

## BILSINGTON WISH LIST – NOVEMBER 2003

	BILSINGTON'S WISHES	WHY	WHERE	WHEN	HOW
1	Small housing development including affordable local needs housing.	To provide additional and more diverse types of housing to provide for the needs of our existing residents and their families and lead to a more sustainable population.	These need not be directly in Bilsington but in adjoining parishes which have a better infrastructure.	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	Landowners and Housing Associations to identify possible locations in discussion with ABC & local interest groups.
2	Improve local employment by encouraging small business enterprises, based upon rural activities and modern technology to establish themselves in the parish. This to be coupled with the provision of improved mobile telecommunications and a Broadband internet services.	To provide more local and diverse employment opportunities that reflects a changing world e.g. modern communications, homeworking, rural activities, tourism etc. to avoid becoming dormitory village. Telecommunications improvement required for the emergency services.	Existing properties and surplus agricultural facilities. Business parks not proposed	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	Ashford Business Development Group, local initiatives and LDF policies facilitating businesses.
3	Public transport to be improved to provide a more regular and integrated service between villages and with Ashford.	To provide an effective transport system for those who do not have the use of a car (e.g. teenagers and the elderly) to travel to essential facilities such as educational, employment, surgeries, recreational.	Throughout the parish and other rural parishes	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	In partnership with other parishes promoting the extension of public subsidised buses by KCC and supporting Community Bus initiatives.
4	Simple road junction improvements at the White Horse and Black Rabbit public houses to improve safety.	Safety and improvement to the environment	The Cross, Bilsington and the junction of Priory Road with Frith Road	Short Term - by 2005	Through Ashford Borough Council and KCC
5	Provision of a public car parking area at The Cross, Bilsington.	To provide better access to properties and provide off-road car parking in the interests of safety.	The Cross, Bilsington	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	Through Ashford Borough Council, KCC and the residents of Cosway Cottages
6	Installation of simple speed control facilities that do not result in 'urbanisation' coupled with enforcement on the B2067 through Bilsington Village and on the lanes within the parish.	Safety and a more pleasant environment	Throughout the parish	Short Term - by 2005	Through Ashford Borough Council and KCC
7	Strong greenbelt boundary to separate Bilsington from Ashford's development.	To preserve the rural aspects and identity of Bilsington	The northern boundary of Bilsington.	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	Through the Local Development Plan and Strategic Planning Group
8	The rural and scenic aspects of Bilsington to be protected and enhanced by encouraging residents and visitors to enjoy and respect our ancient woodlands, the Royal Military Canal and Romney Marsh. Trespassing on agricultural land e.g. hare coursing to be prevented.	To preserve the rural aspects of Bilsington and provide recreational and cultural access to the countryside taking into account that almost all of Bilsington is privately owned.	Throughout the parish	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	Strong planning controls via ABC. Local liaison with landowners to maintain public rights of way through their properties. CPRE and local amenity organisations to contribute.
9	Rubbish collection to include better provision for recycling. Fly-tipping to be discouraged by improving access to refuse disposal facilities in Ashford.	Effective rubbish collection and disposal is a prerequisite of an environmentally pleasant life style. Fly tipping is evidence that the public disposal facilities are inadequate for a growing town.	Throughout the parish	Medium Term - 2005 to 2016	Through Ashford Borough Council and KCC
10	Community facilities to be improved by renovation of the village hall.	To provide a comfortable central building which is adequate for community activities.	Bilsington Village Hall	As and when required to support the Village Hall Committee	Liaison with the Village Hall Committee to assist in the maintenance of the village hall.