

Respondent ID	Agent ID	Document Part Name	Comment (plain text)	TMBC Response
42442561	0	5.8.1-5.8.11	For the purposes of the Local Plan you have not defined the infrastructure as above.	Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which defines infrastructure and requirements.
42616033	0	5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>road traffic and flooding are already significant issues</p> <p>".....the key priorities are ensuring that the right infrastructure is provided in the right place."</p> <p>Not our experience in the planning process for Ditton Edge. All our studies were 'waived away' in a 2 minute spell on the Zoom meeting to decide this application.</p> <p>The lack of proper infrastructure at this location will come back to 'haunt us all'.</p> <p>Residents first.</p>	<p>Comment noted. his matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Noted. However, comments on specific live planning applications are Development Management matters.</p>
42617505	0	5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Then local councillors. Then TMBC.</p> <p>The infrastructure provision should include amenities & assets, in the form of Countryside/Green Spaces/corridors (not sports fields mentioned in the NPPF list of infrastructure) between Villages so that these conurbations keep their character & uniqueness as individual villages, this will ensure the ongoing health, wellbeing & mental</p>	Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including an Open Space, Indoor and Outdoor Sport and Recreation Study.
42443361	0	5.8.1-5.8.11	health of borough residents & voters.	

5.8.8 - Sport England welcomes the Council's intention to consider the need to add to its evidence base in terms of open space and indoor sport and recreation facilities. There is a clear lack of up to date and robust evidence on the supply and demand and this hinders positive planning for sport and the protection of existing facilities. Sport England would strongly recommend that in preparing its new local plan the Council prepares a new Playing Pitch Strategy and separate Indoor Sports Facilities Assessment and Strategy in accordance with our guidance. Further information can be found at www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning-sport?section=assessing_needs_and_playing_pitch_strategy_guidance

Sport England will object to any planning application or site allocation in the emerging local plan that adversely impacts on an existing playing field or sports use unless this is robustly evidenced by an up-to-date assessment. An up-to-date evidence will also assist the Council in resisting inappropriate development proposals that would result in the loss of such facilities. It will also help in securing funding towards required new provision.

Sport England would support the inclusion of a policy within the new local plan that seeks to protect existing indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities in accordance with NPPF paragraph 99 and Sport England's Playing Field Policy.

Comment noted. The Council is seeking to prepare an Open Space, Indoor and Outdoor Sport and Recreation Study to support the Local Plan.

		<p>be considered . Protecting the Green Belt is a must as developers have no thought of this only profits,in choosing sites the council should and must look into the impact a large amount of housing would impact on the already over worked sewage system in place since the victorian times would have . Already in the past year the sewage system in Borough Green and St Marys platt collapsed causing great discomfort to many local people with the stench and excrement spilling into a local park. With the Local Plan last year nothing was looked into re guarding any of that sort of thing talk of 3000 new houses would mean 6000 new people living in the area with only the new access roads to the new houses No new roads to get them to work most proberley London ,the A25 is already a race track into borough green it would be a disaster waiting to happen, and with only Two hospitals in the vicinity which are already over worked and under staffed with it taking a great deal of time to get an appiontment now. Plus schools would not be able to cope with an intake of 3000 new pupils talk of a new city here is completely crazy The Doctor surguries cannot copy with the population now so new ones would have to be in the plans</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
42817729	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>The nearest Fire station is unmanned sevenoaks is 6 miles away lives could be lost due to that</p>	
25390689	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>I am also concerned that infrastructure such as water supply and sewers need to be in place before more houses are built.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
43312737	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Apart from this issue our roads are extremely busy and there are not enough doctors, hospitals, schools etc in our area to cope with a much increased population. I also wonder that if new doctors surgeries are built that would there be enough GPs to run them.</p> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid</p> <p>Protect the Greenbelt. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. We are already struggling with food since Brexit and now the War in Ukraine. We need farms and fields to provide crops. We need to grow more food in the UK. More people will go hungry if we don't. The UK does not have enough growing space to grow the food we need, do not take more away.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
43313889	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>We moved to Borough Green to live in a village. I don't want to live in a town. Do not turn it into a town. Town and Retail Centres/Retail Hierarchy</p>	<p>Comment noted and will be considered.</p>
43412865	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Q 31. Borough Green is NOT a DISTRICT CENTRE – it is a Local Retail Centre, a hub village with a very small number of shops and facilities.</p>	

Key Infrastructure Priorities

Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

43417889 0 5.8.1-5.8.11 Q,32 Infrastructure must be the first consideration for a proposal of this size. It cannot be an afterthought.

Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Which facilities require 'capacity studies'?

Roads: The A25 through BG is already over-used due to the lack of a link slip road from the M26. The spur roads from the A25 (the High Street, Western Road, Quarry Hill Road and Wrotham Road) are often beyond capacity at certain times of the day. The junction of Quarry Hill Rd and the A25 is n longer safe due to lack of junction traffic light controls and the significant increase in traffic from the Quarr area new-builds and the surgery. The Dark Hill trunk road is not a preferable option as the Ightham roundabout is already at capacity at peak times. Any plan to develop the empty field by Reynolds Gym would require additional road planning and/or extensive additional traffic to the gate at Drylands, currently a cul-de-sac. Adding traffic to BG should not be seen as a 'benefit', but as quite simply dangerous.

Water and sewerage: Residents have suffered several burst pipe issues in the past few years, as the infrastructure is outdated, overused and victim of heavy traffic crush along the A25 (Back Horse pub>Esso station particularly). The pump system opposite the Rec Ground has failed too often. The leakage floods the recreation ground creating a health hazard beyond imagination to the children using it. The washaway waste is channeled into the drainage ditch running the length of the Rec Ground which passes beside and/or under the residential areas of the Woodland estate until the Scout Hut and Surgery, eventually flowing into the feeder stream to Basted Mill pond. (There is no excuse for this.)

43418465 0 5.8.1-5.8.11 Schools: BG Primary is full to capacity. a

Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

43418465 0 5.8.1-5.8.11 Facilities: The BG Medical Practice is doing the best it can presently and it and its patients would not benefit from the demand of significant expansion. The High Street Chemist is already stretched to its limits of competence, patients and patience. The Post Office at NISA would not cope with the queues created by a major increase in demand The coffee shops which have replaced former retail outlets would welcome greater custom, however.

One problem, is that the local plan does not include the recent developments such as Oakhill House (27 houses and 139 apartments) and Hylden Heights (75 bed care home) in Hildenborough.

Comment noted. This matter will be considered within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

The impact on Hildenborough is clearly not included in the quota.

For example, there will be increased pressure on schools (which are already over subscribed). Hildenborough medical centre, which is also facing extreme demand, will be yet more pressurised.

In addition, the busiest road in the village will become even more busy. As a result of this, road safety will decrease and air pollution will increase. It is obvious to see that hildenborough does not have the facilities to cope with a potential 3000 new houses.

Furthermore, land proposed in the plan is farmed arable and green belt land - which our new prime minister has vowed to protect (saying "we must protect our green belt and we are adopting a "brownfield first" strategy.") And I agree that we cannot put our housing over the very landscape we build it on.

43419585 0 5.8.1-5.8.11

Good Afternoon

Please see below a comment on the future Local Plan on behalf of Theatres Trust. We believe there are two theatres within the district, the EM Forster Theatre and the Oast Theatre.

Comment noted. The safeguarding of existing community/cultural facilities will be given consideration within appropriate development management policy as part of our emerging Local Plan. TMBC does not have a higher tier regional centre, these are in adjacent boroughs (Tunbridge Wells - Trinity Theatre and the Assembly Hall, and Maidstone - Hazlitt Theatre) which both have established theatres.

Q.32. Do you agree with this set of community facilities and infrastructure priorities? Yes/No
Please explain

Yes

In line with paragraph 93 of the NPPF (2021), it will be important that the future Local Plan includes policy which protects existing valued facilities from loss, as well as supporting opportunities for new and enhanced facilities to meet the needs of local people. Such policy should make clear that it applies to cultural facilities.

