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## Report on Questionnaire Answers

Questionnaire: TMBC Local Plan - Regulation 18

Question: [Question 34] If yes, do any potential sites meet all of the crite...

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I'm not sure
Green spaces whether they are green belt or not should be protected
Sites adjacent to public footpaths
all ancient Woodland must be protected. All ANOB. All Green Belt. All SSSI. All wildlife sites
the area East of the town along the Medway Valley, Postern lane to Hartlake Bridge and beyond .....with breeding Barn Owls, Turtle Doves, Nightingales and many other species
There is no other space to put this which is unhelpful, but the Council must carry out up to date landscape character assessments to identify which countryside has the most value. Buffer zones around the AONB must be designated to protect its setting, something that has traditionally not been given the importance it deserves. Identifying countryside of high landscape value is also an important tool in understanding where growth should and should not be accommodated and it is unsound to consider all areas of non-AONB countryside as having the same landscape value when this is not the case.
Yes, 59819, 59817, 59832
These are all variations on the same site in Burham, between the local school and Church Street, and subject to a current open outline application by Trenport.
Have a look at the comments on the application (168) with only a single local supporter, who when you read their comment actually meant to make an objection.
The site is beautiful, open farmland and forms and important part of the vista of the AONB and the character of the village. As well as being an important wildlife habitat.
Stonecastle Quarry
Postern Quarry
Medway Valley
If you build more flats you need local green space
no idea from such a set of complex documents
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That is not for me to determine. However, any proposed development on viable good quality agriculture land such as Broadwater Farm, in my opinion should not be permitted.

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What is. NPPF?

Don't know, but I feel we want to preserve as much local green space as possible because it is a commodity that cannot be replaced.

Some of us have applied 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 I know, it fulfills all the criteria. 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

Land to North of Tolsey Mead, used for horse grazing. Carries a popular footpath for dog walkers. Adjoins ancient woodland and Joco Pit. Documented biodiversity. Sits on an aquifer used for water extraction. Preserve it!

Note that all of the proposed sites on Kings Hill DO NOT meet the criteria

Potential sites in West Malling are Banky Meadows, Churchfields ( by Scared Crow), Cricket Ground, Ewell Avenue, Macey's Meadow, Manor Park, Norman Road playing fields, St. Leonard's Tower, St. Leonard's Street/ Teston Road, Woodland Close/Alma Road, Green occupied by Hope statue.

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By creating protected areas you are stopping development

No sites local to Hadlow parish.

PEters pit is already built on unfortunately. Starkeys castle should be included if within border. Wouldham rec should also be kept as a green space even when trenport's in perpetuity clause expires

Green Spaces should be protected

not sure

It is the duty of every citizen either as an individual or families to contribute to conserving and enhancing biodiversity, for the sake of all of us.

The council has designated the green spaces clearly in Appendix A, and it is the duty of the Council to protect these spaces, to improve the quality of life for all of us and improve the environment.

In addition, the following could be considered -

1 Every household should plant at least 1 tree in their own grounds, guided by the Council, what is the best type to plant. (Or the developer is responsible for planting 1 tree for every dwelling they create, on their development.)

2 Every development should have 25% of space available to gardens and green spaces, including wildlife

3 Farmers and Councils should allocate 10% of their holding for replanting trees.

Local plan green space is important; TM Borough is 70% rural, however not all areas Green Belt benefit the local population or local wildlife or general environment.

Not that I can see

There are hundreds of potential sites listed, it is impossible for the lay person to be able to appraise them all and comment meaningfully. I am staggered and appalled at the size of some of the potential sites that appear to use vast quantities of current agricultural land.

This is unfair question to the unqualified.

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Existing Local Green Space areas that still fulfill their original purpose should be provided with protection.

Local Green Space has a fundamental purpose in the development of a community. New large scale development should be delivered with local green space and play areas embedded from the outset, but this should be identified via a master plan for the site and conditioned within planning agreements/consents accordingly.

Don't know.

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The Racecourse is an excellent example.

Keep it as it is to be enjoyed by all.

I cannot see the potential sites.

no response

I have not studied all the current sites, the principle should apply to not only these but future sites proposed in future.

