



## **AYLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Press Release

### **Draft Dover District Local Plan**

Whilst Aylesham Parish Council agrees there is a need to build homes both nationally and within the Dover District, Aylesham has certainly seen its fair share of development recently.

New houses, without adequate local infrastructure, put significant strain on local amenities like medical services, shops, nursery places, as well increasing traffic on our roads.

We welcome the fact that 500 homes in 'North Aylesham' have been removed from the Draft Dover District Local Plan, but this still leaves a huge development of 640 houses linking Aylesham and Snowdown into one large settlement. When it is finished, the current development will contain over 1,200 houses and so an additional 640, in what is considered a rural setting, seems rather excessive.

It is also welcomed to see the former Snowdown Colliery site featuring in the Draft Dover District Local Plan for mixed use development: this will allow future generations to appreciate the local heritage whilst creating jobs for local people.

All of this must not come at a cost to locals: any development must improve Aylesham, and not let it get left behind.

Aylesham Parish Council urges all residents to use this opportunity to help shape the village over the next two decades and share your views with Dover District Council.

Dover District Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 seven-week Consultation begins Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October 2022

13<sup>th</sup> October 2022