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Q.32. Do you agree with this set of community facilities and infrastructure priorities? Yes/No
Please explain

Comment noted.

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No comment.

are submitted by NHS Property Services (NHSPS).

NHSPS was established on the 1 April 2013 and is an organisation that plays a vital role in the day to day running of the NHS, managing and developing over 4,000 properties across England. The estate includes;

- Primary Care Properties
- Community Care Properties
- GP Practices
- Administrative Buildings

Whilst being a private limited company, NHSPS is 100 per cent owned by the Secretary of State for Health, and at the same time, an important member of the wider NHS family.

One of NHSPS main roles is strategic estates management. This involves acting as a landlord, modernising facilities, buying new facilities and selling facilities the NHS no longer needs.

As part of this strategic estates management, NHSPS looks to play an influential role in the planning process, ensuring that future requirements for health are accurately measured and planned for, and is proactively engaged in the production of development planning documents across England.

NHSPS also works with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) and emerging Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), as well as NHS England/Improvement to ensure that the NHS is sufficiently protected and enhanced through the planning system, both at a national and local level.

43799937	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	We welcome the opportunity to comment on the emerging Local Plan and would like to set NHS land and property should be able to grow and expand on existing NHS sites and on land across the borough unhindered. Policies should support the delivery of public service improvements as quickly as possible and allow for adaption to meet changing needs for health buildings.	Comment noted and will be considered.
43799937	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	There is a well-established connection between planning and health. Planning policies can not only facilitate improvements to health infrastructure, but also provide a mechanism to improve people's health. We request that the Local Plan includes policies for health and wellbeing which reflect the wider determinants of health and promote healthy and green lifestyle choices through well designed places.	Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation.
43799937	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	In areas of significant housing growth, appropriate funding must be consistently leveraged through developer contributions for health and care services in order to meet growing demand. We request that when setting planning obligation policies, the Council seek to address strategic as well as local priorities in planning obligations and engage the NHS in the process as early as possible.	Comment noted and will be considered.
43799937	0 5.8.1-5.8.11		Comment noted.
43882593	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid	Comment noted.
43884481	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid	Comment noted.

43884609	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Key infrastructure requirements for primary and secondary school provision, highway junction improvements, medical facilities and improvements to sustainable transport links to Tonbridge town centre; and TWBC considers that such an approach should be followed through in the implementation of any such development related policies.</p> <p>Q.32. Do you agree with this set of community facilities and infrastructure priorities? Yes/No Please explain</p> <p>1.4.1 The Council has identified that community infrastructure and priorities should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o roads and other transport facilities, o flood defences, o schools and other educational facilities, o medical facilities, o sporting and recreational facilities o open spaces, and o affordable housing. <p>1.4.2 Within the definition of medical facilities and as outlined within sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this submission, the role the hospice plays within the community should be recognised within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and appropriate contributions sought to help maintain and improve the Hospice service. The definition of medical services therefore needs to go beyond those typically associated with GPs and Hospitals to include end of life care.</p> <p>1.4.3 From the 1st of July 2022 Integrated Care Boards (ICB) as part of Integrated Care Systems were established as legal entities, with responsibility for commissioning health services passing to these bodies from that date.</p> <p>1.4.4 At this time, it became a legal right under the Health and Care Act 2022 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/31) for all individuals to have the statutory right to palliative and end-of-life care which ICB's will have a statutory obligation to appropriately commission. As set out in clause 21, section 3 (1) (h).</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Comment noted. We recognise that Hospices are highly valued by the local community and service users. They are however not a core part of healthcare provision, falling within the responsibilities of the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board, or Hospital Trusts. TMBC is happy to collaborate with the Heart of Kent Hospice to understand future facility requirements and identify these within our Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
44191169	25240577 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>The following issues need urgently address prior to any new substantial number of residents are built:</p> <p>* HIGHWAYS - A new slip road needs to be built closer to Sevenoaks to alleviate the already overly congested A25. The A25 is a nightmare during rush hour from Sevenoaks to Wrotham. A new substantial development anywhere along the A25 from Borough Green towards Sevenoaks will cause a permanent grid lock. The M20 also has issues, especially when operation STACK is in place.</p> <p>* WATER! - We are in the month of November and still on a hosepipe ban. How does Government propose to deal with the current water shortage - let alone after building over 1,000 new properties in Kent?? Perhaps use Fern's old quarries as reservoirs??</p> <p>* GP & HOSPITALS - Again this area is already struggling. The new surgery in Leybourne Chase cannot find a GP - so how is Government proposing to deal with thousands more residents?</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
44407873	0 5.8.1-5.8.11		

