

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE**

Decision Made: Monday 09 March 2015

**Report of the Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Call In of Cabinet Decisions dated 4 February 2015 - Maidstone Borough Local Plan - New and Amended Site Allocations**

**Issue for Decision**

To consider the recommendations of the Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a result of their special meeting held on 2 March 2015 to scrutinise the Call-In of Cabinet Member Decisions dated 4 February 2015.

**Decision Made**

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Cabinet noted the recommendations of Planning, Transportation and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the SCRAIP following the Call In and made the following decisions:-

**(1) H1 (25) – Tongs Meadow, West Street Harrietsham**

**RESOLVED:** That in view of the recent advice from Natural England (NE) that they would be unlikely to consider issuing an EPS (European Protected Species) Development License given the fact that the site is a receptor site for a previous development, Cabinet resolved that this site would go forward to Regulation 18 Consultation for deletion.

Voting: 5 Agreed – unanimous

**(2) H1 (10) – Land South of Sutton Road**

**RESOLVED:** That:

- (1) point (c) of the original decision “there would be an unacceptable cumulative impact on traffic generations in the Sutton Road corridor” be deleted for consistency with Sites (7), (8) and (9) with the other sites in that area and the full detailed transport modelling is not currently available;

Voting: 4 Agreed - unanimous .

- (2) add in the same criterion in the Local Plan for consistency

which has been added at Criterion 10, paragraph vii of Sites H1 (7), (8) and (9) which is "strategic road infrastructure to significantly relieve traffic congestion on Sutton Road and Willington Street";

Voting: 4 Agreed – unanimous

- (3) point (e) of the original decision "that development here would not command the consent of local people as reflected in the consultation response" be deleted on the grounds of consistency;

Voting: 4 Agreed – unanimous

- (4) having noted the Committee's recommendation for Cabinet to reconsider their decision on this site and put it forward for Regulation 19 consultation, Members voted to reject this recommendation;

Voting: 2 Agreed  
2 Against

Chairman had the casting vote.

- (5) having deleted points (c) and (e) from the original decision and added in a new Criterion for H1 – (10) Land South of Sutton Road which mirrors Criterion 10, paragraph vii of Sites H1 (7), (8) and (9), the original decision that this site go forward to Regulation 18 consultation for deletion would still stand;

Voting: 2 Agreed  
2 Against

Chairman had the casting vote.

Councillor Burton left the meeting before this site was discussed.

- (6) Cabinet noted the disappointment of the Committee that they had not given a reason for recommending site H1 (20) - Postley Road, Tovil to go forward for Regulation 19 consultation. Cabinet felt that they had fully considered the issues raised by Committee and Visiting Members but after careful consideration having considered the policy criteria for H1 (20) maintained their view that these will afford the protection aspired to and therefore that the site should go forward for Regulation 19 consultation.

Voting: 3 Agreed  
1 Against

## **Reasons for Decision**

## **Alternatives considered and why rejected**

## **Background Papers**

Should you be concerned about this decision and wish to call it in, please submit a call in form signed by any two Non-Executive Members to the Head of Policy and Communications by: xxxxxxxxxx.