

Submission Burwash Neighbourhood Plan Representations

Respondent Details			Agent Details		Part of Neighbourhood Plan		Summary of Comments	Participate in oral exam	Notify when NP made
Reference	Respondent Name	Organisation (if applicable)	Agent Name	Organisation (if applicable)	Item	Support/ Object/ Comment			
BNDP/R16/2020/1	Andrew Mann				Whole plan	Support	I am a Burwash resident. I am fully supportive of the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan and look forward to it to it moving to the next stage		
BNDP/R16/2020/2	Sally Mann				Whole plan	Support	I live in Burwash and fully support the neighbourhood plan. I look forward to it moving to the next stage		
BNDP/R16/2020/3	Susan Mann				Whole plan	Support	I am a Burwash Resident. Just to confirm that I am fully supportive of the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan and look forward to it proceeding to the next stage.		
BNDP/R16/2020/4	Steve Mintram				Whole plan	Support	I would like it recorded that I support the work of our Burwash Parish Council towards the local Neighbourhood Development Plan now submitted to Rother District Council. The general public have played a major part towards the plan thanks to excellent consultation by the Parish Council. As a resident of Burwash since 1983 I feel very strongly that my voice really has been heard to this juncture and I now hope that RDC will listen to our Parish Council in the same way.		
BNDP/R16/2020/5	Celia Caulkin				Whole plan	Support	I confirm I support the Neighbourhood Plan that has been submitted for Burwash, Burwash Weald and Burwash Common, including all parts of planning, building, the environment, Traffic & Transport, Education, and climate change.		
BNDP/R16/2020/6	Anne Newson				Whole plan	Support	I would like to confirm that I fully supported the plan in draft consultation form and similarly fully support this version at the Reg 16 stage.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/7	Brian Newman				Whole plan	Support	A great deal of consultation has taken place within Burwash and the document is an accurate representation of the views of the parishioners.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/8	David Cowell					Support	The Burwash Neighbourhood Plan appears to have been meticulously researched and based on extensive local consultation at every stage. It sets out an ambitious, sympathetic and compelling strategy for the future development of one of the most beautiful communities in East Sussex. I commend it to RDC and urge its formal adoption as soon as possible.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/9	Dolores Collins				Whole plan	Comment	Many new homes are desperately needed in the Burwash/ Etchingham locality. Its been a stalemate for many years and new blood is needed in our lovely villages, with this will bring better facilities for everyone.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/10	Gavin Roweth				Whole plan	Support	I support Burwash Neighbourhood Plan.	N	N
BNDP/R16/2020/11	Graham Bird				Whole plan	Support	I support the Parish Council submission.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/12	Helga Castle				Whole plan	Support	I support the Burwash NDP in its entirety. In these uncertain times it is vitally important that our community has a say in its future to preserve and protect this unique and beautiful village while safeguarding its social structure. Therefore I support the decision on housing and hope that RDC will help us with this problem in the sense outlined in that chapter.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/13	Jacqueline Bird				Whole plan	Support	I fully support the plan submitted by Burwash Parish Council.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/14a	Jane Moore				Whole plan	Support	I am representing myself. I fully support all aspects of the Burwash Neighbour Plan. And wish it to be adopted by Rother District Council and for it to go forward to the examiner	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/14b	Jane Moore				Whole plan	Support	I approve of the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan in full.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/15	Lesley Moore				Whole plan	Support	I fully support Burwash Neighbourhood Development Plan. It represents the strongly held and consistently expressed views of 95% of our community. We welcome development that meet its policies and addresses local housing need.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/16	Brian Barnes				Whole plan	Support	I have now lived in Burwash for 45 years so presumably can call myself a Burrisher. BNP has my full support to move forward in every way. Burwash must not lose its village status, so it is vital to have such an organisation to protect us from developers wanting to convert our beautiful fields into not small housing estates.		
BNDP/R16/2020/17	Rod Seymour				Whole plan	Support	I live close to the village of Burwash, and having read through the new proposed Neighbourhood Plan, I would like to offer my support, and hope to see it adopted.		
