

## **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

Decision Made: Tuesday 18 August  
2015

#### **Report of the Head of Planning and Development - Landscapes of Local Value (supplementary report)**

##### **Issue for Decision**

On 14 July 2015 the item on Landscapes of Local Value (LLV) was deferred to 18 August 2015 to enable officers to give further consideration to the Low Weald, and to produce a large scale map showing the boundaries of LLVs. The committee also queried the omission of the "ecological diversity and significance" criterion from the River Len LLV assessment. This report addresses those issues.

##### **Decision Made**

1. That the Officer responses to the representations received during the public consultation on the draft Maidstone Borough Local Plan 2014 (Regulation 18 consultation) for policy SP5(6) Landscapes of Local Value, as set out in Appendix B of the report dated 18 August 2015, be approved.
2. That the amendments to the draft policy SP5(6) and the supporting text for Landscapes of Local Value, as set out under Section 4 of the report dated 18 August 2015 "Preferred Option", be approved for further public consultation (Regulation 18 consultation).
3. That the Greensand Ridge, Len Valley and Medway Valley areas as identified on the Landscapes of Local Value Map in Appendix C of the report dated 18 August 2015 be approved for further public consultation (Regulation 18 consultation).
4. That the area shown as the Loose Valley, on the Landscapes of Local Value map in Appendix C of the report dated 18 August 2015, be extended to include the two fields off Cripple Street, Loose on the grounds that their location and high quality form an integral part of the topography of the Loose Valley.
5. That further work be undertaken on the setting of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), shown on the Landscapes of

Local Value map in Appendix C of the report dated 18 August 2015, in particular in relation to the inclusion of the Lenham Vale, Court Lodge Road Harrietsham, Land North of Cuckoo Wood, Sandling Lane Maidstone and fields at Barty Farm, north of Barty House Bearsted.

6. That a re-examination of the area of the Low Weald, excluding SSSIs, be carried out to establish if areas within the Low Weald should be included in the Landscapes of Local Value policy.

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: <b>1 September 2015</b>
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