

OUR THREE AMBITIONS

PROTECT OUR COUNTRYSIDE

Safeguard our Green Belt, rural landscapes and the distinct character of our villages for future generations, for everyone to enjoy.

BUILD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Support thriving rural communities with the right homes, services and infrastructure - development that is genuinely sustainable and respects the character of rural England.

RESTORE LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Return decision-making to communities, with planning based on evidence, local participation and democratic accountability - not imposed targets and central control.

OUR FIVE DEMANDS

1 DEFEND ELECTED LOCAL PLANNING

Ensure evidence-based Local Plans, and the councils and communities that help shape them, remain at the heart of planning decisions.

2 MAKE RURAL PROOFING NON-NEGOTIABLE

Require planning policies affecting rural communities to be tested against local circumstances, infrastructure, environment and cumulative impact.

3 SUSPEND GREY BELT

Pause grey belt assessments affecting land around villages until their effects can be properly considered through an evidence-based Local Plan.

4 RESPECT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Uphold the democratic choices communities have already made through adopted Neighbourhood Plans.

5 BUILD THE RIGHT RURAL HOMES

Support housing that meets genuine local need, especially affordable homes in sustainable locations with the services and infrastructure to support them.