Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan Project 2016-2018

At its meeting on 15 October 2018 the Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group unanimously confirmed the views expressed by the Parish Council Chairman in his August 2018 statement (see Paper 1 below) that further work on a Neighbourhood Plan should cease and that the Group should disband.

At the same time it was agreed that the papers written to date in forming a draft Neighbourhood Plan be transferred to the Parish Council along with other relevant documents and posted on the Council's Web-Site (See Papers 2 – 6).

These papers refer to the Steering Group's activities in fulfilling the remit given by the Parish Council in 2016, viz.

a. Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan focusing on housing development in the Parish with particular reference to sites at Hillside and Bridgelands identified for housing by Lewes District Council Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessments (SHELAA)

b. To align, as necessary, the policies in such a draft Neighbourhood Plan with those in the forthcoming Part 2 of the Lewes District Local Plan (finally published for consultation in late 2017 and mid-2018)

Consequently, the following papers are attached for information and future reference.

- (1) Statement by Parish Council Chairman; "Overview of Housing in Barcombe" (August 2018)
- (2) Draft Neighbourhood Plan (as at July 2018)
- (3) Reports by Lewes District Council relating to rural settlements (including Barcombe Cross) and their landscape capacity and features.
- (4) Comments by Lewes District Council Neighbourhood Plan Officer on the Housing Policies written for the draft Barcombe Neighbourhood Plan (August 2018)
- (5) Lewes District Council Local Plan Part 2 Pre-application Version September 2018; Residential Allocations – Barcombe (pp. 29-36) and Inset Map 6 (showing proposed changes to Village Planning Boundary, and the existing Conservation Area Boundary)
- (6) Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 2018; map showing additional site (10BA) proposed for housing development opposite Village Hall and Appendix Section giving reasons for its rejection as a site for 50 houses.

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