

REPORT TO BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL 18th August 2025

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PANEL MEETING

1. The next Parish Partnership Panel meeting is on 28th August. There will be a briefing on devolution and updates on the Local Plan.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND AWARD SCHEME

2. The Community Development Grant Scheme is still open for applications. Full details including the application form and eligibility criteria are available on the council website: [Community development grant scheme – Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council](#). This scheme is for the voluntary/community/charity sector and will be open until **15 September 2025**, for grants of up to £2,500. Please pass on the link to local groups and contacts in your Parish.

3. TMBC have also launched the **Community Awards Scheme**. Again, please share the link <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/communityawards> with local groups/residents who may wish to nominate someone. It's completely free to enter and aims to celebrate outstanding contributions to community life, volunteering and local service. Further information, including eligibility criteria and the different award categories, are all on the TMBC website.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION AT PLANNING MEETINGS

4. There has been a change in the TMBC Constitution on representation by members of the public at planning committee meetings.

5. There have been no changes to Parish Council representation which remains at one speaker for 3 minutes.

6. There has been no change to the applicant's representation which remains at one speaker for 3 minutes.

7. The main change is for public speakers which was an unlimited number. This has now been reduced to 5 speakers. Each speaker can speak for 3 minutes.

LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE

8. There have been no further updates since our last report.

DEVOLUTION

9. There has been no further update on devolution since last time

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

10. There has been no change in any of the Enforcement action we have been reporting to you.