BNDP/R16/2020/18	Mike Poulter				Whole	Support	I fully support this document which is the result of a lot of hard work and research. I believe this fully reflects the views of the people of Burwash.	N	N
BNDP/R16/2020/19	Stephen Moore				Whole plan	Support	I fully support this Plan which reflects the overwhelming views of the local community and meets the core principles of the Localism Act which allows the community to determine the type and location of new homes.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/20	Timothy Bennet				Whole plan	Support	I agree.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/21	Claire Roweth				Whole plan	Support	I support the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/22	Jonathan James				Whole plan	Support	I remain fully in support of the Burwash Parish Council proposed Burwash Development Plan, which follows from the extensive consultations carried out by the Parish Council with Burwash residents.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/23	Halina Keep				Whole plan	Support	I support the adoption of the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan as presented to Rother District Council.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/24	Helen Johnson	Heathfield & Waldron PC			Whole plan	Comment	<p>Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council would wish to comment, as a neighbouring Parish Council, as follows:</p> <p>We have carefully read through the Plan, and consider that it is an excellent document. Informative, easy to understand and to navigate.</p> <p>We are also pleased to see that every aspect of neighbourhood planning appears to have been considered and addressed, particularly regarding the AONB, housing, infrastructure and environment.</p> <p>We were also impressed with 94% support for the Plan, and the words "Overwhelmingly endorsed by the community "</p> <p>Having said that, we would ask that the relationship with, and impact upon, neighbouring communities and parishes, (including ours), should also be taken carefully into account.</p> <p>This would be both in respect of the physical impact of new development, traffic generation and impact upon communities, infrastructure and road conditions/highway safety, as well as environmental impacts upon the environment in terms of the High Weald AONB, (and Management Plan), landscape and watercourses.</p> <p>Overall, we consider that in many ways it is a model of how to write a neighbourhood plan, albeit that this one is addressing the needs of a relatively limited area and population.</p>	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/25a	Cllr Robert Franklin	Burwash Parish Council			Whole plan	Support	<p>As Chair of Burwash Parish Council I am proud to endorse and support the Plan which has been worked on for almost 4 years by a team of around 20 volunteers from the community, including 9 Parish Councillors, past and present. This Steering Group has worked tirelessly to gather evidence, engage and consult with all three villages of the parish amongst their many other commitments and has reported with clarity to the Council each month on the complex issues involved and progress made.</p> <p>I was surprised to hear a statement made, during the recent Cabinet discussion of Rother District Council's Stage 16 Representation, that the Steering Group was not as well connected to the Parish Council as it might be.</p> <p>This is most certainly not the experience of Burwash Parish Council. In fact, the partnership between the council and the community in working on the Plan has evolved into three new working groups (Environment, Community and Traffic and Transport), made up of councillors and members of the community. These have been meeting regularly for nearly 18 months to progress of the aspirations from the Plan</p>	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/25b	Cllr Robert Franklin				Site allocations	Comment	I believe both the sites at Oakleys and the Bell Inn should have been marked as suitable for development. 8 social houses at Oakleys and 6 x 1 bed flats at the Bell Inn. Neither of these will be viable as business premises in the future.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/26a	Mary Clarke				Whole plan	Support	I fully support and endorse every aspect of the plan	Y	Y

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BNDP/R16/2020/26b	Mary Clarke	Burwash Parish Council NDP Steering Group			Whole plan	Comment	<p>Burwash Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Representation</p> <p>We have now had the opportunity of seeing the final version of RDCs representations. We think it may be helpful to clarify the following point.</p> <p>RDC Officers were advised of the decision not to allocate sites by the Parish Councils NDP Steering Group representatives at a meeting in November 2018. Further written advice concerning non-allocation of sites was provided by Burwash NDP Consultant on the 24 April 2019 to RDC Officers following their request for an update in order to advise the DaSa Inspector at the impending EIP on the 8 May 2019.</p> <p>We were therefore surprised that this information was not reflected in the final DaSa but welcome the District Council's view that they do not wish this void to impact on a successful examination of the BNDP.