# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH CAPEL THROUGHOUT THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT

# TIMELINE PAGES 1-14

2014	Planning Policy Working Group Terms of Reference specify all meetings "in camera" & all minutes confidential. This group appears to fall outside guidance and protocol contained within the TWBC Constitution & Rules of Procedure. Set up to provide "informal" feedback to the emerging DLP & to make recommendations to the key policy holder. This working group does not accord with the Nolan principles of public office, openness honesty etc Public scrutiny avoidance. (See FOI sub 2021)**	
2015/2016	TWBC Site Allocation Local Plan. PINs Exam Nov/Dec 2015. Not necessary to release Green Belt. ADOPTED 20/07/2016 Regarding Paddock Wood: 5.19 Therefore, in order to address local housing choice and affordability, extensions to the east, south east and south of the town, outside the area of flood risk, are considered necessary during the Plan period. Inexplicably, TWBC have however opted for the WEST side in the flood plain and Green Belt. At this stage 360 houses planned across the rural villages	
2017		
16 March 2017	Incorrect information on Settlement Roll and Function resulting in Five Oak Green being allocated a higher placement grouping with regard to facilities.	

TWBC refusal to alter. Emails to that effect between Kelvin Hinton (Planning Policy

Manager) and Gwenda Bartlett. Assurance that at public consultation Capel Parish Council would be able to highlight that fact.

This was done.

Still incorrect at PSLP in 2021. This incorrect information also impacted on the Issues and Options consultation by suggesting Capel was better served with existing facilities than it was and therefore open to more development than other villages.

2<sup>nd</sup> May- 12 June 2017

LP Issues and Options published for public consultation. Although there was a proposal for growth around Paddock Wood and potentially East Capel, (although referred to as being developed on Garden Village principles) it did not present the option of garden villages. Tudeley Garden Village was not mentioned.

Option 5. Garden Village settlement – "**no location proposed**".

The Consultation Statement for the PSLP refers to the number of responses received but does not clarify that some 116 respondents (60%) ranked Option 4 (Growth corridor) as preferred option In this context responses to earlier consultation do not and can not reflect the weight of objection and lack of previous engagement with the existing community which is a criteria for GV developments.

17. New garden villages should.... also set how the local community is

	being, or will be, engaged at an early stage, and strategies for community involvement to help <u>ensure local</u> support. (2016 DCLG)
2018	
13.03.2018	Parish Chairmen's presentation – 440 houses allocated to Five Oak Green. Tudeley Garden Village not on the shortlist of 3 (out of approx 7 sites including TGV) to be taken forward for feasibility studies. (Possible G.Village's shortlisted were Paddock Wood, Horsmonden & Frittenden.)
	Capel Parish Council insist that land to the west of Paddock Wood is now referred to correctly as East Capel. This has been taken forward but misnomer Garden Village (TGV is a town) continues.
20.04 2018	Meeting between Capel Parish Council at request of HoP(only Chair & VC available as in the daytime) and Head of Planning. No longer a 440 house allocation for Five Oak Green but TGV (2,800) instead.
30.07.2018	Meeting with Head of Planning. In camera session. "A workshop for Cllrs will be held summer/autumn 2018"
16.08.2018	Meeting between CPC & TWBC who sought written confidentiality obligations. A glossy brochure "Hadlow Garden Village" prepared by the landowner was shared.  A later FOI for the brochure refused
23.08.018	"Workshop" held at Town Hall. This was not considered a workshop but rather TWBC providing info. on their intentions

and their proposal. Cllrs were able to offer suggestions on key issues but none were taken forward nor explored to our knowledge. Cllrs urged that if these proposals were adopted a new bypass for the whole area (poss north of PW to the A21) as the Colts Hill bypass is now outdated. All CPC Cllrs were invited.

Due to the workshop being during the working day attendance was limited.

#### 2019

20.05.19

\*\*\* IDP 2021, page. 172 shows a table attached to a stakeholder letter dated 1st March 2019. Allocation of 9 houses in FOG and 1,650 in the Tudeley GV. This is not the same number as was actually being proposed.