		<p>Paragraph 5.8.9</p> <p>KCC notes the Borough Council’s acknowledgement of the use of Section 106 agreements to secure funding for infrastructure – whilst also recognising the Government’s proposals to introduce a new mandatory infrastructure levy – although the details and delivery timings of this levy remain unclear at the time of writing. For the time being, it will be important to plan strategically for infrastructure under Section 106 planning legislation. KCC would strongly welcome the Borough Council’s continued support to deliver necessary infrastructure using Section 106 agreements for Education, Community Learning, Libraries, Youth Services, Adult Social Care, Waste and Broadband infrastructure – which are referred to in more detail below:</p> <p>Education provision</p> <p>KCC is very keen to ensure that education infrastructure is afforded key prioritisation in the list of funding requirements via section 106 agreements within the emerging Local Plan. Education is fundamental to community development. Children living in new developments as well as in existing communities will need school places, which require careful, strategic planning by the County Council as Education Planning Authority.</p> <p>The County Council is aware of substantial, evidenced pressures on the primary and secondary education need, particularly within the North of the Borough. Broadwater Farm was identified within the previous, now withdrawn Local Plan as a strategic site for the delivery of secondary education and is also referred to at para 5.8.7 (page 61), which is welcomed. While KCC hopes this site remains an opportunity, the County Council would welcome engagement with the Borough Council to ensure sites are identified to meet educational needs.</p> <p>It is essential that the full costs of infrastructure provision are mitigated by developments. In the case of education infrastructure, this includes the cost of education land where schools are being developed. Any and all developments where a pupil place pressure is generated must be required to contribute towards the mitigation of both education build and land costs</p>	<p>Noted. TMBC have consulted with KCC departments throughout the drafting of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and subsequent updates. We have held a number of meetings with KCC colleagues in Education, Highways, Waste, and Adult Social Care. We will continue to work closely and engage with KCC as our new Local Plan and associated Spatial Strategy emerges. We would be keen to hold meetings with KCC on Libraries, Broadband (digital connectivity). The Council will also be preparing an Open Space, Indoor and Outdoor Sport and Recreation Study, in accordance with Sports England guidance.</p>
44422593	0 5.8.1-5.8.11		
44463361	25366913 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>18.1 It is not clear in the consultation document what specific need there is for the Local Plan to include ‘Local Green Spaces.’ These types of designation are often better suited to community-based planning initiatives, like Neighbourhood Development Plans.</p> <p>However, Hildenborough Parish Council have a number of points it wishes to emphasise: [Points 1-3 added to GB section]</p> <p>4. Of very high priority is that infrastructure is constructed prior to any development taking place, for instance road systems widen with cycle and pedestrian paths, adequate drainage systems to prevent any likelihood of areas becoming flooded, (particularly rain water catchment to prevent sewage entering homes from overflowing drains as happens currently) and adequate medical services are available. (see Hildenborough Parish Council’s Infrastructure Plans and Highways Improvement Plan available on their website or from the clerk) [points 5 & 6 added to housing section]</p> <p>7. The Parish Council already provide extensive leisure areas which include sporting, relaxing, walking areas, a woodland area which is supported by a Conservation Group. The Parish Council is also trustees for the large Village Hall which is run by a management committee for the benefit of local sporting, creative and educational groups as well as providing facilities for larger meetings.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered alongside national planning policy requirements, evidence base documents and other consultation responses.</p> <p>Comment noted. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
38330977	0 5.8.1-5.8.11		