</p> <p>This Plan has been produced in line with the core principles of the Localism Act. Extensive community consultation has been carried out in order to produce this Plan which reflects the views of the community. This is evidenced by over 500 responses from residents during our Regulation 14 consultation. Of these, over 94%, supported the Plan.</p> <p>Our Plan seeks to ensure that future developments take into account the various policies in our Plan and provide good quality, well designed homes that meet local housing need and minimise the impact on the AONB and the environment.</p> <p>Sent on behalf of the Burwash Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group 6 November 2020</p>	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/27	Lindsey Green				Whole plan	Support	I fully support the Neighbourhood Plan as proposed by Burwash Parish Council, including their decision - in all the circumstances - not to allocate specific sites for housing.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/28	Ian Aird				Housing	Object	On the original plan concluding that there was virtually no possibility of meeting the RDC target for local development, I commented to the Parish Council that given the clear need for more housing, particularly affordable housing, their "plan" was no plan and that they needed to go back to the drawing board with the goal of meeting the RDC target. I still believe that the revised submission is quite inadequate, and that we as a community have a duty to override "nimbyism" and to provide much more new housing even in sensitive AOB locations.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/29	Lee Redhead				Chptr 3, Pg.29, Para 62	Comment	The land at Shrub Lane (SHLAA ref BU12a Denton Homes/Shrub Wood) should be allocated for development and a proposed number of dwellings ascribed to it. Denton Homes are no longer involved with the site, but the land has good development potential, is capable of providing a meaningful contribution towards Burwash's housing target including on-site affordable housing.	N	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/30		Park Lane Homes (South East) Ltd	M Pickup	Town and Country Planning Solutions	Housing	Comment	1. the BNDP fails to identify or allocate any housing sites in accordance with local strategic housing policies 2. The BNDP fails to allocate land to the south-west of Strand Meadow in accordance with policy VL1 of the adopted local plan 3. The failure to provide land-use policies or other general development policies that are clear in their interpretation and in guiding future housing and other development in the BNDP area.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/31	Simon Bowyer		J Pickup	Plan2Develop	Housing IN04 - Retention of Existing Business Premises	Comment	The BNDP fails to take account of the housing requirement of the strategic development plan policies by failing to allocate sites. The Oakley Garage site is now available for development as a disused, brownfield site with a sustainable location. The BNDP should be amended to include this allocation for up to 7 dwellings. Policy IN04 - This is more restrictive than DaSA policies DE3 and DC01 and should be deleted.		
BNDP/R16/2020/32	Brian Wright		Lucy Harvey	MKA Planning	Housing	Comment	The Nutrition centre is a now disused brownfield site which the landowner is proposing a housing mix of 10 dwellings including 2 bed bungalows for elderly local residents who would like to downsize and family sized units.	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/33	Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall	Rother District Council			Whole plan	Comment	<p>Policy GP01 Protection of the AONB Landscape Overall the policy repeats national and local policy in terms of protection given to the AONB and does not take the opportunity to set out criteria specific to the parish.</p> <p>Policy GP02 Views into and from the AONB This policy content would benefit by being re-worded to read in a positive manner.</p> <p>Policy GP03 Heritage This policy would be difficult to interpret when determining an application.</p> <p>Policy GP04 Development Boundaries This policy does not conform with strategic policies in the Core Strategy. The development boundary as set out in the BNP replicates the 2006 development boundary for Burwash and does not make provision for additional development to accommodate the outstanding housing target in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Policy GP05 Design Standards The policy would benefit from editing where it repeats local/national policy (criteria e and j). Criteria d) and h) would be difficult to apply in its entirety to every planning decision.</p> <p>Policy GP06 Existing Open Spaces The policy should be expanded to set out how development must not impact on existing open space.</p> <p>Policy GP08 Sustainable Development The aims of this policy are achievable however, clarification whether development is to achieve all or some of the criteria is necessary here.</p> <p>Policy HO01 Housing Tenure and Mix Criterion a) is too vague and b) repeats affordable housing policy in the DaSA, albeit without a relevant threshold.</p> <p>Policy HO02 Rural Exception Sites This policy does not expand on policy DHG2 in the DaSA and in fact is less detailed than that which is contained within it.</p>		
