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Local Residents

6 neighbour representations have been received since the agenda was published which do not raise any further material planning considerations beyond those considered in the report.

Bearsted & Thurnham Society raises the following (summarised) points:

- The church car park should be provided, sympathetically surfaced with a footpath direct to the church, and should be owned by the church.
- Northern access road and SUDs basin should be moved further south.
- Green land to the north, south and west of the church should be protected by Deed.
- Further archaeological work should be required.
- There should be no financial burden on the church.

Officer Comment: These matters have been considered/addressed in the Committee Report. Areas of landscaping/buffers/open space are secured by conditions and at the reserved matters stage the management and public use of any areas of public open space would be secured in perpetuity by way of condition.

The Chapman Avenue Area Residents Association and Otham Parish Council have written to the Secretary of State (SoS) to request that the application is called-in for his consideration (22/05/20), informing him that the application is being reported to Planning Committee on 28th May. To date MBC have not received any communication from the SoS but this request does not affect MBC making a decision/resolution on the application. Should the SoS want more time to consider this request before MBC issues the decision, they can issue a holding direction.

Chapman Avenue Area Residents Association have also sent in a petition with 181 signatures against the application.