		<p>Open green spaces are essential for well-being and for recreation. There is a shortage of space in areas already developed in the North of the borough for football pitches. There is an application going through for village green status for the last remaining stretch of open space East of Hermitage Lane, South of the railway line and adjacent to urban development in Maidstone. As far as we know, it fulfils all the criteria set out in the consultation notes. It is designated VGA 687 Bunyards Farm. A developer is desperate to get its hands on it, applying for planning permission after the village green application had been started.</p> <p>In the Parish Council's opinion, open spaces could be better managed by Parish Councils or TMBC rather than management companies, provided of course that funds are made available, although the sums involved are likely to be less than those required by commercial management companies.</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>The River Medway passes through the heart of our parish, but the river also divides communities on the East and West banks. The West bank has a railway and a good road, but the East Bank has no railway and narrow lanes and a bus service that only runs once each way, two days a week. There are two bridges, one at Aylesford and another new one at Peters Village. There needs to be more, especially if the number of dwellings is to be increased. An obvious addition is to turn the existing disused pipe bridge at Eccles into a foot bridge so that people in Eccles and the proposed developments at Bushey Wood on the East bank can walk or cycle to New Hythe station on the West Bank. In urban areas with rivers or canals running through them in other countries, one can often see bridges every few hundred metres.</p> <p>Furthermore, if there is to be more development along the axis of the A20, something drastic needs to be done to improve traffic flow. Dual carriageways and flyover junctions or roads on viaducts are solutions adopted in urban areas in other countries with such heavy traffic flows. Water and sewerage also present their own challenges. Water is having to be pumped up from depth from aquifers that are not being fully replenished. This is a problem that is likely</p>	<p>Comment noted. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The council is also producing a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and transport modelling which will be used to inform the spatial strategy and decisions relating to sites.</p>
36594049	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>As a Governor of the local primary school, I can testify that the school is full and there is not space to extend it. Other local schools are also full and many are oversubscribed. I would imagine that the same is true for nearby secondary schools.</p> <p>Most residents would agree that our GP surgeries in the area are also full and it is difficult to get an appointment. This is very worrying, particularly for the elderly and infirm. I found it particularly concerning to hear yesterday evening that even though a GP surgery was planned for Leybourne Chase, there were not enough trained GPs willing to work in it!</p>	<p>Comment noted. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45175233	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>I am appalled at the extent of the green spaces highlighted on the Local plan for housing in our area.</p> <p>As you know, we are already :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> overloaded with traffic congestion suffering from persistent building plans being approved on many of our green spaces unable to get a Drs appointment unable to get NHS dentists etc etc 	<p>Comment noted and will be considered. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45186337	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Increasing housing with no provision for improving the above is obscene.</p>	

		<p>[Comment entered under any other comments] [Comment entered under Green Belt section] Where is the infrastructure for the numbers of the new residents who will move into these areas? There is a considerable and increasing loss of GP surgeries. In many areas patients are forced to travel long distances even if it is possible to arrange an appointment with a GP. Hospitals are overcrowded and struggling with the numbers of patients on the waiting list. Schools are also overcrowded and many children are travelling long distances to schools. Public transport is limited with many routes being removed from the timetables. Roads are almost unusable at times due to the sheer volume of traffic. Many roads are little more than lanes and are dangerous for both pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. Water is becoming a scarce resource as became very apparent during the dry summer. Despite the shortage of water many areas (East Peckham etc.) are very prone to annual flooding which I have witnessed myself.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45292513	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>[Comment entered under any other comments] [comment on green spaces added to natural environment section] The current population moved here because of these facilities . There is already a parking problem and there is a shortage of GPs. [comment on pollution added to added as part of above comment to natural environment section]</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45301153	0 5.8.1-5.8.11		
45379777	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
45428961	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid</p> <p>I object to any more house building in Kent.</p> <p>Before TMBC does any more house building they should plan on where we can have a reservoir. Kent already has hose pipe bands because there isn't sufficient amount of drinking water with the population at the level it is at the moment. Not even putting houses on water meters has been able to save the amount of water the population in Kent use. Bough Beech Reservoir is the lowest I have ever seen it. If the rate the water keeps dropping as it has and we have a mild winter we will be in trouble.</p>	<p>Comment noted. Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45434593	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>There is no point in building more houses and having more buses if we have no water to drink.</p>	
45459361	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

