

**BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE – THE COMMUNITY  
RIGHT TO BID**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Section A: About your organisation**

**A1 Organisation's name and address**

Name of organisation Great Saling Parish Council

Herkstead Green Bungalow  
Cornish Hall End  
Braintree  
Essex  
CM7 4HH

*\*full name as written in your constitution or rules (if appropriate)*

**A2 Contact details**

Name Cathryn Carlisle

Position in organisation Clerk

Herkstead Green Bungalow  
Cornish Hall End  
Braintree  
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CM7 4HH

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How and when can we contact you?\* any time

*\*by email or phone, and days of the week and/or times of day you would prefer*

**A3 Type of organisation**

Description	Put a cross against all those that apply	Registration number of charity and/or company (if applicable)
Neighbourhood forum		
Parish Council	x	
Charity		
Community interest company		
Unincorporated body		
Company limited by guarantee		
Industrial and provident society		

**A4 Number of members registered to vote locally (unincorporated bodies only)**

In the case of an unincorporated body, at least 21 of its members must be registered to vote in the Braintree district. If relevant, please confirm the number of such members. If they are registered to vote in the area of a neighbouring local authority, rather than in Braintree, please confirm which area that is.

N/A

**A5 Local connection**

Your organisation must have a local connection, which means that its activities are wholly or partly concerned with the administrative area of Braintree District Council or a neighbouring local authority. In some cases this will be obvious, eg. a parish council in Braintree, or an organisation whose activities are confined to the district. If your connection may not be obvious to us please explain what your organisation's local connection is.

**A6 Distribution of surplus funds** (certain types of organisation only)

If your organisation is an unincorporated body, a company limited by guarantee, or an industrial and provident society, its rules must provide that surplus funds are not distributed to members, but are applied wholly or partly for the benefit of the local area (ie. within the administrative area of Braintree or a neighbouring local authority). If relevant, please confirm that this is the case, and specifically which area this applies to.

N/A

**A7 More about your organisation**

What are the main aims and activities of your organisation?

Parish Council is responsible for maintaining as many local facilities as possible for the benefit of the community

**A8 Your organisation's rules**

<b>Please send us a copy of the relevant type of document for your organisation, and put a cross in the next column to indicate which one this is</b>	<b>X</b>
Memorandum and Articles of Association (for a company)	
Trust Deed (for a trust)	
Constitution and/or rules (for other organisations)	Standing Orders

**Part B: About the land or building(s) you are nominating**

**B1 Description and address**

What it is Andrewsfield is a licenced UK Aerodrome/Flight Training/Focal Meeting Point/Café/Historical Airfield - Tourism

Name of premises Andrewsfield

Address including postcode Saling Airfield CM6 3TH

**B2 Sketch plan**

Please include (here or on a separate sheet) a sketch plan of the land. This should show:-

- The boundaries of the land that you are nominating
- The approximate size and position of any building(s) on the land.
- Any roads bordering the site.

Map Attached

**B3 Owners and others with an interest in the building or land**

You should supply the following information, if possible. If any information is not known to you, please say so.

	Name(s)	Address(es)
Names of all current occupants of the land	Sharon Harvey  Robert Bucknell	<i>Blake House Blake End Great Saling CM77 6RA</i>  <i>Onchors Farm Blake End Road Great Saling CM7 5DS</i>
Names and current or last known addresses of all those owning the freehold of the land (ie. owner, head landlord, head lessor)	As Above	
Names and current or last known addresses of all those having a leasehold interest in the land (ie. tenant, intermediate landlord, intermediate lessor)	N/A	

#### **B4 Why you think the building or land is of community value**

Note that the following are not able to be assets of community value:-

- A building wholly used as a residence, together with land "connected with" that residence. This means adjoining land in the same ownership. Land is treated as adjoining if it is separated only by a road, railway, river or canal.
- A caravan site.
- Operational land. This is generally land belonging to the former utilities and other statutory operators.

Does it currently further the social wellbeing or social interests\* of the local community, or has it done so in the recent past? If so, how?

Resident of Great Saling use the facilities at the airfield ie the pub and the café as a social place to meet as Great Saling doesn't have a public house anymore. The Salings and surrounding area sees a lot of cycling and bike tours and the airfield is often a welcome stop off point for these visitors.

Andrewsfield is a very popular and valuable local community amenity and Open space. It is very well used by the local residents, as well as attracting visitors from far and wide. It is used by walkers and cyclists, as well as by pilots who come from all around the country to fly over our attractive North Essex countryside. The bar at Andrewsfield is not only a popular local meeting place, esp for residents of Great Saling and Bardfield Saling who have no pub or bar in their villages, but also a meeting place for rambling and cycling groups. The airfield itself is well used by pilots from local towns and villages and is CAA Licensed for both Private and Commercial pilot training. It is in a category of airfield which accounts for ONLY 10% of all active airports in the UK. Andrewsfield is not only a leisure airport but plays a vital role in commercial pilot training, revalidation/licence renewal and forms a vital link in the network of small training fields in the UK. There is already a shortage of pilots in what is a rapidly expanding industry. It cannot make any sense to close down an important pilot training centre which is a source of local employment and is additive to the overall UK economy.

Andrewsfield has a major place in WWII aviation history, being the first "Type A" USAF airbase built during WWII. When the USAF vacated the base, the RAF took it back and it remained an active airforce base until the end of WWII. Andrewsfield is an unscheduled monument to WWII, with people still making the pilgrimage to visit it, even from the US. Andrewsfield was named in honour of US Lt. Gen. Frank Andrews who was killed in action in 1943 – he was due to succeed Gen Eisenhower but was killed before that could happen. After the closure of Andrewsfield in Essex at the end of WWII, an Air Force base named Pyles Field at Camp Springs, Maryland,

near Washington, DC was renamed in honour of Lt Gen Andrews. This is the airfield where Airforce One, the US President's plane, is stationed.

Andrewsfield is also part of the UK Met Office weather station network.

We feel that Andrewsfield has a very high value to the community since it is a very special and important place – both for the local community and for the families of those who fought in WWII.

*\*These could be cultural, recreational and/or sporting interests, so please say which one(s) apply.*

**B5 How could the building or land be acquired and used in future?**

*If it is listed as an asset of community value, community interest groups (not just limited to your organisation) will get the opportunity to bid for it if it comes up for sale. Please set out how you think such a group could fund the purchase of the building or land, and how they could run it for the benefit of the community.*

The residents of the village would look into purchasing the land and buildings etc

And carry on using the airfield as it is

## **Section C: Submitting this nomination**

### **C1 What to include**

- The rules of your organisation (question A8).
- Your sketch plan (question B2).

### **C2 Signature**

*By signing your name here (if submitting by post) or typing it (if submitting by email) you are confirming that the contents of this form are correct, to the best of your knowledge.*

Signature  
CLCarlisle

### **C3 Where to send this form**

You can submit this nomination:-

- **By post to:** Head of Governance, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9HB or
- **By email to:** [legal.services@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:legal.services@braintree.gov.uk)