Capel Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting.

At CPC insistence and a refusal by Parish Cllrs to lie to constituents should the subject of development be raised at the APM, TWBC announced in public for the first time the intention to develop:

2,500-2,800 at TGV and 4,000 homes around PW including 1,400+ in East Capel at the APM

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## **Specific meetings with targeted groups**

3.16 In view of the scale of development and associated infrastructure proposed at both Paddock Wood and in Capel parish, additional presentations/discussions were held with both Capel Parish and Paddock Wood Town Councils in May 2019 with the Head of Planning to discuss publicly (at a high level) the proposed allocations.

This was the Annual Parish Meeting organised by CPC, and not instigated by TWBC.

The attendance of The Head of Planning was welcomed. However he was there to field questions about a plan already decided rather than listen to local views to help formulate a Local Plan. "High Level" public discussions is therefore a misleading term.

There remains NO indication of how TWBC intended to inform the community of Capel of its proposals if CPC had not insisted it be made public in the May.

Head of Planning refers in an email after the meeting that this is the "start of engagement". This despite over a year of CPC being bound by confidentiality and unable to confer with residents nor impart their wishes to TWBC.

CPC request another local event for parishioners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. HoP suggested it had to be held after the 8th July as it was presumptive before decision by TWBC Cabinet. This meeting was not taken forward for organization by TWBC

The Proposals would increase the number

of dwellings in Capel by 500%. No public consultation nor meaningful engagement with the parish Council undertaken. The residents and parish council do not consider it appropriate that the first consultation of the proposal would be at REG. 18.

First meeting of a Capel Parish Council Working Group to start objecting to the local Plan. Held at Somerhill. Some 300 residents attended – formation of Save Capel.

04.06.2019

9 July 2019

Meeting at Somerhill organised by Save Capel.

18 Sept 2019

Meeting at Somerhill organised by Save Capel. Head of Planning & CEO of TWBC attended by invitation.

Strategic Sites Working Group 18.07.19

Initial meeting of SSWG. This comprised 2x CPC Cllrs, BC's, PWT Cllrs, the KCC members, developers, agents, reps of various bodies such as EA & SW. Going forward only one rep. allowed and as CPC had no NPWG at the time, extremely under represented. Generally monthly meetings. Minutes and Agendas not prepared in a timely fashion, confidential meetings and minutes.

CPC requested a summary that could be put in the public domain on their website being uncomfortable yet again of the secrecy surrounding meetings and not representing the community.

4th March 2020 these back summaries were finally produced after repeated requests but little more than the Agenda so of limited use in providing information to residents.

Able to table questions at meetings but no meaningful engagement – just updates on the LP. A tick box exercise. The meaningful discussions with developers and other bodies such as the EA were not in this forum. Information on the SSWG in the Consultation Statement is included in the "Other Briefing Sessions" – this is a more accurate description.

Email from Harry Teacher (land owner of Tudeley site) after the SSWG to Chair & VC of CPC with an invitation to meet to discuss any issues.

Response was to accept with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party accompanying, to ensure transparency (CPC is a unitary body and no Cllr can

18.07.2019

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	make independent decisions), this was rejected with the unusual inclusion of "we are planning to meet with members of CPC over the next few weeks'
23.07.2019	CPC responded that the DLP was being published on the 29 <sup>th</sup> and he would be welcome to speak to the full Council after that date, perhaps the next Council meeting.
	Response "we are in the early stages of the DLP. As such we are happy to offer to meet any <u>individual</u> members of the PC."
	He did not avail himself of or mention our invitation in the email.
	It was some six months later that Mr. Teacher first organizes a presentation to ALL of CPC.
1.08.2019 Capel Parish Clerk requests necessary forms to apply for Neighbourhood Plan designation from Head of Planning at TWBC	No response.
14.10.19	CPC apply by letter as the advice/forms/input from Head of Planning not forthcoming.
15.10.19	HoP acknowledges receipt of CPC application.
20.11.2019 16.12.2019	Various apology responses (more than listed here) saying he will respond ONLY received after the Clerk has repeatedly asked for status update
17.02.2020	Final designation approved by Cllr McDermott (Council Leader) some <u>6</u> months after CPC approached TWBC