		<p>INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before any development goes ahead. Any development should be sympathetic to the scale of the towns and villages in this historic, rural area. It is shocking that many local schoolchildren from Ightham and the surrounding area have to take bus journeys of at least an hour to go to school in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, journeys that are made worse by constant congestion and roadworks often themselves made necessary by development.</p> <p>Whilst there may be a need for more housing on the national level, West Kent is already overdeveloped and changing work patterns post-Covid mean there is no longer such an imperative to concentrate housing and other development in the South East and the London area. To the extent that development is necessary in the TMBC area the priority should be to look to brownfield sites and to ensure in cast iron terms that it incorporates schools, roads and doctors surgeries.</p> <p>The 'relief road' discussed in this proposal will only be for getting the extra daily 6,000 + vehicles in and out of the new 3,000 + houses onto the already congested A20, A227 and A25 - effectively making our current traffic problems even more chaotic and disruptive to education, professional life and to health. Not only will pollution levels rise but ambulances and emergency services will struggle to reach their destinations within their target times. Lorries will also be held up, affecting the supply chain. Commuting could well become so difficult that women who already struggle to get their children to childcare settings/ schools before going to a train station may decide it is untenable to continue working - this means a drop in disposable income, fewer tax payers and an increase in people requiring benefits. The 'relief road' is not a bypass and will not help BG and Platt but will simply generate 1000s of new vehicles into the community. Any form of bypass for our parishes should be achieved by connecting the M25 with the A21 in the vicinity of M25 J5 in order to take heavy traffic off the A25 and away from villages around Sevenoaks and Borough Green.</p> <p>This area is already marked as having dangerously high levels of pollution. It is imperative that this is relieved and not compounded.</p>	<p>Comment noted. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45474465	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>There has been no real mention of extending the existing infrastructure around Borough Green and Ightham. What about Improved roads and access to the motorway M20, which would all need to come through Wrotham Heath; this is already a bottle neck. Also, there is no specific reference to the need for additional schools, hospitals, local surgeries, drainage, water supply etc etc?</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45821153	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>There has been no real mention of extending the existing infrastructure around Borough Green and Ightham. What about Improved roads and access to the motorway M20, which would all need to come through Wrotham Heath; this is already a bottle neck. Also, there is no specific reference to the need for additional schools, hospitals, local surgeries, drainage, water supply etc etc?</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
42508833	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>In order for the new plan to work you must first consider the infrastructure in the area where you intend to produce extra housing.</p> <p>I now live in an area that had never flooded for the past 30 years but due to extra development on my doorstep my house has now been flooded 3 times in 3 years!</p> <p>Housing was put up without the consideration of extra draining being pumped into an already creaking drainage system and a pumping station that is no longer fit for purpose. This needs upgrading before any further development can take place and I am sure this applies everywhere around the County.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45862401	0 5.8.1-5.8.11		

45865889	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Kings Hill</p> <p>The doctors surgery already has 23,000 patients. There are not enough doctors to support the existing residents. Doctors are leaving the profession so we cannot see how you could meet the demand. The numbers of patients per doctor is one of the highest percentages in Kent already.</p> <p>There is already an overburden on the infrastructure on Kings Hill. The roads are so narrow and clogged with cars emergency vehicles will struggle to get down some roads. It is not safe to have this many houses in the way in which it has been designed.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
42468289	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>TMBC should be looking at a West Kent Bypass that enables the M26 to connect with the A21 in the vicinity of M25 J5 Sevenoaks for all the A25 and West Kent villages.</p> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE - You have managed to identify proposed developments but you have not managed to identify the infrastructure that needs to be put in place, that needs upgrading and improving FIRST.</p> <p>Where are the new schools to be built? Where are the new community centres to be built? Where are the new medical practices to be built? Will there be a Borough Green Garden City railway station built and bus routes reinstated?</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered alongside national planning policy requirements, evidence base documents and other consultation responses.</p> <p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
42468289	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Really, TMBC, be realistic and put in the INFRASTRUCTURE before you join up our villages, destroy our Green Belt and our AONB. Once the Green Belt is gone, it is GONE FOREVER! MAKE A STAND!</p>	
45917473	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>In addition, I would like to comment that the recent plan for withdrawal of local bus services will create even more pressure on overstretched & underfunded school bus services as it is, let alone with any further increase to houses in the area. I am also hugely concerned on the impact of future provision of GP services, which are struggling to work for the Kings Hill residents as the population numbers currently stand.</p>	<p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
45945697	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE - is already crumbling - it must be upgraded before a single brick is laid</p> <p>Is there sufficient infrastructure in place to cope with increase in traffic, places at Doctors surgery's, schools, hospitals, water, gas and electricity.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>
46022337	0 5.8.1-5.8.11	<p>Are new facilities going to be built to accommodate the increase, our Doctors are already struggling to cope now without the additional housing.</p>	