«No response»

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Unsure

Hazel Woods - West Peckham, Mereworth Forest (The Hurst) - West Peckham

Westwood Rd Green - a really useful recreational site in the centre of estate. Used locally as play area and occasionally for local events. Would destroy character of the area if built on.

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No

If this means protecting of green spaces within developments, then I agree

It is important that all green spaces are taken into account when considering planning consents.

«No response»

Not specifically

I would prefer to see the Local Plan centred around the environment, climate change, biodiversity, air quality, water quality, handling of sewage, preservation of Green Belt, SSSIs, RIGs, woodland, etc rather than housing!

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Not in the local sites nearby

The area to the North of Kings Hill was identified as an Area of Local Landscape Importance (P3/7) in the 1998 local plan. This includes consideration for the vista from the North Downs Way. It was identified as the Best and Most Versatile agricultural land in the 2008 LDF, and identified as an important wildlife corridor. However, it was assigned for development in the withdrawn 2018 local plan. Some of this seems to be related to the mislabelling of Kings Hill as an urban area, whereas ONS quite clearly designates it as Rural Town. In addition, previous policies designed to prevent the coalescence of villages seems to not have appropriate weight in current decisions. Therefore, it is demonstrated that Green Belt designation is required to protect its status and ensure that, as one of the few non-green-field areas of the borough, it does not get used as the dumping ground for new housing even though such housing is not justified when looking at the local area.

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The sites are not laid out in a suitable manner for a lay person to adequately critique their relative merits and demerits in a realistic time frame.

No

Not familiar with any specific areas that embrace these sites but the ability to embrace these to enhance further local / urban development, akin to much of what has already been successfully achieved is a key opportunity and potential solution to much of the development requirement.

Open spaces are so important to all communities and alongside improvements in air quality ought to be a priority.

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Yes, I think it's important for people to have green space around where they live.

I want to comment on Qu36 below. I would expect that specifically designating sites for biodiversity net gain would not be used to offset sites causing a net loss elsewhere.

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don't feel it is enough emphasis as green space cleans the air and this is important for the environment.

dont understand NPPF, green space should be designated for enjoyment, not for development

I don't know but I notice that site 59761 includes a woodland - Kate Reed Wood.

And protected

Not sure.

n/k

this is incredibly important and TMBC could really become a driving force in these issues given the amount of green belt, AONB etc. it has - it si an asset where it could achieve and build on these key targets.

All sites would have to meet NPPF

thats one for you to answer but you should be protecting our green spaces not destroying them.

How is it possible to expect the majority of respondents to this consultation to know such detail?

Haven't had time to look into this.

All current green space, AONB and farmland should be protected from all housing development. We must not ruin our green spaces, rural areas and countryside we are so lucky to have in the area when there are lots of other small pockets of brown field sites to use for housing.

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I think Green space is key to happy living. This could be seen during the pandemic. You would no better than I, where there are unused green spaces.

Need to ensure that they do.

Protect green space

No response

Unsure.

Areas of high grade farming land must be protected for the country to develop for self sufficiency, Green belt designation must be applied to protect areas of the borough coalescing in to a large housing blob (such as Kings Hill, East Malling, West Malling etc. coalescing in to the Greater Maidstone conurbation.

We have insufficient knowledge to answer this question.

New large green field sites should be required to designate green space and ecological corridors or features, but this is impractical for small development sites or central urban sites. We need to get density up in new developments to minimise their impact on existing green spaces. Large new green field developments need to be avoided, a last resort after all other sites in settlement areas have been used. Any blanket requirement for a proportion of green space in new developments results in wasted space. Green space has to be maintained and this requires management companies and service charges from residents of new developments. This is prone to



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problems and hard to sustain. Usually the green space becomes a poorly maintained verge and eventually gets taken into surrounding properties. They only work on a grand scale as part of large developments such as Kings Hill. It is better to protect the real green space, the rural areas between settlements by minimising the area for new housing, than adding to that area by asking for green spaces within the developments. Sometimes it is appropriate, especially if integrated with ecological or flood alleviation measures. In other locations it may assist place making or provide a setting for a listed building, but on most sites where it is imposed the benefits are outweighed by the greater loss of surrounding Green land and the reduced provision of dwellings. Similarly, policies to require 10% bio diversity net gain are less viable in urban areas where development needs to be encouraged. In these areas, intensification and best use of the space to deliver housing, reduces pressure for housing on green field sites, so has its ecological benefit already. If real improvements are to be achieved, then KCC highways and utility companies must be persuaded to allow more urban tree planting within highways, to green and cool these areas and combat pollution.

