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The Provision of Affordable Rural Housing in Waltham Parish

Working Group Outline Terms of Reference

Project Brief:

- : Research how other local authorities have successfully increased the delivery of affordable housing (directly and indirectly) within their boundaries and identify best practice.
- : Look at the successful establishment of community land trusts in rural areas and how these have been achieved.
- : Establish an assessment of the need for affordable housing in Waltham Parish with reference to similar areas and in consultation with parishioners and other interested parties.

This project should stay focused on identifying practical and implementable solutions for Waltham, working within the framework of the Canterbury and District Local Plan and wider housing strategy.

Timescales:

Timescales for reporting back to Waltham Parish Council (WPC) should reflect the need to influence the Local Plan, with consultation ending on 3rd of June. A more detailed report should be presented to the Parish Council by the 31st of October 2024.

Working Group Membership:

Membership should be open to any members of the Council, but especially those with a particular interest and expertise in planning and housing matters. In depth member research of this kind is expected to be time-consuming and members may want to consider their availability on that basis.

It is considered essential to invite parishioner representation to gain the widest view possible. Participation of Canterbury City Council Members and Officers should be encouraged both as a source of expertise and to establish links to developments in the Local Plan

Resourcing:

It is recognized that administrative support will be needed to facilitate virtual meetings between participants, and this will be provided, funded from WPC's Contingency Reserves. It will be for the working group to undertake the research, compile recommendations and report back to WPC.