							<p>Policy EN01 Land Management This does not expand on DaSA policy and it is recommended it is deleted or criteria added to shape the policy around local issues.</p> <p>Policy EN02 Natural Environment Protection This policy does not expand on local/national policy. It is recommended that inserting criteria which specifically protect identified natural capital of the villages.</p> <p>Policy EN03 Green Infrastructure Footpaths and Bridleways This policy is essentially requesting maintenance and would sit better in the 'aspirations' section of the BNP.</p> <p>Policy EN04 Dark Skies Question is made as to whether this policy is enforceable as much outside lighting will not require planning permission. The policy should be clearer as to when the criteria would apply. The AONB has not been given a dark skies designation and therefore further evidence is required to support this policy.</p> <p>Policy EN05 Historic Landscape Environment This policy repeats local/national policy. It would read better if it was positively worded, with criteria setting out what would be supported.</p> <p>Policy EN06 Integration of Landscaping No comments.</p> <p>Policy IN01 Pedestrian Safety It is unclear whether the intent is to have all criteria complied with. It is also muddled between DDA requirements and highways improvements.</p> <p>Policy IN02 Parking This policy repeats the East Sussex County Council parking standards which all planning applications must already take into account.</p> <p>Policy IN03 Supporting Businesses It is not clear what is meant by 'isolated' sites and how this policy sits with the development boundary policy (GP04) where development outside development boundaries will not be supported. It also infers that proposals for development of new or existing businesses which are not isolated will not be supported and this is unlikely to be the intention of the policy.</p> <p>Policy IN04 Retention of Business Premises The policy repeats local/national policy and is therefore unnecessary.</p> <p>Parish Council Rolling Plan This section is set out like the minutes of a Parish Council meeting and is not suitable for a development document in this format. It will become quickly out-dated and it is unclear in many cases what the aspiration is. It might be more useful and relevant if fewer aspirations under each heading are selected and expanded on with more detail.</p>		
BNDP/R16/2020/34	Claire Tester	High Weald AONB Partnership			Policy GP01	Support	The High Weald AONB Unit supports this policy subject to the third line being amended to 'conserves and enhances' to be in line with NPPF172 and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000	Y	Y
BNDP/R16/2020/35	Robert Lloyd-Sweet	Historic England				No comment	Historic England do not have any matter of concern within our areas of interest to raise with the examiner. As our remit is limited to the historic environment, including the conservation of heritage assets, our review is limited to where our interest could be affected and silence on other matters should not be read as agreement or consent.		
BNDP/R16/2020/36	Claire Tester	High Weald AONB Partnership			Policy GP05	Support	The High Weald AONB Unit supports this policy subject to the following amendment to criterion j) Delete 'consider' and replace with 'have regard to' the High Weald Housing Design Guide.	Y	Y

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BNDP/R16/2020/37	Pedros Santos	South East Water			Whole plan	Comment	<p>South East Water consider that it is important and agree with Burwash Parish Council and Rother District Council on the points raised as part of the Neighbourhood Plan objectives and would like to add that water efficiency could also be promoted to existing buildings and new buildings, either residential or non-residential across the Council.</p> <p>South East Water recommend the need of a mandatory housing standards for water use which would support water efficiency on new buildings and promote the collaboration between Burwash Parish Council, Rother District Council and developers.</p> <p>South East Water will work with local authorities and developers to ensure that any necessary infrastructure reinforcement is delivered ahead of the occupation of development. Where there are infrastructure constraints, it is important not to under estimate the time required to deliver necessary infrastructure.</p> <p>South East Water would like to reiterate that our primary concern is the water that we abstract and treat for public supply purposes and ensuring that the surface and groundwater abstracted does not fall below the tolerances of our water treatment works or the drinking water standards set by our regulators.</p> <p>South East Water would like to be kept updated with any developments relating to Burwash Neighbourhood Plan and we have noted above a number of areas where we welcome an opportunity to meet and discuss with the Council.</p>		
BNDP/R16/2020/38	Tamzyn Janes	Southern Water				No comment	No comments to make		
BNDP/R16/2020/39	Chris Flavin	ESCC				No comment	No comments to make		
BNDP/R16/2020/40		National Grid	Matt Verlander	Avison Young		No comment	National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.		
