



Culture & Community

DRAFT POLICY HEADINGS

INTRODUCTION

To support the cultural and community life of the parish, the neighbourhood plan will need to:

- Enhance a sense of community within the parish by encouraging the activities of local groups.
- Support land allocations for a community space in Cranbrook and a new village hall in Sissinghurst.
- Develop and promote daytime, evening and night time economy.
- Improve access and pedestrian safety for the community.
- Improve footfall outside the main shopping areas.

CULTURE & COMMUNITY DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK

DRAFT POLICY HEADINGS	NDP OBJECTIVE	POLICY OBJECTIVE / RATIONALE
CC-1 A revised plan for the site already allocated for a Community Centre in Cranbrook will be supported. Aspiration to identify a outdoor public realm space (new “Town Square”) which will act as a new civic focus for the town.	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	Action – KF to write more detail on Community Centre See Appendix 1 (Community Centre policy)
CC-2 Plans for a new Sissinghurst Village Hall and linked outside space will be supported, to provide an improved focal point for the community.	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9	Action – JS/JA to send rationale to NW
CC-3 Applications from St.Dunstan’s Church for appropriate flexible uses of the building as a cultural and community venue will be supported.	3,6,8, 9	St.Dunstan’s Church, Grade 1 listed, known as the “Cathedral of the Weald”, is the probably the most important & historic building in Cranbrook. To secure its future it is recognised that ways of increasing its use as a shared religious and secular space may have to be found. This will also have the added benefit of bringing more of the community to appreciate and share in this incredibly significant building. To support its grant applications the church needs the views of the community, as to what residents want from the church. Action – to collate responses from June ’18 exhibition’s church questionnaire.

<p>CC-4 In order to increase and broaden to the provision of services supporting increased cultural activity proposals which facilitate a diversity of retail, hospitality and other business outlets which reinforce the market town character of Cranbrook and the village nature of Sissinghurst will be supported.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4,5 & 7</p>	<p>In order to increase the vibrancy of the town and village centres, to encourage more young people to stay in the parish and to increase the diversity of businesses it is recognised that the ability to encourage a wider range of shops and services, including chains is necessary to better serve an expanding community, providing that they do not negatively impact on the Conservation Areas.</p> <p>The provision of shared retail and amenity spaces and services that meet the needs of the whole population.</p> <p>Encourage and support innovative ideas for the creation of shared open spaces for retail, farmer’s market, and day time and night time entertainment in the centre of Cranbrook.</p> <p>Developers and retailers wanting to move into the Conservation Areas will be required to give high regard to the CCAAC Appraisal SPD.</p> <p>Further developers, businesses and retailers will be required to submit details of proposed signage, fascias and colour-schemes.</p> <p><i>http://www.highweald.org/news/2311-new-high-weald-colour-study.html</i></p>
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<p>CC-5 Planning applications which seek to develop new or redevelop existing facilities to enhance the provision of a variety of opportunities for different groups within the community, and which are sensitive to their built and landscape settings, will be supported.</p>	<p>1,2,3,4 & 5</p>	<p>The lack of provision for both young people and older people within the parish is a recurrent theme in evidence gathered.</p> <p>In the case of the former, it has been cited as a major factor contributing to persistent vandalism and anti-social behaviour, particularly in Cranbrook. Any schemes brought forward to address this issue which seek to increase provision in childrens play areas, youth activities and services would be welcomed, and should be sought as part of developer contributions.</p> <p>It is also recognised that there is a need for improved day-care provision for the growing elderly population of the parish, which should also be sought as part of any developer contributions.</p>
<p>CC-6 Proposals which address areas prone to vandalism and neglect will be supported and encouraged.</p>		<p>Areas within Cranbrook and Sissinghurst which are prone to neglect, littering and vandalism should be targeted for projects which seek to improve them.</p> <p>Increased CCTV as a deterrent and schemes to facilitate regular litter-picking would be supported.</p>
<p>CC-7 Planning applications which seek to offer space and facilities for the provision of activities for young people will be supported.</p>		<p>With a growing population there is clear need to encourage the provision of services that support young adults.</p>

<p>CC-8 Planning applications for the provision of cultural and community activities must demonstrate that adequate consideration for parking and pedestrian access has been made.</p>		
<p>CC-9 Applications will be encouraged which promote sympathetic active ground floor uses, so long as pedestrian access is not impeded, and safety is not compromised.</p>		<p>To increase the sense of vibrancy and interest in the town and village centres active ground floor use along the shopping streets creates activity and interest to passing pedestrians as well as visitors, through the life and activity of shops, restaurants, bars, micropubs and art & craft studios.</p>
<p>CC-10 Museum</p>		<p>Action – need to talk to Museum re their aspirations. The community loves the museum and the building.</p> <p>Cross reference H3.2 Preserve the museum for community use. Support proposals that would expand the current site (limites) and for new proposals on alternative sites for the expansion of the museum exhibitions, storage and services to include education and tourism.</p>

		The museum has more stuff than it can currently display. Expansion could include a classroom/events room, café, shop and inside & outside space.
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NOTES

It is recognised that some of the policies under Culture & Community cross-relate to other policy areas such as Land Use & Social Infrastructure, Business & Employment, Heritage and Access & Movement. Any repetition serves to emphasise the importance of the policies.

The following points from the NDP Exhibition posters have been addressed as follows;

Identify a suitable site for Cranbrook Town FC – This is a project, not a policy, but is supported by

Support a plan for Community Centre –

Identify a site for a new children’s play area -

Identify a suitable site for the Sissinghurst Village Hall - This is a project, not a policy, but is supported by

Support flexible use of buildings