Regulation 18 20.09.19-015.11.19

Reg 18 failed to provide adequate roadshows/exhibitions in Capel (Save Capel provided 2 more at Tudeley). Only one was provided on the 21<sup>st</sup> for 4hrs in Five Oak Green despite over 50% of the allocation being in Capel. 173 Attendees For those with no access to a computer the documents were made available at TWBC Gateway, libraries & via CPC – there is no library in Capel and the CPC office is only manned for 2 hours twice a week and too cramped to contain more than 2 people at a time. CPC consider this inadequate given the scale of the impact on Capel.

Over 8,000 comments received by TWBC. 2,000 respondees regarding Capel alone. 3,750 signature petition submitted

The consultation did not influence the DLP other than a further 700 houses allocated to East Capel.

Page 16 3.45 In terms of the form of responses, 51% were received by email, 27% via the submission of a paper form or letter and 22% via the planning portal on the Council's website.

These numbers give an indication of how hard it was to enter data on the portal, which regularly timed out or failed to "save". The process was extremely complex.

At the roadshow in Tudeley query to HoP re Feasibility study for Garden Village procured (G. Hearn at cost of £35K). HoP states "not finalized" . This has never been made public. FOI refused. There appears to be no indication that indication a GV feasibility study was ever undertaken.

#### 2020

24/02/2020

One hour presentation to Capel Parish Council by Hadlow Estates. Stephen Baughen (HoP) & Save Capel in attendance. CPC suggested the planned charette should be held locally and that the daytime workshops were inconvenient to those who work and perhaps evening ones be facilitated. This was dismissed out of hand by Mr Teacher.

Hadlow Estates Charette planned for March but cancelled due to Covid

Planned to be in Tunbridge Wells hotels – one with limited parking and one with no parking. This consultation would have disenfranchised those without cars and daytime workers.

Tonbridge is nearer to the affected area but the event could have been run locally from either the church and/or village hall. The community were very vocal in their condemnation of choice of venue on social media.

David Lock Associates Community Stakeholder Workshop 28.09.2020 3 hr workshop but limited representation as not public. Focus entirely on Paddock Wood and failure to acknowledge expansion west of PW as being in Capel. Names wrong Paddock Green and Five Oaks. Complete lack of understanding of the various hamlets and make up of the parish.

(Pre meet between Save Capel, CPC and DLA to establish point of engagement – described as 'uncomfortable".)

The workshop was over organized by DLA and was an exercise in some Paddock Wood Councillors being invited to use a computer programme to decide where housing should be placed in Capel and vice versa which seemed totally inappropriate.

Follow up letter to DLA 07.11.2020

This was to indicate that this in no way was considered to be meaningful

	engagement and should not to be used as
	such. No response
Hadlow Estates Exhibition 14-21 October 2020	First 2 days for stakeholders, final 2 for the public. Inconvenient as held in T. Wells, no car parking at venue. Ticketed only due to pandemic. Ihr to view and 1hr for questions. No publication of full comments from the Exhib. Some are included in the HE Delivery Plan but appear to be selective, this is not included in the PSLP
2021	
28.01.2021	Email to Democratic Officer regarding the refusal to allow more then 4 speakers at Full Cabinet meeting given the PSLP was due to be approved affecting 20 wards across the borough.
	TWBC website details regarding public speaking at full Council "Occasionally, when a matter is of especial interest, the Council may resolve to increase the number of speakers".
	Response after two email reminders was that the Mayor did not make an exception as there was: "no definition of what constitutes especial interest. Only happened twice in the last five years so very rare"
	Given the importance of a Draft Local Plan to all residents in Tunbridge Wells Borough and the massive response by the public at Reg. 18, it is surprising that the Mayor was not advised to make an exception.
03.02 2021	Full Cabinet meeting. Concerns from some Councillors that many documents were unavailable to them and therefore an incomplete evidence base on which to approve the PSLP.

