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Dear Sir

Maidstone Borough Council Examination in Public: Air Quality

I read with interest the oral submission by Helen Grant MP to the Transport Session last Thursday on air quality and the letter from DEFRA Minister Therese Coffey MP.

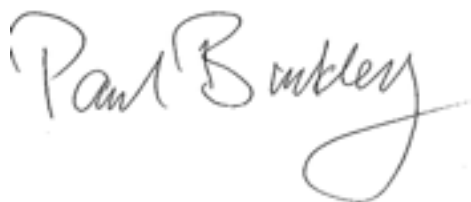
You will be aware that I have raised the issue of air quality at the Examination, and that this is an issue that the plan needs to address, especially in the light of the recent High Court judgement by Mr. Justice Garnham on 2 November 2016 (<https://www.judiciary.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/clientearth-v-sseviron-food-rural-affairs-judgment-021116.pdf>). The 18th November edition of Planning has an article on the ruling in which a number of lawyers comment on the possible implications for development proposals.

The Canterbury District Local Plan Examination ended on 17 September. The Programme Officer wrote to consultees and participants on 9th November as follows:

“Following the recent judgement by the High Court in *ClientEarth (No.2) v Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [2016] EWHC 2740 (Admin)* concerning the Government’s Air Quality Plan, the Inspector has decided to seek the views of consultees as to whether the judgement has any implications for the Canterbury District Local Plan. Any comments should be sent to me by 17.00 hours on Wednesday 30th November 2016.”

I write to ask if you will be seeking similar views from participants.

Yours faithfully



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