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Don't know detail of NPPF to make comparison.

Couldn't say.

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Thats a huge volume of information to assess in order to answer this question

Sites 59797 and 59800

No response

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Ightham Sandpit - this is a restored quarry that has a substantial population of Great Crested Newts. It is a beautiful area with numerous lakes and wetlands and is naturally rewilding.

Sites 59844, 59441, 59442, 59443, 59445, 59432, 59456,

current field space more than ample but better use of river

59531, 59534, 59544 & 59547 should all be designated Local Green Spaces.

no comment

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**Sites 59624, 59799 and 59723**

Planned development would likely jar against the character of the small area of existing dwellings. Site 59799, in particular, appears to cover an area containing woodland, so possible habitat loss. Also, site 59799 has a watercourse running through it, so issues surrounding pollution could arise (run-off etc) and loss of trees / concrete could increase flood risk in this area.

**Sites 59654, 59664 and 59700**

All three of these sites currently contribute to the natural beauty and character of the village. Site 59700 also appears to contain wooded areas, so building here would result in loss of habitat and increase risk of flooding due to tree loss.

**Sites 59728 and 59729**

Changing from agricultural to residential usage will negatively affect the character of the village. Removal of crops / fruit trees will likely affect drainage on the hill, leading to more water run-off into the existing village of Wateringbury to an area that already prone to flooding (e.g. Where Memories Meet). I have personally seen skylarks, adders and slowworm in this area, which are all either rare or in decline. Loss of crops / fruit trees

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would reduce the habitat for pollinator species specifically, which are of not just local but worldwide importance.

**Site 59797**

This site would end up linking Kings Hill and Wateringbury. Wateringbury would lose its distinction as a separate village. Loss of such a sizable area of greenbelt would be devastating for pollinators and other wildlife. This site would also split Flite Wood from the other areas of woodland to the South and from the area of woodland to the West of Danns Lane. This will isolate each woodland and prevent wildlife crossing between these wooded areas, leading to loss of genetic diversity within populations. As some of this site is a golf course, there would be a reduction in the number of leisure activities for the local population – not promising for people’s mental or physical wellbeing.

**Sites 59800 and 59802**

This site would cause encroachment from the Kings Hill conurbation towards Wateringbury village. Has a body of water, so issues surrounding pollution could arise (run-off etc) and more hard ground and building could increase flood risk in this area / be vulnerable to flooding. As a significant proportion of this site is a golf course, there would be a reduction in the number of leisure activities for the local population – not ideal for people’s mental or physical wellbeing. I have personally seen skylarks, adders and slowworm in this area, which are all either rare or in decline. Loss of crops / vines would reduce the habitat for pollinator species specifically, which are of not just local but worldwide importance. Both sites would create a barrier and therefore isolate Cattering Wood and Flite Wood, as well as the woodland to the south of Flite Wood, preventing wildlife crossing between these wooded areas, leading to loss of genetic diversity within populations.

**Site 59803**

This site would start to merge the separate villages of Wateringbury and Teston, which would lead to loss of local historic identity. Concreting to build in this area would result in significant drainage issues leading to water running down the hill towards existing dwellings, businesses and the A26.

**Site 59845**

This site would create a bridge between Wateringbury and Teston, merging the separate villages of Wateringbury and Teston, which would lead to loss of local historic identity. This site would have a huge adverse effect on the landscape. Views of the Medway River valley would be lost. Being in a high flood risk zone concreting to build on this area would result in drainage issues and possible flooding of nearby dwellings.

The Swanmead/Postern Lane area to the east of Tonbridge is a well used green space. I am not qualified to assess whether it meets the criteria set out in the NPPF

All of Table 7 needs to be protected and no houses should be built on green belt areas.

Yes, in order to achieve a coherent and connected green spaces to encourage wildlife and bio diversity.