15.02.2021

Capel Parish Council request inclusion in meetings with Paddock Wood Town Council and Head of Planning on location of the sports hub – new position would be firmly in E.Capel and not Paddock Wood.

Email response from HoP stated that the meeting was a follow up to a presentation to PWTC & their Neighbourhood Planning group. "Going forward after this meeting, future discussions for proposals which relate to the land in E. Capel ...will take place with both the PC/TC & relevant NP Groups"

This reconfirms that the 2 parishes have been "kept" from mutual discussions where possible.

Chair of PWTC told the then Chair of CPC in 2017 that they had been told by TWBC it was not "necessary" to hold talks with CPC regarding the sports hub as "TWBC were already engaging on the matter with CPC" this is blatantly not true. (email can confirm this) CPC in 2017 were totally unaware of the sports hub and were in fact in the process of raising funds to install a Multi Use Games Area in Five Oak Green. CPC now find a sports hub complete with swimming pool is proposed a short distance away in Capel.

**Regulation 19** 26.03.2021-04.06.21

Initial 8 weeks extended by 2 weeks due to both the pandemic & final recognition that there were elections, local, borough, KCC & PCC during the consultation period.

This was only after CPC formally requested an extension due to holding a consultation during a pandemic

Letter from Knights Solicitors on behalf of CPC

Formal request for consultation to be halted due to elections in Capel and advice from the Local Government Association that consultations not be held during election periods.

	TWBC "played for time" & only responded when it was clear on the 8th April that the election in Capel would be uncontested.
The process	This consultation is completely on line. Hard copies of PSLP only available at the TWBC Gateway by appointment only. The CPC part time Clerk was asked to collect a hard copy if the Capel Community needed one, from T.Wells – at Reg 18 TWBC organized delivery to every Parish and Town Clerk  The process is onerous and the planning consultation portal extremely difficult to navigate. There have been many technical issues related to the consultation. A few are listed below.
02.04.2021 email L. Prebble to TWBC	Hyperlinks not working to access the SHEELA
15.04.2021 email M Fenton to TWBC	Hyperlinks p 35- 39 not working rectified 19 <sup>th</sup> April
05.04. 2021 email S. Gledhill to TWBC	The JBA Flood Risk Assessment referred to but not published Legibility of maps – Stantec (DLA main report)poor resolution 7th April PDFs sent to SG of Structure Plan & key Stantec drawings (not rectified amongst consultation dox on portal) Re JBA flood risk report advised to refresh browser.
15.04.2021 email S.Gledhill to TWBC	No access App A & B maps (JBA). Stantec – preferred route of new roads still hard to read
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Hannah Young response " should have been 3 emails. Please find attached the

	missing plans – Appendices should be accessible if you refresh"		
20 <sup>th</sup> April email M.Fenton to TWBC	Hyper links not working on the SA. TWBC will rectify by $22^{nd}$		
16 <sup>th</sup> May email from Chair of CPC to TWBC	Website offline between 1pm and 7pm. Response: Not routine maintenance and not the fault of TWBC. This on a Sunday, a day when working people might have need to respond to the consultation.		
21 April Mr. Tim Fry response/letter	One of the landowners concerned that the proposed Five Oak Green By Pass will cross his land and will involve a CPO. He has not been approached nor consulted in any capacity. This is not community engagement. Response from TWBC is that the matter will be addressed at planning application stage.		
Hadlow Estates Delivery Plan not included in PSLP	The HE Delivery Plan will be a SPD – it should be part of the PSLP Evidence base		
Straw poll conducted on Face Book by Clerk	See below		
Masterplan of PW Town Centre not made public. SPD to be "consulted" on at a later date	Given the PSLP refers to 'the town" several times re East Capel this is something that residents in Capel should be consulted on.		

