



## Response to Ashford Borough Council Local Plan 2030 'Main Changes' public consultation

### MC85: Policy SP7 - Separation of Settlements

Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association (SLRA) has been active for over thirty years representing the collective interests of the residents of Sandyhurst Lane and all adjacent roads which constitute its neighbourhood of 340 dwellings. The mission statement of the Association is ***“Protecting the rural character of Sandyhurst Lane and the adjoining area”***.

The SLRA is fully supportive of the new Policy SP7.

We believe its intention fully reflects the above mission statement of our Association, which we pursue by seeking not only to protect our existing community and its character but also to protect it from creeping urbanisation, to maintain the integrity of its boundaries and resist infill developments that will blur the boundaries and identity of our community.

This we do by requiring appropriate green buffer zones from neighbouring developments.

This is an approach for which we successfully lobbied on Site S20 – Eureka Park in the first Local Plan Consultation and in the re-alignment of Parish, Ward and Divisional boundaries in the recent Community Governance and LGBCE reviews.

When adopted, we believe Policy SP7 will make unsound the current “A20 corridor” proposals, including S47 – Land East of Hothfield Mill.