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It is extremely disappointing that specific green space areas designed into Kings Hill have now been identified as potential locations to develop housing. This shows that even if local green space is considered in this local plan it will probably just be ignored at the publication of the next local plan when housing needs will be greater still

No response

No response

There will be a risk otherwise that the Green Space, and all of its benefits, is simply lost

All sites must be fully evaluated.

Sites in Offham which meet all the NPPF criteria:

1. Offham Recreation Ground. Teston Road ME19 5PE
2. The Village Green Teston Road ME19 5NN
3. The Cosgrave Field, Church Road ME19 5NY (including land leased by Offham Cricket Club and Offham Tennis Club)

The infrastructure provision should include amenities & assets, in the form of Countryside/Grade 1 Agricultural Land/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 health of borough residents & voters.

Further, **National Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** should be preserved such as that at Wateringbury, both physically & from the peripheral impacts associated with development.

In addition refer to the Government publication "Rural Challenge" regarding balanced development - "The countryside must be a vibrant place to live" with the rural communities being given the power to their preserve villages."

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promote healthy living.

We also believe there is a Covenant to prohibit building on 59550 and 59552 which was for 100 years with around 70 years remaining.

Green Space should be protected throughout the borough. Once lost, it will be gone forever

Green space MUST be retained not only as an amenity but as a factor in local character.

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Have you considered the Medway Valley which borders the eastern edge of the borough? Of course it crosses boroughs, but Watlingbury is part of that valley and in the valley, with outstanding views of the valley from many different locations in the village. It is surprising to me that the valley is not an area of outstanding natural beauty or at least a county park. Should there not be coordinated work between adjoining authorities to investigate the Medway Valley from Tonbridge to Maidstone? Is it not just as naturally significant as the North Downs? It has a life of boats, fishing, water sports, it has rich agriculture, ancient bridges, Victorian locks and also industrial revolution age archaeology, Wartime archeology, Roman villa sites as well as birdlife in abundance. Sure this is a national asset we should protect?

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Not all aspects as it will allow areas to be changed to housing or other aspects.

Best for an expert to address this.

I'm a member of the public!! Shouldn't an expert assess this?

They are a resource to be treasured once they have been developed they are lost for ever. They need to be preserved for the sanity of this generation and the next generations

Any development site should contain a certain area of green space.

Wildlife and biodiversity is important and green space is also crucial for mental health.

Local green spaces must be of the highest quality, or they will not be respected.

I am not sufficiently qualified to judge.

I Would like to support an application for Westwood Green (site 59525) to be designated in the local plan.

It is an important Green to the immediate community and is regularly used in the following ways

Carol singing, Keep fit Workout sessions, Community social events. Walking and exercising, meeting friends having a chat sitting on the benches.

People in the surrounding community who live in flats rely on this green to provide an outside area of nature ,peace and relaxation.

the trees are home to much wildlife , and the area is visited by foxes and badgers.

It is both a short distance away and within view of Bullen Corner and Snoll Hatch Character Areas.

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- The surrounding community, especially those in flats, and of ill health, are reliant on this Green to provide an area of nature, peace and relaxation.
- The trees house much wildlife, and the area is regularly visited by foxes
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I can't say. But don't just think of Green Spaces as isolated, stand-alone areas. They can be, but the green initiative should apply to every zone, sector, location and building use.

Surely you should identify these areas?! I do not agree with building on green belt land - full stop.

There are far too many sites for me to go through and check against this criteria.

You need to save River Lawn in Tonbridge.

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I do think that we can find sites within the borough do develop that will not require us to deplete our Greenbelt  
land and diminish the AONB

Land around Mereworth would meet the criteria set out in NPPF. It is recreational in aspect, historic in  
importance including historic building in situ, and meets the other criteria. In addition much of the land is also  
'good' agricultural.

AONB, Ancient Woodland, Green Space, Special Habitats, species and Biodiversity Net Gain and Agricultural  
land should never be build on.

River Lawn in Tonbridge

Tonbridge Farm Sportsground

Land around Mereworth.

59525.

No they require more green spaces.

I would like to support an application for Westwood Green (Site  
59525) to be designated in the Local Plan. It is an important Green

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to the immediate community and is regularly used in the following ways:

Singing such as carol singing ? Keep fit workout sessions ? Community social events. ? Meeting and relaxing on the benches. ? The surrounding community, especially those in flats, and of ill health, are reliant on this Green to provide an area of nature, peace and relaxation. ? The trees house much wildlife, and the area is regularly visited by foxes ? It is both a short distance and within view of Bullen Corner and Snoll Hatch Character Areas. ? During any local emergency, fire, flood, the Green is often used as a safe meeting point for residents.