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**FOI 2021	An FOI was submitted at the end of Jan. for all Agendas & Minutes of the PPWG from Jan 2014 – Jan 2021 by the VC of CPC
	2 Feb 2021 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) acknowledged request that it would be an EIR
	17 March 2021 requested an update 23 March 2021 requested an update
	2 April 2021 - 42 working days after request requested in line with EIR for either provision of the information or a refusal notice be issued
	7 April 2021 - TWBC responded that due to complexity it was either impracticable to either comply or to make a decision to refuse & were therefore still processing the request.
	8 April 2021 - submitted a complaint to the ICO due to the unreasonable length of time.
	15 April 2021 - Refusal to comply by TWBC
	Request submitted for an Internal Review 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
	IR upheld by Mid Kent legal services.
	A complaint submitted to the ICO and the case has been accepted and is eligible for consideration.
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# **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Sum total of **public** engagement on the Strategic Sites proposal NOT organized by Capel Parish Council or Save Capel:

Harry Teacher (Tudeley landowner) = <u>one hour</u> at exhibition in Tunbridge Wells Stephen Baughen (Head of Planning) = <u>four hours</u> at Reg 18 exhibition in Five Oak Green

# **Organised by Capel Parish Council**

Stephen Baughen Head of Planning attended Annual Parish Meeting = two hours + Initial meeting at Sommerhill = three hours

# **Organised by Save Capel**

2 x Save Capel meetings at Somerhill (2<sup>nd</sup> one with CEO & HoP who accepted invitation) = five hours +

2 x exhibitions at Tudeley = three hours + (Head of Planning did attend)

(This only applies to Reg.18 as due to Covid no face-to-face presentations have been possible – however it is not likely that TWBC would have organized anymore than one exhibition at Reg. 19)

# **SECTION 5 Place shaping Policies**

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**5. Strong local vision and engagement:** designed and executed with the <u>engagement and involvement of the existing local community</u>, and future residents and businesses.

#### **Consultation Statement for PSLP**

3.42 In total over 8,000 comments were received to the Draft Local Plan consultation. Amongst these responses, 669 respondents signed the petition for Residents Against Ramslye Development (relating to proposed site allocation AL/RTW18 at Spratsbrook Farm) and a further 3,750 respondents signed the Save Capel petition (relating to proposed site allocations CA1, CA2 and CA3 at Tudeley).

This wording suggests no one objected to the proposal for East Capel which was not the case. CA3  $\underline{IS}$  East Capel not Tudeley

# Policy STR/CA 1

# The Strategy for Capel parish

This policy should be read in conjunction with Policy STR/SS 1: The Strategy for Land at Paddock Wood, including land at east Capel and Policy STR/SS 3: The Strategy for Tudeley Village.

The development strategy for Capel parish (excluding land which forms part of the Strategic Growth sites at Tudeley Village and Land east of Capel and Paddock Wood) is to:

- 1. Set Limits to Built Development for Five Oak Green village on the Policies Map (Inset Map 7) as a framework for new development over the plan period;
- 2. Provide a new garden settlement at Tudeley Village, which will deliver approximately 2,800 dwellings and a range of associated services and infrastructure over the plan period and beyond (as set out in Policy STR/SS 3);

- 3. Accommodate approximately 2,060 dwellings on land at east Capel as part of the extension to Paddock Wood, and a range of associated services and infrastructure (as set out in Policy STR/SS 1);
- 4. Provide compensatory improvements to the Green Belt, including measures to reduce flooding to particular areas of Five Oak Green;
- 5. Provide transport improvements, including on-line and off-line improvements to the A228, potential provision of the safeguarded A228 Colts Hill bypass, and a highway to bypass Five Oak Green;
- 6. Seek developer contributions, either in kind (normally land) and/or financial, from residential schemes to be used towards the provision of:
  - 1. primary education facilities, namely the expansion of Capel Primary School by one form of entry;
  - 2. <u>open space, sports, and recreations facilities, including improvements to the football pitches at Five Oak Green Recreation Ground.</u>
- 1. 1.5 In addition, the Council has also worked closely with Parish Councils, (Statement of Consultation page 11)

At no point were the parish council approached in regard to this strategy and what is necessary to meet the needs of the existing community. The section underlined however indicates that some discussions must have been had at some point with someone who has indicated they represent Capel. Capel has one Borough Councillor (1/48th of the Cllrs on TWBC). At no point did she inform or discuss any items for this strategy with CPC. Had TWBC consulted with CPC they would have known that there is only one football pitch (CPC have not asked for improvements) and £130K raised by residents has funded new play facilities and a new Multi Use Games Area installed by CPC but we desperately need a new village hall, a safe crossing area on the B2017 and associated traffic calming.

