

## **Item 7.4 Hawkhurst Parish Council – Community Right to Bid**

### **Introduction**

Under the Localism Act 2011. Parish Council can submit a Community Bid on a parcel of land / asset within the Parish to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. TWBC assess the community bids against national criteria. If successful, the parcel of land / asset is listed on the register of community assets.

If the land owner decides to sell, the Council must be notified and has the right to submit a bid within six months.

The Community Right to Bid guidance notes are attached in **Appendix A** of this report.

### **Hawkhurst Parish Council community bids.**

The review of potential community assets in Hawkhurst has highlighted several opportunities. The key issue is “community value”, which is defined as:

- The principle use of the asset currently, or in the recent past, has furthered the social well-being or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community, and;
- This will continue to further the social wellbeing or interest of the local community.

### **Fowlers Car Park and Northgrove Car Park – see Appendices B and C for details.**

The car parking in Hawkhurst is vital to the sustainability of retail, business and leisure in Hawkhurst. The Parish Council put forward the view that both car parks are of community value with significant social well-being to the local community.

### **The Oak and Ivy Inn – see Appendix D for detail**

The Oak and Ivy Inn is the historical home of the Hawkhurst Gang and is an iconic cultural asset to the community.

Note for each bid submitted there is a small fee to be paid to Land Registry for title documents, currently £11 per bid.

## **Proposal**

To submit the following community bids

- Fowlers Car Park – Appendix B
- Northgrove Car park – Appendix C
- Oak and Ivy Inn – Appendix D