

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday 23 March 2022
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Brice, Burton (Chairman), Cooke, Cox, English, Harper, Khadka, Kimmance, Munford, Parfitt-Reid, Perry (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Ring, Round and de Wiggondene-Sheppard

The Chairman will assume that all Members will read the reports before attending the meeting. Officers are asked to assume the same when introducing reports.

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Notification of Substitute Members
3. Urgent Items
4. Notification of Visiting Members
5. Disclosures by Members and Officers
6. Disclosures of Lobbying
7. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
8. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9 February 2022 1 - 12
9. Presentation of Petitions

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:

Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) and Homes England are proposing a 'new town' development of 5,000 new homes in the middle of the Kent countryside in the village of Lenham, Kent.

MBC's 'new town' dubbed Heathlands is in an unsustainable location, half way between Maidstone and Ashford. The large majority of current residents rely heavily on private car to get about due to limited public transport with hourly train and bus services.

The only way MBC can make their 'new town' look sustainable is

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Alison Broom, Chief Executive

to rob the existing Lenham village community of their 140 year old rail station on the Southeastern Railway mainline and move it 2 miles down the road to the middle of the proposed development - currently open and green countryside.

As a community we will not let MBC brazenly steal an existing and much used community asset for their whim to be a 'master-developer'.

MBC's corporate objective to embrace growth and enable new infrastructure should not mean stealing infrastructure from one place and putting it in another.

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To move that the public be excluded for the items set out in Part II of the Agenda because of the likely disclosure of exempt information for the reasons specified having applied the Public Interest Test.

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18.	Exempt Appendix A (Item 16 - Maidstone House - Next Steps) - Tenancy Schedule	Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the authority holding that information)	70
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