

To: The Clerk, Great Massingham Parish Council

22 February 2021

Dear Miss Harvey,

**Re: Prospective 'Neighbourhood Development Plan' for Great Massingham**

*I would be grateful if you will kindly pass this letter to the Great Massingham Parish Council. It requests that the Councillors resolve formally to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan as soon as possible.*

*Background.* About three weeks ago I participated in a public inquiry into a controversial planning application for a major development in the rural village of Wye in Kent. My concern related to the land and old college buildings in Wye where I was an undergraduate student. During these proceedings, I came to see the importance of Wye's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in helping to oppose unwelcome expansion and change of use. This has helped me appreciate how vulnerable Great Massingham is to change imposed from the outside since, as yet, we have no NDP of our own.

*Straw-poll.* I recall the Council's announcements in *The Mallard* about a year ago asking residents to comment on our having an NDP. But, since then, COVID-19 has intervened and I thought it would be informative to conduct a straw-poll by 'phone to test the level of support for an NDP in the village. After making sure everyone understood something of the aims of NDPs and the procedures involved I asked each person whether or not they wanted the Council to go ahead with an NDP in the near future. Of the 58 people contacted between 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, 54 were in support, 2 were against and 2 were not sure. Those in favour of an NDP agreed to have their names and telephone numbers added to this letter.

*Request.* This overwhelmingly positive response has encouraged me to write and request that the Parish Council takes the steps necessary to commence with an NDP as soon as practicable. I realise NDPs are major undertakings. If the Council thinks this would be helpful I am happy to offer some assistance. I am sure one or two of those listed below would also wish to be involved. Thank you for considering this request and please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Jackson', with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

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PS I understand that an on-line meeting with officers of the Borough Council is planned in the near future to discuss NDPs. Would it be possible for me to join this?

MJ

The following individuals have indicated on the telephone they would wish the Parish Council to resolve to proceed with an NDP as soon as possible.

Arthur and Irene Allen (01485 520 628)  
Robin and Vivienne Arbenz (01485 521 820)  
Dominic and Suzanne Allen (01485 520 753)  
Gary and Helen Alexander (520 890)  
Rod and Tina Andrew (01485 520 034)  
Mark Bailey (01485 520 110)  
Tim Baldwin Chairman of the Great Massingham Biodiversity Project (01485 520 813)  
Andrew and Rosemary Bickerton (01485 520 307)  
Jenny Borley (01485 520 542)  
Barry and Ann Bowen (01485 520 714)  
Margaret Bowes (01485 520 135)  
Anna Burpitt (01485 520 196)  
David Butterworth (Chairman, Community Car Scheme) (01485 520 111)  
Clive Casburn (01485 520 569)  
Ken Clarke (01485 520 182)  
Dave and Gill Davies (01485 521 182)  
Gill Gould (0750 824 2223)  
Andre Wilding (01485 520 053)  
Tony Lodge (01485 520 910)  
Andy Lovell (01485 520 919)  
David and Su'en Miller (01485 520 988)  
Barbara Nabel (01485 520 149)  
Barry and Maxine Pratt (01485 520 127)  
Darcey and Emma Pearson (077 896 406 81)  
Geoff Randall (01485 520 899) and Bev Randall (Chair, School Governors) (01485 520 899)  
Anthony and Jean Robinson (01485 520 455)  
Keith and Pat Sillis (01485 520 158)  
Hugh and Jackie Strafford (07990954823)  
Graham and Linda Swallow (01485 520132)  
Malcolm Tibble (01485 520 502)  
Peter and Karen Wadham (01485 520 796)  
Phil Ward (Chairman, Village Hall Trustees) and Ali Ward (01485 520 700)  
John and Helena Walsh (01485 520 082)  
Mick and Elaine Wingell (01485 520 369)