It appears that even in July 2018, Capel had already been subsumed by Paddock Wood. LUC LSA of Settlements assesses the site of what will be the strategic expansion of Paddock Wood, 'Paddock Wood Sub Area 8" despite it being predominately in Capel. Page 60 "In the vicinity of the B2017, the sub-area represents the gap between Paddock Wood and the farmstead-focused development at Badsell Manor, which in turn, as a result of sporadic 20th Century roadside development, lacks a strong sense of separation from Five Oak Green."

Badsell Manor <u>IS</u> part of Five Oak Green and one of Capel's most important heritage assets, set in a cluster of important heritage assets. If the strategic site at East Capel were to be taken forward, Badsell Manor would lack a strong sense of separation from Paddock Wood and its rightful place in Capel's Long history.

There has been a concerted effort to obscure the make up of Capel Parish and the fact that land in East Capel IS in Capel not Paddock Wood. The affected residents in East Capel have addresses that are Five Oak Green but will become residents of Paddock Wood. Previous tables from 2018 & 2019 stakeholder consultations include Five Oak

Green as the main settlement but don't mention Capel Parish (all the other parishes are mentioned). They DO NOT mention that Tudeley is in Capel Parish, therefore trying to negate the impact these proposals will have on one parish in the borough. CPC have insisted at every opportunity that the expansion of Paddock Wood be named East Capel.

Page 172 IDP 2021. (Stakeholder letter June 2019 refers to an attached IDP but not in the IDP and formal contact made with stakeholders in May and the autumn of 2019 but these letters are also not in the IDP)

# \*\*\* 1st March 2019 Stakeholder Consultation

(A) Settlement / Location	(B) Number of Existing Dwellings by Settlement 16/11/2017-Council Tax	(C) Total proposed - including sites in the Site Allocations Local Plan which have not come forward or have planning permission but not yet started and are to be re- allocated)	(D)Potential Total Number of Dwellings (existing plus proposed)
Benenden	320	157	477
Bidborough	340	9	349
Brenchley	159	12	171
Cranbrook	1,979	746	2725
Five Oak Green	572	9	581
Frittenden	160	53	213
Goudhurst	553	49	602
Hawkhurst	1,743	730	2473
Horsmonden	599	339	938
Lamberhurst	437	62	499
Langton Green	1,164	7	1171
Main Urban Area	27,904	3051	30955
Matfield	232	145	377
Paddock Wood	3,469	5050	8519
Pembury	2,390	345	2735
Rusthall	2,278	5	2283
Sandhurst	405	29	434
Sissinghurst	353	177	530
Speldhurst	404	24	428
Tudeley Garden Settlement	-	1650	1650
Totals	45,461	12649	58,110

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(A) Parish	(B) Dwelling Stock (as at 05 August 2020)	(C) Upper Allocation Capacity (excluding sites with planning permission in Column D)	figure may include allocated	Development as a Share of Local	(F) Total Dwellings Expected within Plan Period 2020- 2037 (Columns C+D+E)
Benenden*	885	95	51	28	174
Bidborough	424	0	10	16	26
Brenchley and Matfield**	1207	87	63	56	206
Capel***	951	2000	27	24	2051
Cranbrook and Sissinghurst****	2903	307	306	103	716
Frittenden	372	30	18	10	58
Goudhurst	1286	0	39	35	74
Hawkhurst	2276	489	146	106	741
Horsmonden	986	205	31	50	286
Lamberhurst	692	30	5	27	62
Paddock Wood*****	3473	3763	990	72	4825
Pembury	2487	245	119	27	391
Royal Tunbridge Wells	22642	1186	1342	750	3278
Rusthall	2205	15	20	44	79
Sandhurst	613	30	20	15	65
Southborough	5121	26	153	155	334
Speldhurst	1976	12	22	50	84
T otal	50499	8520	3362	1568	13450

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Capel includes only the allocation for the new garden settlement of Tudeley Garden Village. It should be noted that the total capacity of Tudeley is approximately 2,500-2,800 dwellings, with only 2,000 dwellings expected within the Plan period

(2020-2037). The capacity at the urban extension of Paddock Wood, which includes land in East Capel, is counted under Paddock Wood (see below). There are no allocations for Five Oak Green or the existing settlement of Capel.

