

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION**

<b>Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Planning</b>	<b>Decision No: D230082MEM</b>
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**Date: 26 September 2023**

**Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

**Response to the Plan Making Reforms Implementation Consultation**

**(Report of Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health)**

Consideration was given to the Borough Council's response to the Government's latest consultation on plan-making reforms. A proposed response to be submitted by the deadline of 18 October 2023 was set out at Annex 1.

The consultation provided further detail around the proposed 30 month plan-making process, including new proposals for a 4 month period prior to commencement, 2 set periods of consultation and engagement and a 3 staged gateway assessment process for local plans.

Attention was drawn to the confirmation of the transitional arrangements for plan-making as proposed within the December 2022 consultation, subject to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill receiving Royal Assent in Spring 2024. The Government had not yet published the NPPF reforms so amendments to the approach to housing numbers and the Green Belt remained unconfirmed. However, as the Government were proposing the same transitional arrangements the Borough Council would need to undertake Regulation 18B and Regulation 19 consultation and submit its Local Plan before June 2025.

Following consideration by the Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee and having regard to the comments made by Members, the Cabinet Member for Planning resolved that:

- (1) the proposed response to the plan-making reforms consultation, set out at Annex 1 be approved and submitted by the 18 October 2023;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Planning, to approve any necessary further minor changes to the proposed consultation response that might be required for reasons of clarity or presentation.
- (3) the position regarding transitional arrangements for plan-making be noted.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 26 September 2023.

Signed Cabinet Member for Planning:	M Taylor
Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Chief Executive:	J Beilby
Date of publication:	28 September 2023

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**Decision Taken By:**  
**Cabinet Member for Planning**

**Decision No:**  
D230083MEM

**Date: 26 September 2023**

**Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

**Response to the 'Freight, Logistics and the Planning System: Call for Evidence' Consultation**

**(Report of Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health)**

Consideration was given to the Borough Council's response to the Government's 'Freight, Logistics and the Planning System: Call for Evidence' consultation. A proposed response to be submitted by the deadline of 6 October was set out at Annex 1.

The consultation sought views of the efficacy of local plans and planning policies in relation to planning for freight and logistics. Questions were also posed in relation to engagement between these sectors and local planning authorities and the decision making process.

Following consideration by the Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee and having regard to the comments made by Members, the Cabinet Member for Planning resolved that:

- (1) the proposed response to the Freight and Logistics Call for Evidence, as set out at Annex 1, be approved and submitted by 6 October; and
- (2) authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in liaison with Cabinet Member for Planning, to approve any necessary further minor changes to the consultation response that might be required for reasons of clarity or presentation.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 26 September 2023.

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