

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT ADVISORY GROUP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2008**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chittenden, English, Harwood, Horne, Lusty, Marchant, Moriarty, Robertson, Mrs Stockell, Thick, Verrall and J A Wilson

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apology for Absence was received from Councillor Nelson-Gracie.

19. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Verrall was substituting for Councillor Nelson-Gracie.

20. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

21. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures.

22. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

Councillors English and Mrs Stockell declared they had been lobbied on Item 8.

23. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the Items on the Agenda be taken in public as proposed.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

25. SOUTH EAST PLAN: RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROPOSED CHANGES: JULY 2008

At its meeting on 22 October 2008 the Local Development Document Advisory Group ("LDDAG") considered the further Report of the Assistant Director of Development and Community Services regarding the response to the Secretary of State's proposed changes to the South East Plan.

The Group discussed the changes that had been made following their meeting on 8 October 2008 and a number of salient points were raised.

The Group also discussed the structure and order of the response.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet agree the responses set out in the Report of the Assistant Director for Development and Community Services in the Recommendations at Section 1.2, Paragraph 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 and in Section 1.3 Paragraph .15 onwards, subject to the following amendments: -

- i) The bullet points set out in the Recommendations on pages 7, 8 and 9 of the Report of the Assistant Director for Development and Community Services be used as a “pre-amble” in the order as set out, except for bullet point 7 which should be moved to the end and the words “that there is sufficient evidence that it should be increased” be inserted after the words “In the event”.
- ii) Bullet point 6 on page 7 of the Report of the Assistant Director for Development and Community Services should be amended to read “To challenge” instead of “To not accept”.
- iii) That recommendation 1.2.2 on page 9 of the Report of the Assistant Director for Development and Community Services be separated into two separate recommendations as follows: -
  - a) That the Assistant Director of Development and Community Services be given delegated authority to expand the submissions made with evidence and details as necessary.
  - b) That Officers and Members should advance the case with other Local Authorities in the South East to CLG and GOSE officials and others through appropriate channels.
- iv) Page 13, Para 1 to also include the reference to the Panel Report recommendations following the Examination In Public.
- v) Page 13, Para 2 – insert the words “high flood risk” after the words “with areas of sensitive biodiversity”.
- vi) Page 13, Para 4, lines 3 and 4 to read “it will not be possible to sustain such high levels”.
- vii) Page 17, Para 1.3.39 – that the references to the Key Diagram and transport spurs shown be amended to require clearer reference to the A249 and the need for the route to Tunbridge Wells/Tonbridge to refer to the need for access to the new hospital.
- viii) Page 19, para below (ix) containing the justification to the Policy – this paragraph should include references to the following: -
  - a) re-enforcement of the landscape
  - b) the water supply constraints
  - c) sustainable building construction
- ix) Page 25 – “inextricably” should be “inexplicably”.

- x) That the response is fully proof-read to check for spelling and grammatical errors before submission.

26. DURATION OF MEETING

6.00 pm to 7.52 pm.