BNDP/R16/2020/41	Victoria Kirkham	Natural England				No comment	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan.		
BNDP/R16/2020/42	Sara Gomes	Environment Agency			Whole Plan	Comment	<p>1. We always recommend an objective is included to protect and enhance the environment. Indicators should relate to the environmental constraints in your local area. This may include flood risk, water quality, biodiversity. 2. We also recommend your SEA takes account of relevant Dover Borough Council's policies, plans and strategies including DBC's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, flood risk strategies, and the South East River Basin Management Plan. 3. The area of Burwash Neighbourhood covers river Rother and river Dudwell, to protect the ecological importance and biodiversity of these main rivers we advise the following: Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity, landscape and sense of place. 4. Ground Water Protection - Within the area of Burwash there are historic landfill sites and Source Protection Zones, so groundwater should be protected. 5. Non-mains drainage 6. Environmental resilience - Kent is waster stressed and as such efficient use of water should be at heart of planning for this scale of development. Also, installation of solar-power technology for every home, and heating using wood from east Kent coppices including in the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) could provide carbon savings and new jobs in the supply chain.</p>		
BNDP/R16/2020/43	Clare Tester	High Weald AONB Partnership			EN04	Comment	<p>The High Weald AONB Unit supports this policy to protect our dark skies, which is an important feature of the AONB and supports objective OQ4 of the High Weald AONB Management Plan: "To protect and promote the perceptual qualities that people value. Rationale: To ensure that the special qualities people value such as tranquillity, dark skies, sense of naturalness and clean air, are recognised and taken account of in AONB Management." The indicators of Success for this objective include "No loss of dark skies or tranquillity" and Proposed Actions include: "Follow the Institute of Lighting Professionals guidance; promote information on dark sky-friendly lighting; install outside lighting only when needed and use dark sky –friendly lighting".</p> <p>The High Weald AONB Unit assisted the neighbourhood planning group to monitor their night skies using our light meters and the resulting evidence is shown on map Fig 4 in Section 7.7 of the Environment Assessment. We believe that this is sufficient to support Policy EN04 Dark Skies.</p>		
BNDP/R16/2020/44	Julian Kenny	Wild About Burwash			EN04	Comment	<p>Wild About Burwash is a community group, which was set up last year by parishioners working on the Environment section of the Burwash Neighbourhood Development Plan. The key aim of Wild About Burwash is to protect and enhance the local environment with a strong focus on involving the whole community, including school-children and youth groups; we now have nearly 100 members. We have run several events over the last 2 years, including talks from the High Weald AONB Unit about the importance of Dark Skies and in January this year we ran a Dark Skies / Star-Gazing interactive evening with 120 attendees.</p> <p>After reading RDC's draft submission Representations and watching the Cabinet debate these on 2nd November, Wild About Burwash has some concerns over the statements regarding Policy EN04 Dark Skies:</p> <p>"There are no other dark skies policies in 'made' neighbourhood plans in Rother District."</p> <p>We would hope that does not prevent Burwash seeking to include this in their Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>"In Lewes District, Seaford and Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat Neighbourhood Plans contain policies which refer to the protection of dark skies, as the parishes are partly located in the South Downs National Park. The SDNP is designated as an International Dark Sky Reserve and this provides the background evidence the policies require. The AONB has not been given a dark skies designation and therefore further evidence is required to support this policy " .</p> <p>We started working with the High Weald AONB Unit to monitor light pollution two and a half years ago through a group of local volunteers. The BNDP submission (see Burwash Environment Assessment Section 7 https://www.rother.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Burwash-Environment-Assessment.pdf) contains a map produced by the High Weald AONB Unit (with their logo) showing light pollution / darkness levels across the parish and a summary of the meter readings.</p> <p>We are now working with the High Weald AONB Unit and several other local parishes (Ashburnham, Bodiam and Ewhurst Green, Brede, Brightling, Dallington, Etchingham and Hurst Green, Roberstbridge and Mountfield, Sandhurst, Stonegate) to monitor light pollution in the region with the aim of creating a High Weald Dark Skies Reserve. We hope this is of help in considering the importance of Dark Skies for Burwash.</p>	Y	Y