

## Appendix 3

### Summary of Lympne Stakeholder Consultation

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1. **Please list any special qualities, distinctive features or areas, which you consider make a positive contribution to the Conservation Area.**
  - *Historic buildings and modern houses in character and good designs.*
  - *Our conservation area is at the heart of Lympne village. Whilst development has taken place in the village over the years to include new build estates, the CA consists of a small number of properties ranging from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, which includes a castle, a church, domestic buildings, stables and woods. Recent planning application from houses within this area have been aware of and benefited from the additional safeguards for the planning regulations of conservation areas and the end result has been beneficial to all concerned.*
2. **Can you identify any key features that you feel have been eroded over time?**
  - *Tranquillity*
  - *There are no key features that have been eroded over time.*
3. **Can you identify any development that has taken place since designation, which you feel has had a negative effect on the Conservation Area?**
  - *No.*
  - *Due to the CA regulations and the positive stance taken by the Parish Council, there have been no negative aspects of the designated CA.*
4. **Can you identify any areas on the attached map that you consider should be included or excluded from the Conservation Area? Please give your reasons.**
  - *Include French House, Port Lympne and Coombe Farm on Escarpment. School House and Old School House (now housing only). It is part of original old village whose identity should not be lost.*
  - *Amendments highlight the inclusion of Lympne Villa, The Old School, School House and part of the recreation ground.*
5. **In your opinion, how effective do you consider the present controls over development to be? Please explain.**
  - *It all depends on opinion of junior Planning Officer as it is too vague and not too specific.*
  - *The Parish Council believe that the current regulations, particularly those relating to the choice of building materials, are sufficient to control planning applications within the conservation area.*
6. **Are there any buildings or structures that you consider are of note for their architectural or historical importance? Please list.**
  - *Church Castle, Stables, Castle Cottages*
  - *Lympne is privileged to contain several historic buildings; amongst them are Lympne Castle and St Stephen's Church (dating from at least the 12<sup>th</sup> century) together with several domestic buildings dating from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

7. **Can you identify any open spaces, significant trees or hedges that you feel make a contribution to the special character of the Conservation Area? Please list.**
- *Escarpment is AONB & SSSI. TPO's are on trees.*
  - *From the junction of 'Aldington Road' and 'The Street' at the North end of the CA, the tree lined road to the Castle is of particular beauty. The boundary of the CA at the south end displays exceptionally good views across Romney Marsh and Dungeness.*
8. **What would you say were the most significant views, vistas or panoramas, either within, into or from the Conservation Area? Please specify.**
- *From graveyard, the view of Romney Marsh and Anglo Saxon shoreline*
  - *The most spectacular views are from the south end of the CA where, from the escarpment, views over the Romney Marsh towards Dungeness are of particular noteworthiness. Additionally, the approach to the Castle from 'The Street' presents a row of old stone built cottages that lead you to the war memorial and the lych gate to the church. It is considered that this view typifies the flavour of the old village as it used to be 200 years ago.*
9. **In your opinion, what impact does road traffic have upon the Conservation Area?**
- *Enclosed space thus traffic causes excessive noise.*
  - *Road traffic is not a major problem in our CA. The road from the north is a 'no through' road and therefore through traffic is not an issue.*
10. **Do you think that there are any areas that would benefit from being 'car-free'? If so, please describe.**
- *Not enough and under private ownership of Castle.*
  - *Car parking is not an issue in our CA.*
11. **Do you feel that sufficient Conservation Area guidance exists to guide development proposals (however small or large)? If not, what would you like to see?**
- *Not sufficient.*
  - *Our District Council is aware and proactive on the issue of planning applications within our CA. Individuals are mainly aware that there are special requirements within this area and understand the reasons for them. It is not considered that additional guidance is required.*

#### **OTHER COMMENTS**

- *Lympne Parish Council is broadly content with the current regulations concerning their CA. It is strongly advised that if any amendment to either the map or the regulations is proposed that a visit to the area is made to assess the impact on this ancient and historic area.*