

# Maidstone BLP Examination Action Points

## Session 2A – Housing Needs (2) [No Action Points]

## Session 2B – Housing Policies DM11-DM15

No.	Issue	Timescale
2.1	<p><b>Policy DM11</b> For effectiveness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Council to consider whether DM11 should or should not be a strategic policy. If so, to also consider whether the reasoned justification should also draw attention to the role of Neighbourhood Plans.</li> <li>b) DM11(5).Removal of the word 'facilitate' and replacement with '<u>support</u>'</li> </ul>	3 Nov 2016
2.2	<p><b>Policy DM12</b> For effectiveness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) DM12(1) Change the words 'close to' to '<u>adjacent to</u>'</li> <li>b) DM12 (2) Amend to 'At <u>other</u> sites <u>within and</u> adjacent to the urban area...'</li> <li>c) In Policy DM12, Council to consider if any other wording to replace 'expected to achieve' would better provide intended flexibility. [but not 'should deliver']</li> <li>d) Delete first sentence of the final paragraph (as 30dph unlikely to be appropriate in countryside outside settlements);</li> <li>e) Move final sentence to follow first sentence of the policy to clarify that efficient land use applies to all locations, but subject to the character considerations.</li> </ul>	3 Nov 2016
2.3	<p><b>Glossary</b> For effectiveness: Add a definition of 'net density' to the glossary and ensure that all references to density in housing policy allocations use net density. This would be consistent with use of net density in Policy DM12.</p>	3 Nov 2016
2.4	<p>Would the Council please provide a note to explain how changes to settlement boundaries were dealt with through public consultation and the committee process during the preparation of the Local Plan.</p>	3 Nov 2016
2.5	<p><b>Policy DM13</b> For consistency with national policy in the WMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Amend policy to reflect the wording proposed in Council's written statement but, in relation to the 1000sqm floorspace threshold, change 'and' to '<u>or</u>' to accurately reflect the PPG wording and intention.</li> <li>b) If the Government issues new guidance on affordable housing and starter homes before close of examination, MBC to consider any need for associated policy revisions.</li> </ul>	3 Nov 2016  As soon as any policy or guidance is issued

2.6	<b>Policy DM14</b> For effectiveness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Amend Policy DM14 as per MBC written statement response to Agenda Qn2.35</li><li>b) MBC and AONB Unit are asked to reconsider Criterion 6 wording so as to avoid introducing a new and different test for local needs housing in the AONB that may be inconsistent with national policy and statute. Wording should be consistent with wording in:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-national policy tests (conserve and enhance)</li><li>-Statutory duty in CRoW Act (due regard etc)</li><li>-purposes of the AONB</li></ul></li></ul>	3 Nov 2016
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