Comment noted. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Healthcare: It has been well documented via our MP in relation to extant planning applications that local primary healthcare capability fails to meet the needs of the existing communities. We note that many of the GPs at WMGP only work on a part time basis, hence why so many people in our community fail to get the appointments and support they need.
Road infrastructure: The A228 link between the West Malling by-pass and the A26 Maidstone-to-Tonbridge road is regularly overloaded with commercial and private vehicles, and the traffic is increasingly backed up and stationary into Kings Hill. We have lived in this area for over 30years and the road problems have become noticeably worse in recent years. Road infrastructure and traffic choke points must be a priority for the local plan.
Greenspace: The continual loss of greenspace in our area has fundamentally changed the nature and character of Kings Hill village. There will be significant harm to conservation areas and the loss of integral public open spaces will negatively impact well-being and public health. This will force people to use private transport to find such areas further away and increase the emissions affecting our climate. We cannot rely upon public transport as services are already being cut back to save money.

Comment noted. These matters will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

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I have had a look at the plans to build even more houses at Kings Hill. We moved here in 2006 and one of the reasons was that Kings Hill was a new garden village with plenty of green space around it, it had a medical centre in the centre along with an array of shops for everyday needs, a bus service that could take one to Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone and a railway station not too far away. Over the years the bus services have been cut and now there is a very limited buses with restricted hours and extremely limited service over the weekends. I understand that the X1 and X2 are going to be cut out altogether from February next year. The railway station now only connects to Victoria where a while back one could travel to London Bridge. As far as the medical centre is in Kings Hill it cannot serve the existing community, there used to be the surgery in West Malling but that has closed. The hospitals at the moment cannot cope with sick people at the moment- Have you heard about the waiting lists. It's okay to say that we will build a new medical facility but who is going to staff it, there are not enough doctors and nurses at the moment. They could not staff the medical facility at Leybourne Chase! If you do not have a decent bus service, the alternative is to drive but not everyone can do that. thought the idea of providing good public transport was to cut pollution and also to control the amount of traffic holdups. I would not cycle on our roads out of Kings Hill as they are so dangerous with huge lorries thundering past, but I do cycle around Kings Hill village.

Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

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Amenities and Community. When we moved here 35 years ago the village had a huge variety of shops and businesses. There was a general store, greengrocer, bakery, butcher, delicatessen, garden centre, hardware store, post office, art and craft shop, jeweller, hairdresser, bank, tearoom, restaurant, and many pubs (serving good food). Most were located together in the village centre, within walking distance for the majority of the c3,000 residents, and creating opportunities for a sense of community. Sadly, most of these businesses have gone, forcing residents to travel often for basic needs. There are now few opportunities to 'bump into' other residents, so the sense of community is diminished.

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Communities. Towns and/or villages radiating from the central zone would benefit from the major amenities there. A pedestrianised market square approach to the centre of each town would provide all basic amenities for it to be self-sufficient and could also be a focus for community activities. The scale of each town should be such that it should take no longer than 20 minutes to walk from the edge to the centre. Each town should contain a mix of housing types to rent or buy, with ample green spaces for the community to enjoy.

Comment noted. This matter will be considered and reflected within the new evidence being prepared to support plan preparation, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

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