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## Foreword

Following on from the White Paper: "Our countryside: the future" in 2000, the then Countryside Agency encouraged local communities to take a part in shaping their own future by drawing up a Parish Plan.

In 2004 the Kelsall Parish Council decided to initiate a Parish Plan for two reasons:

There had been a significant change to the membership of the Parish Council, with the consequent need to consult the community for a mandate to implement change.

One of the outcomes of changes in regional government could have been an enhanced role and new powers for parish councils. The first step in defining what new role the Parish Council might seek was to assess the needs and aspirations of this community - the Parish Plan offered an ideal process for this.

At the same time, the Parish Council and many residents were concerned at the scale and character of residential development taking place in the village. A Village Design Statement seeks to ensure that the distinctive character of a rural community is maintained by providing design objectives for both residents and developers. It was therefore agreed that a Village Design programme would be taken forward parallel to and complementary with the Parish Plan.

It became clear in the early stages of this exercise that the Design Statement would be heavily dependent upon a careful analysis of the landscape of the parish. A Parish Landscape Character Assessment has therefore been prepared following national guidelines (see Appendix 3). The full detail of this statement is available and its significance is emphasised in the title of this document: **Kelsall Parish Landscape and Design Statement**

A grant from the Countryside Agency has supported the Parish Plan. The Village Design and Parish Landscape Statements have been supported by grants from Cheshire County Council. The Parish Plan has been supported by several Working Groups. A Village Design Steering Group has met regularly to develop this report together with the collation of the valuable supporting material which will be available on a CD. Cross-referencing with the Parish Plan is maintained through the Parish Plan Steering Group.

It is anticipated that the Kelsall Parish Landscape and Design Statement will be adopted by Chester City Council as a Supplementary Planning Document. In order to achieve this, the relevant statutory planning processes have been followed during the preparation of the document. The Kelsall Parish Landscape and Design Statement will then have additional status to guide new development in Kelsall Parish. It will be used by architects, planners, developers and residents dealing with planning applications.

The Kelsall Parish Landscape and Design Statement has had several successes to date. Further details are provided in Appendix 9.

The production of this document and the collation of supporting material has been a catalyst, helping to bring the community together; in sharing knowledge of the past, reviewing the present and looking to a positive future.