

Appendix 3

Statement setting out why Battle Town Council is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

3.1 Section 61G (2a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by The Localism Act 2011, defines a *'relevant body as a parish council'*.

3.2 Battle Town Council is a Quality Council, and accredited at Foundation Level of the new Local Council Award Scheme. It has 17 elected Members and a CiLCA qualified Clerk. It holds over 50 meetings of either Full Council or committees per annum, all of which are open to members of the public.

3.3 Battle Town Council has a Planning and Transport Committee with full delegated authority to deliver the Town Councils comments on planning applications presented to it by the Local Planning Authority. The committee meets fortnightly throughout the year, with all meetings open to members of the public.

3.4 Battle Town Council has worked closely with the District Council in the past during the various stages of the District's Local Plan and subsequently developed Core Strategy. It is intended that the experience and knowledge gained from this process will be drawn on during the development of a neighbourhood plan.

3.5 Battle Town Council maintains close links with key local stakeholders, and through the working group will invite and encourage participation from as many sources as possible in developing the neighbourhood plan.

3.6 Battle Town Council therefore believes it has the experience, knowledge, resources and commitment to be considered the relevant body for the development of a Battle Neighbourhood Plan for the purpose of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.