

Proposed “confines” for Charing – your views needed!

The Parish Council would like residents’ views on our proposal for Charing’s “confines”. In future (in Ashford borough) the so-called “confines” of a settlement will be important in determining whether planning applications (except for sites allocated in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan) will be allowed. Confines will be shown as an outline on a map. Charing, as a larger village is considered “suitable for infilling and edge of settlement growth which is of an appropriate scale in relationship to the settlement size and availability of services”.

Setting the confines is largely down to us (parish council and residents). They should ideally be drawn where the character changes so one has a sense of entering (or leaving) the village. They do not include back gardens of any size for houses on the edge of the confines.

The map below shows our proposal on which we would like residents’ views. Given the substantial amount of new housing development we are getting anyway through Ashford’s local plan we have been concerned to draw them as tightly as possible in order to reduce the chance of any other major development happening. Thus we have excluded Pluckley Road, setting the confines limit at the railway bridge, as that will help our argument should Gladman ever try to develop the Wheler South fields again.

Please could you via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Charingconfines> let us know whether you agree with the outline proposed below or whether you would suggest any changes by **February 7th**.

If anyone needs further information or is concerned that they may be directly affected by where the confines are drawn please contact jill@charingkent.org

Thank you.

