ADDENDUM TO CONSULTATION STATEMENT – JULY 2019

Proposed Local Green Spaces

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan, at Policy CCW18, proposes to designate 32 Local Green Spaces within the Plan area.

These proposed Local Green Spaces are listed in para 8.17 and mapped in Figures 8.7 to 8.10 in the Plan and are defined on the accompanying Policies Map.

As noted in the Consultation Statement, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was published for two separate Regulation 14 consultations in April-June 2016 and in April-July 2017.

Initially, a total of 99 potential Local Green Spaces were identified in the Draft Plan at the first Regulation 14 consultation. Following that consultation, and again following the second Regulation 14 consultation, the number of proposed Local Green Spaces was reduced, following consultation feedback and more detailed assessment of each site. Subsequently, between the Regulation 14 stages and the Submission of the Draft Plan, one additional site has been proposed for designation as a Local Green Space.

A full Schedule of the proposed Local Green Spaces is provided at Annex I which contains details of each site, the relevant ownerships, the consultation undertaken at the Regulation 14 stages and any subsequent amendments to the proposals following consultation feedback and the formal notifications undertaken to advise landowners of the intention to identify land as proposed Local Green Spaces.

This process has been as comprehensive as possible, but in a number of cases the ownership of sites has changed between the Regulation 14 stages and the present time. Every effort has been made to identify where such changes of ownership have occurred, with new owners duly notified. The Schedule at Annex I records all such details, as far as is known, and is the definitive statement on the formal consultation and notification of the proposed Local Green Spaces.
Full public consultation was undertaken on the Draft Plan at both Regulation 14 stages, as recorded in the Consultation Statement. Formal notification of the intention to identify land as a proposed Local Green Space has been undertaken in June 2019 by a letter sent to each landowner, with an invitation to respond to the Steering Group by June 30th, 2019. Again, as far as possible, this process has been comprehensively undertaken on the basis of the available information. Those contacted will be notified formally through the Regulation 16 process. Comments received as a result of this notification have been passed to Tandridge District Council for onward transmission to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner.

The Steering Group considers that it has undertaken, as far as is practicably possible, extensive public consultation on the proposed Local Green Spaces within the communities of Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe followed during 2019 by formal notification to landowners of the intention to include 32 sites within the Plan as proposed Local Green Spaces. It is considered that all parties with an interest in the proposed Local Green Spaces have had the opportunity to respond to the Draft Plan during this process. Furthermore, all such parties will again have the opportunity to make formal representations at the forthcoming statutory Regulation 16 consultation.