The existing settlement of Capel is a <u>tiny historic hamlet</u> within the main Parish. Capel Parish consists of many hamlets such Crockhurst St, Capel, Tudeley, Tudeley Hale, Whetsted and one main settlement at Five Oak Green.

The Masterplanners, DLA, had they consulted with Capel Parish Council would not have made the major mistake of showing a map regarding the main road through Five Oak

Green as being Alders Road, the "main road" through the hamlet of Capel (a designated lane). The accompanying text states the road is the B2160, which is in fact the main road through Paddock Wood. It is the B2017 that runs though Five Oak Green. (Page 120 DLA Strategic Masterplan).

33. 6.33 Five Oak Green is constrained in the centre of the village for traffic flows and the growth at Tudeley Village (and to a more limited extent that at Paddock Wood and east Capel) would increase traffic along the B2160 through the village.

The conclusion has to be drawn that the evidence base is so littered with errors, together with a serious lack of understanding of the strategic sites in the PSLP, that it has not been positively prepared by either DLA nor TWBC and is therefore unsound.

The exact number of dwellings allocated to Capel has changed throughout and between both the consultation periods. Despite the unprecedented response at Regulation 18 Capel has now been allocated another 500 dwellings in East Capel. The community has not been listened to.

### 3 March 2018

440 houses in Five Oak Green and an expansion of Paddock Wood in E. Capel approx 1,500 houses

### 1 March 2019

9 in Five Oak Green, 1,650 in Tudeley (Capel) and expansion of Paddock Wood (5,050) with approx 1,500 in E.Capel

#### October 2000

0 in Five Oak Green, 2051 in Tudeley (Capel) and expansion of Paddock Wood (4,825) with approx. 1500 in E.Capel

### **PSLP 2021**

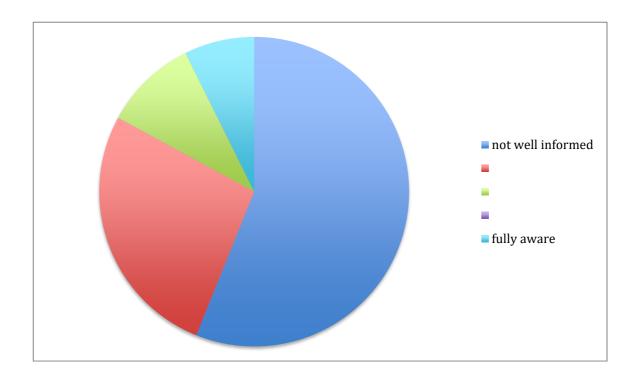
0 in Five Oak Green, 2100 in Tudeley (Capel) and expansion of Paddock Wood (4,160) with 2060 in E. Capel.

# <u>CPC FACE BOOK STRAW POLL ON THE LOCAL PLAN</u> - May 2021 (Limited to 40 responses via free survey monkey)

DO YOU FEEL WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS FOR OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY THE CHANGES SINCE THE LAST CONSULTATION?

