

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: 23 September 2015

**Urgent Decision Referral from Strategic Planning,  
Sustainability and Transportation Committee 8/9/15:  
Landscapes of Local Value**

**Issue for Decision**

To consider the referral.

**Decision Made**

That the desired outcome as set out in the Decision Referral be agreed, with one minor amendment, as follows:-

Paragraph 5.78 will read: The Low Weald covers a significant proportion of the countryside, in the rural southern half of the Borough. The Low Weald is recognised as having distinctive landscape features: the field patterns, many of which are medieval in character, hedgerows, stands of trees, ponds and streams and buildings of character should be protected, maintained and enhanced where appropriate.

Criterion 6 sentence will read: The Greensand Ridge, Medway Valley, Len Valley, Loose Valley and Low Weald, as defined on the policies map of the Maidstone Borough Wide 2000 Local Plan, will be protected, maintained and enhanced where appropriate as landscape of local value.

Should you wish to refer this decision to Council, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by five Councillors, to the Head of Finance and Resources by: 2 October 2015
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