



**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
ON 27TH OCTOBER 2015 TO BE HELD IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM, GOUDHURST ROAD,
MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

This meeting was held to discuss Marden Parish Council's response to the MBC Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation.

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136/15 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Newton, Mannington, Reed, Tippen and Turner. The Clerk and three members of the public were also in attendance.

137/15 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Adam, Brown, Childs and Weir. The Assistant Clerk also gave her apologies.

138/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest.

139/15 **GRANTING OF DISPENSATION:** There were no requests for dispensation of any item on this agenda

140/15 **MBC CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) Local Plan – Public consultation on Maidstone Borough Local Plan – end date 30th October 2015

Cllrs discussed the policies where were relevant to Marden and agreed with the comments originally put forward at Full Council:

SP5 – Cllr Adam had put forward a very detailed response regarding the Low Weald LLV and Cllrs agreed that this would be sent to MBC. Cllr Adam was thanked for his work on this.

H1(66) – Strongly object to this extension of an already large development site.

DM42 – Cllrs wished to support this policy

PKR1(1) & DM15 – Cllrs objected to the removal of the Linton Park and Ride especially in light of the recently published information regarding MBC closing Sittingbourne Road P&R.

Member of the public asked if the Neighbourhood Plan Group was endorsing the Parish Council's response. Cllr Turner would contact all the group and provide details of what Marden Cllrs had proposed.

Member of the public felt that DM42 did not do enough and that he was concerned that if it remained "within the defined boundaries of the rural service centres" That this would reduce the possibility of care home owners being able to afford the buildings. Suggested that these should be "exception sites" and also include sheltered housing – Cllrs agreed and would add this to their response.

An email had been received from a resident with a couple of points regarding the above and again these would also be added to the response.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed: 17th November 2015
Chairman, Planning Committee, Marden Parish Council