

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF THE

CABINET

Decision Made: 9 March 2015

**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

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

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CHANGE TO CRITERION RELATING TO SITES AT HEADCORN AND STAPLEHURST

Issue for Decision

To consider the proposed change to the criterion regarding strategic issues of sewerage and water affecting sites at Headcorn and Staplehurst.

Decision Made

That the proposed change to the criterion relating to strategic issues of sewerage and water affecting sites at Headcorn and Staplehurst be approved as follows:-

“That Cabinet instruct Officers to renew efforts to engage with foul water utility providers and other organisations with responsibility for managing water, including surface water, in the borough concerning future infrastructure provision both to respond to the current concerns and issues arising from consideration of the housing needs in the future, particularly for Headcorn and Staplehurst”.