

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF DECISION OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING, SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: Monday 14 December  
2015

#### **Report of the Head of Planning and Development - Maidstone Borough Local Plan: responses to the Regulation 18 consultation (October 2015)**

##### **Issue for decision**

To consider the issues raised during the Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation held in October 2015 and the suggested changes to the Local Plan recommended in response.

##### **Decision Made**

1. That the site allocation policies for "Land at Bydews Place" and "Land South of Tovil" in Appendix F of the committee report, and the amendments to those policies recommended in the urgent update, not be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan due to their unsustainable location and the unacceptable extension of the urban boundary of Maidstone into the open countryside.
2. That the schedule of policies and amendments in Appendix B of the report and the further amendments recommended in the urgent update (as identified), be approved as follows:
  - a) The sections headed "Introduction to the public consultation" and "Amendments relating to landscape and landscapes of local value" (pages 191-192 of the report) be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.
  - b) The sections relating to Housing Site Allocations – proposed new/for deletion/for amendment (pages 192-194 of the report) – together with the further amendments to policy H1(10) as set out in the urgent update, be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.
  - c) The section relating to the Proposed New Employment Site Allocation (pages 194-195 of the report) be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.

- d) The section relating to Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations (pages 195-196 of the report) be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.
- e) The sections relating to "Proposed New Open Space Allocations":
- Amendments on pages 196-201 of the report;
  - Amendments headed "...recommended for other H1 policies where it is possible to identify a minimum or approximate quantum of open space provision and/or contributions" on pages 201-204 of the report;
  - Amendments headed "For a number of sites there remains some uncertainty whether open space can be delivered..." and "Open Space and Recreation" on pages 204 to 205 of the report, together with the further amendments to policy DM11 set out in the urgent update;

Be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan with an amendment to the policy wording to clarify that open space provision should be provided on site (save for in exceptional circumstances), and that where only off-site provision is possible in the exceptional circumstances, provision and/or contributions are agreed to be allocated or spent (as appropriate) only on suitable and deliverable site(s) within the vicinity of the development.

- f) The section relating to "Nursing and Care Homes" be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.
- g) The sections relation to "Park and Ride site allocations proposed for deletion" and "Park and Ride" (page 207 of the report), together with the further amendments to policy DM15 as set out in the urgent update, be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.
3. That the officers' responses to the representations submitted during the public consultations on the draft Maidstone Borough Local Plan (Regulation 18 consultation) in Appendix A of the report to Committee be noted.
4. That the amendment to Policy DM4 - Design principles set out in paragraph 4.76 of the report to Committee be approved for incorporation into the Regulation 19 version of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.

Should you wish to refer this decision to Policy and Resources Committee, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by three Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 24 December 2015
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