Answer choices:

- 1. 57% not well informed
- 2. 27.5%
- 3. 7.5%
- 4. 0.0%
- 5. 7.5% fully aware

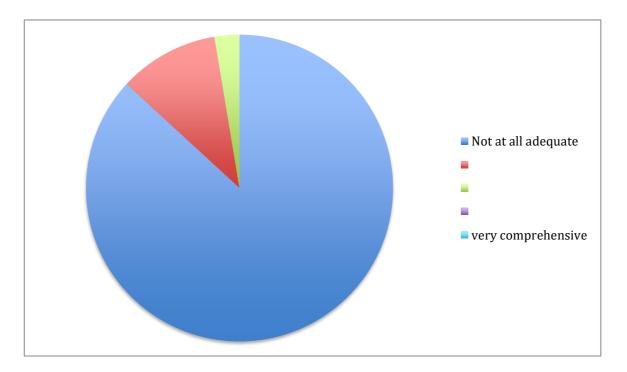


- Too many vital documents were not published until days before Reg 19 started.
- The plans are vague with the promise of "suitable infrastructure" but there still seems to be very little substance where precisely will the roads go? How will the B2017 be adapted to handle so much extra traffic (one set of plans even gets the road number wrong!)
- There seems to be no definite answers just graphs and charts and ifs and buts.
- Lack of transparency, hidden documents. Woeful
- Late publication of documents is unforgivable.
- I do not recall receiving any information about changes
- Its all smoke and mirrors and deliberately vague. Where are the details re infrastructure, roads etc and who will pay for it all and when. The Planners hand
- waving dismissal of "we'll deal with it later" is an insult to residents, and
- pusillanimous supine councillors are unquestioning, especially our own BC Cllr
- Only informed by Save Capel

# DO YOU THINK THE CONSULTATION BY TWBC AT THIS STAGE (REG 19) HAS BEEN ADEQUATE?

#### **Answer Choices:**

- 1. 82.5% -Not a all adequate
- 2. 10%
- 3. 2.5%
- 4. 0%
- 5. 5% Very comprehensive



- I feel they are conducting a tick box exercise so they can say they consulted. The problem is they ignore what locals are saying. At Reg 18 there was a hugely negative reaction to the plans ... the result was they added 100s more houses to
- the plans for Capel.
- As above, appears designed to hide and confuse. Appalling
- The local plan will affect Capel Parish so considerably and disproportionately compared to the rest of the Borough the TWBC should have gone out of their way to engage with Capel Parishioners. If this has not been possible because of Covid restrictions then the reg, 19 should have been delayed
- Far too long
- These TWBC consultations are a Potemkin village sham, and always ignored, as
  we have seen in Paddock Wood. No account has been taken of the hundreds of
  objections to Tudeley New Town and East Capel- on -the- Water. A pointless and
  expensive exercise.
- I have not heard anything from TWBC AT ALL

# HOW HAVE THE PROPOSALS FOR CAPEL IN THE LOCAL PLAN AFFECTED YOUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING?

## Answer Choices:

- 1. 12.5% not at all
- 2. 12.5%
- 3. 22.5%
- 4. 20%
- 5. 32.5% very much



- We live in the middle of Tudeley for the perfect scenery and better quality of air for our children, so if this monster build would be to go ahead we would have to move again.
- I worry that my house will be devalued as I back onto what will be Tudeley Village, on the B2017 which will become so much busier if many 100's of houses are built in Capel.
- I chose to live in a semi-rural area because I am happiest in the countryside –I am now being forced by TWBC to live on a building site in suburbia- it makes me very angry and sad.
- Appalling forcing of ill thought through plans designed to cause maximum damage. I am mightily concerned for the near and long term future for the next generation. For me to consider leaving the area is very stressful.
- I feel very anxious about the planned developments and not knowing much about the state of things and what will be approved. It puts me off buying anywhere.
- It feels like living in limbo, not knowing whether we will end up living in a building site for years and ruining the beautiful countryside we are all so passionate about.

- Frankly it is going to destroy hundreds of acres of green belt that I've spent a decade walking my dogs in. It is so peaceful and will be ruined.
- Worrying about the noise, the road almost in my back garden. Trying to get out of the village at peak times. Losing my lovely village. Too much just too much!
- The plan not only destroys my community but its killing me
- Mainly in regards to my children, I moved to Five Oak Green to give them a quiet, safe and clean village to live in and school in. If the proposal goes ahead this will not be the environment I wished for my family to be raised in.
- Anyone who has lived in this beautiful parish would be seriously upset by the prospect of its destruction
- Stressed about it

**ENDS**