developers on in-fill sites to enable neighbours to understand and respond to spatial and visual impact
SQM	Sky Quality Meter	An instrument used to measure the luminance of the night sky
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest	A conservation designation denoting a protected area in the United Kingdom. These are the basic building block of site-based nature conservation legislation and most other legal nature/geological conservation designations in the United Kingdom are based upon them, including national nature reserves
stall risers		On a shop front, this is the panel below the window which raises the window up from ground level
superfast broadband		Superfast broadband refers to broadband connections of at least 30Mbps in the UK, according to Ofcom. Superfast connections enable users to browse the internet, download music or video, and stream television at speeds that are massively higher than most internet users
sustainable housing		Housing that creates less waste, more re-use and recycling, together with lower life-cycle environmental impacts and costs, better reliability, less maintenance, and greater user satisfaction
sustainable transport/travel methods		Refers to the broad subject of transport that is sustainable in the senses of social, environmental and climate impacts

Sustrans document	sustainable transport document prepared by the Sustrans charity organisation	A reference document detailing sustainable transport options
sweeps		Sails of windmill
Swiss model		Alternative name of Passivhaus standard. A voluntary building performance standard that anyone setting out to build a low-energy home might be interested in
tenure		Refers to the various ways that you can own or rent a property
tenure blind		A development where multiple tenure types are available but there is little difference in the size and style of housing
thermal bridges		Also called a cold bridge, heat bridge, or thermal bypass, is an area or component of an object which has higher thermal conductivity than the surrounding materials
TWBC	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Our local borough council, our primary planning authority
twittern		A narrow alleyway, usually between building
veteran trees		Or legacy tree is a tree which, because of its great age, size or condition, is of exceptional cultural, landscape or nature conservation value.
village gateway marking		Helps to create 'a sense of place' when drivers enter the village, and the physical measures are designed such that drivers are required to slow down before entry
Vision 2034		This is the AONB partnerships vision for the High Weald AONB in 20 years' time
wellbeing in the Weald		Local volunteer group that organise new and promote existing wellbeing activities in the Weald including community walks, lunch clubs, choirs, volunteering, and other social activities that bring people together on a regular basis
WGCAA	Wilsley Green Conservation Area Appraisal	Supplementary planning document prepared by TWBC in partnership with local people to provide a firm basis upon which proposals for development in the Wilsley Green Conservation Area can be assessed