



## Report ABPC/18/14

**To: Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council.**

**Date: 14th January 2019**

**Status: Public Report**

**Subject: Defining Village Confines**

1. **SUMMARY:**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 the Parish Council were advised by the Borough Council that it would shortly be commencing an exercise to identify the 'village confines' across the Borough. As a result of this and to allow the residents of Aldington to express their thoughts an evening public consultation was staged in the Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

2. **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION.**

The Parish Council is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because the Borough Council have requested the views of the Parish Council and any local consultation by 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **To receive and note Report ABPC/18/14.**
2. **To receive and note the Parishioner's comments.**
3. **To determine if the boundary is in the correct position and/or any amendments that the Parish Council wish to submit to the Borough Council together with the residents comments.**

4. **INTRODUCTION:**

This Report brings together the information provided by the Borough Council together with the responses that the Parish Council received from consulting with the residents of Aldington.

The Borough Council in determining where they were drawing the boundary used the following definition which they have used in successive local plans: "*the limits of continuous and contiguous development forming the existing built-up area of the settlement, excluding any curtilage beyond the built footprint of the buildings on the site (e.g. garden areas)*".

Attached is the plan supplied by the Borough Council showing where the Planning Officers believe the confine boundary should be. The Borough Council point out that this exercise is only concerned with clarifying where the existing village confines extend to and any map based definition will need to generally accord with the written definition provided. Should the Parish Council decide that it wishes to take an alternative approach to defining the

village confine then this needs to be undertaken through a Neighbourhood Plan, which cannot be undertaken within this timescale.

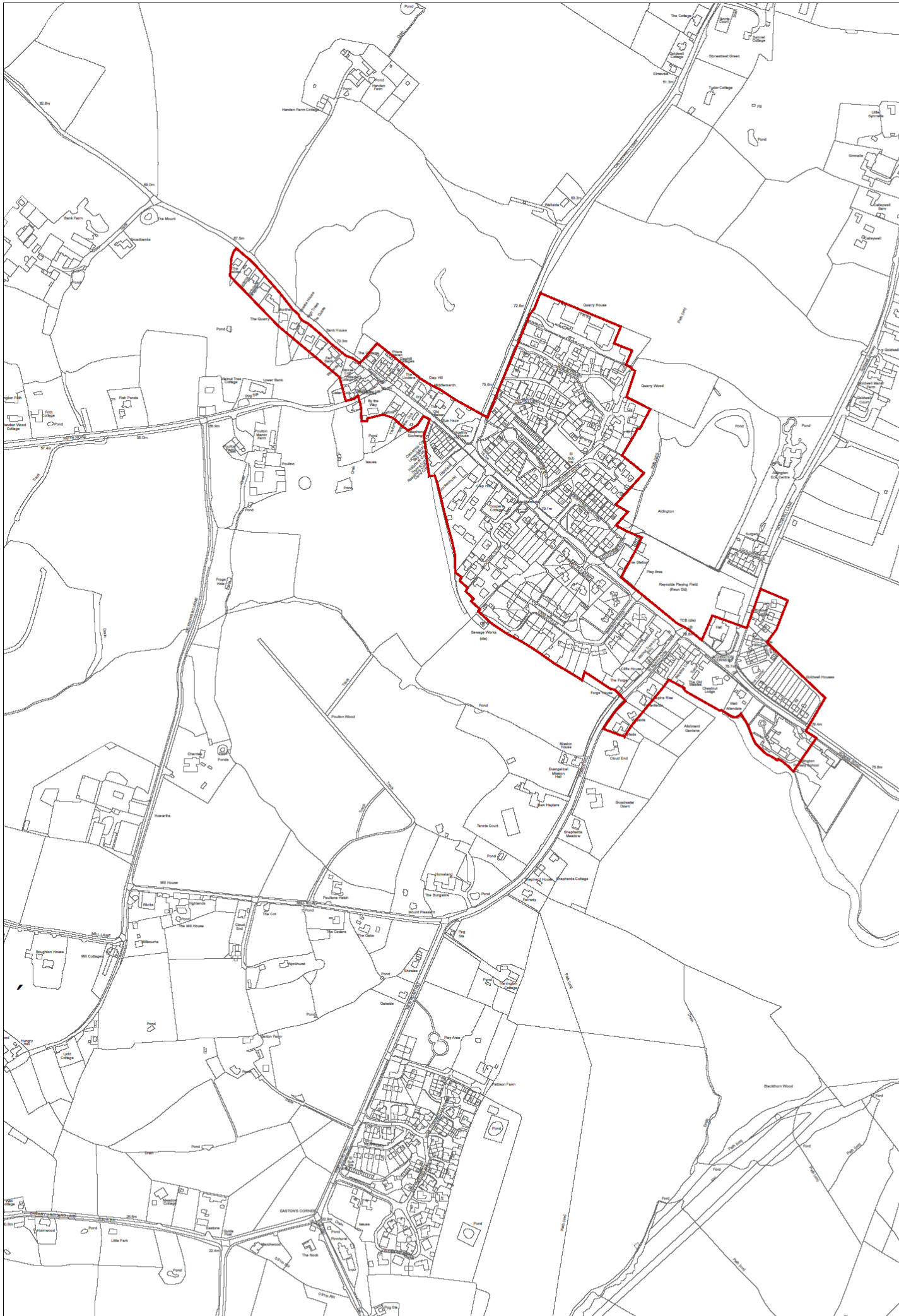
The responses from residents are attached to this Report for the benefit of members, it should be noted that although the consultation was posted on the Council's Noticeboards and Website the only responses came from those attending the Village Hall display.

5. **CONCLUSION**

The Parish Council needs to determine its response to the consultation and any amendments that are required to make the confine more acceptable.

6. **CONTACT OFFICER AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS.**

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Parishioner's comments:

- Not in agreement with the confine – In some places it seems arbitrary. Also drawing the line in whatever position becomes somewhat academic if development is to be permitted outside the line.
- Not in agreement with the confine – I do not consider that HOU5 can be considered windfall. Frith Road/Clap Hill is the natural boundary West of the village to the West Goldwell Lane and Forge Hill are the natural boundary.
- Not particularly – it would seem that the red line denotes an area in which present development and any future development are/is open to interpretation and depending on who you are and what you own will be treated in a conflicting way. i.e. ABC/KCC land has been developed far beyond what is acceptable in size. i.e. impact on infrastructure/roads/light pollution. Surely the red line should now only permit rebuilds/extensions, not another 30+ houses.
- Not in agreement with the confine – Bank Road should be excluded. Forge Hill below the allotment access should be excluded.
- Not in agreement with the confine – As Quarry House was an exception I think it should be excluded.
- Not in agreement with the confine – the confines should not include Bank Road. Regarding Forge Hill the confines should end at the entrance to the allotments.
- Not in agreement with the confine – no comment
- Not in agreement with the confine – it may allow them to build up to people's gardens. There should be no more development in Aldington.
- Not in agreement with the confine – the infrastructure in and around Aldington cannot withstand and more development inside or outside of the proposed area.
- Not in agreement with the confine – I am totally against and more development in Aldington, when is the planning department members of ABC going to listen to the local residents who have first hand experience of infrastructure problems, the confine lines drawn by a representative of ABC are just that LINES.

