

From: Roger Hurst
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Many thanks Louise.

I have had an initial read though and overall it seems a positive document.

However I'm really saddened to see that no mention is made at all of two points I had hoped would be included for review

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1) The provision of housing in the form of bungalows which would allow more of our ageing population to downsize and thus release more family homes to other population groups. Blocks of flats are inappropriate for the older generation and should not be seen as a potential form of construction to suit their needs. None of the new developments around Maidstone include bungalows. I enquired of Redrow why they build bungalows in other areas of the UK but not in Maidstone, and the reply was simple - money/cost of maximising profit from land by squeezing in as many units as possible.

2) The potential to considerably improve transport links and usage by the construction of a Maidstone Railway Station at Junction 8 of the M20 to give access to the already existing High Speed Rail line.

The area is already seen as having further potential for development and a link to the High Speed Rail Line would be a major benefit to many with the potential to reduce vehicle traffic,

Can we be reassured that these two issues will be at least recorded and reviewed?

Regards,

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