# PLUCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL RE ABC'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND THE ADDENDUM TO THE PC'S WISH LIST OF AUGUST 2004.

**By: Ann Murray** **Date: Tuesday, 02 August 2005**

ABC needs to have comments about the LDF before 26 August. Then they may modify it and eventually it goes to a Public Enquiry, which all the big wigs make their case to the Inspector. It is then too late to have any impact on the LDF.

Please refer to the LDF, pages 26, 27, 28, and 29 and our addendum to the Pluckley parish wish list, in particular about the facilities we need in the village.

Ashford has summarised our request on the addendum to the published village wish lists and added it the official summary for all the villages but left out the key part about the facilities we require in the village. A planner has evidently visited Pluckley and did not add P. to list of villages worthy of some small expansion of houses. When I asked about Aldington, he said that they had put some houses on their wish list. (Note their reason on the 5th paragraph on page 28)

Part of the LDF's policy 'It should be recognised that some limited housing development in these areas can help to maintain local jobs and **services** and reduce social exclusion that can be a feature of more remote communities'. (My underlining)

I would like to understand how to obtain more land for extension of the recreation ground to give a football field, car parking for the rec and the village, and land for a new village hall and one day, a bigger school.

The development of the Brickworks site as a noisy 'traffic requiring' B2 site is not wanted by the village. Would houses benefit the village if we had facilities for walking and fishing, (as used at present) a car park for the station and a footway to the village? At present these facilities could be traded against houses!

Thus planning needs to start before 2011 and it would be unlikely for any building or facilities to be available until the second phase of 2011 to 2021.

I would like to propose that we ask Richard Alderton of the strategic planning department in ABC if he could spare the time to talk this over or if someone in charge of the policy on 'Tenterden, the villages and rural areas' would be able to talk to us. He could come to Pluckley and see the village.

Background. Compare the recreational space available in Egerton (ideal), Smarden, Charing (although slightly outside the main part) and Bethersden.

Only Charing Heath has had a bother with a B2 site of sand extraction and it was, I think, refused. The others are free of busy industrial sites. We have an active clay pit, two ex active waste disposal sites, a C grade road designated as a lorry route from Charing to all parts south, Pivington Mill with a big storage depot, and a busy agricultural contractors site at the other end of the village. Hence we would like to find another use for the B2 brickworks.