I'm sorry but I am not an expert on the NPPF, this sounds like a strange question to be asking the general public.....

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There are many sites in the borough which meet these criteria. One example is The Green in Shipbourne.

Unable to comment - my expertise is not in this area. I believe that you must (as far as you are able to) protect what we have left in this area. We have some amazing places and it would be a shame to lose them.

Sorry on Qs 35 & 36 I don't feel I know enough to answer.

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The land 59550 and 59552 are playgrounds at Brindles Field so should be withdrawn from the list of sites for consideration for development and designated as Local Green Space.

The land 59572 between Chaucer Gardens and Upper Haysden Lane should be built on to remove the need to build on the green belt opposite as the road contains Tonbridge withing this boundary.

Offham Parish Council supports the creation of designated Green Spaces and offers the following sites all of which which meet all the NPPF criteria:

1. Offham Recreation Ground, Teston Road ME19 5PE
2. Offham Village Green, Teston Road ME19 5NN
3. The Cosgrave Field, Church Road ME19 5NY (including land leased by Offham Cricket Club and Offham Tennis Club)

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relaxation and exercise and promote healthy living.

Does this mean green space being in the local plan will protect it from building and changes to the environment?

Yes the Ightham sandpit is an are of significant population of crested newts and is naturally rewinding.

I don't know for sure, but the land covered by sites 59637, 59638, 59686 and 59776 are in close proximity to the community (Hadlow) and local in character and I would say they are of particular significance, at least for their tranquility and recreational value given the use made of the public footpaths through them by locals.

**Sites 59624, 59799 and 59723**

Planned development would likely jar against the character of the small area of existing dwellings. Site 59799, in particular, appears to cover an area containing woodland, so possible habitat loss. Also, site 59799 has a watercourse running through it, so issues surrounding pollution could arise (run-off etc) and loss of trees / concrete could increase flood risk in this area.

**Sites 59654, 59664 and 59700**

All three of these sites currently contribute to the natural beauty and character of the village. Site 59700 also appears to contain wooded areas, so building here would result in loss of habitat and increase risk of flooding due to tree loss.

**Sites 59728 and 59729**

Changing from agricultural to residential usage will negatively affect the character of the village. Removal of crops / fruit trees will likely affect drainage on the hill, reading to more water run-off into the existing village of Wateringbury to an area that already prone to flooding (e.g. Where Memories Meet). I have personally seen skylarks, adders and slowworm in this area, which are all either rare or in decline. Loss of crops / fruit trees would reduce the habitat for pollinator species specifically, which are of not just local but worldwide importance.

**Site 59797**

This site would end up linking Kings Hill and Wateringbury. Wateringbury would lose its distinction as a separate village. Loss of such a sizable area of greenbelt would be devastating for pollinators and other wildlife. This site would also split Flite Wood from the other areas of woodland to the South and from the area of woodland to the West of Danns Lane. This will isolate each woodland and prevent wildlife crossing between these wooded areas, leading to loss of genetic diversity within populations. As some of this site is a golf course, there would be a reduction in the number of leisure activities for the local population – not promising for people's mental or physical wellbeing.

**Sites 59800 and 59802**

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This site would cause encroachment from the Kings Hill conurbation towards Wateringbury village. Has a body of water, so issues surrounding pollution could arise (run-off etc) and more hard ground and building could increase flood risk in this area / be vulnerable to flooding. As a significant proportion of this site is a golf course, there would be a reduction in the number of leisure activities for the local population – not ideal for people’s mental or physical wellbeing. I have personally seen skylarks, adders and slowworm in this area, which are all either rare or in decline. Loss of crops / vines would reduce the habitat for pollinator species specifically, which are of not just local but worldwide importance. Both sites would create a barrier and therefore isolate Cattering Wood and Flite Wood, as well as the woodland to the south of Flite Wood, preventing wildlife crossing between these wooded areas, leading to loss of genetic diversity within populations.

**Site 59803**

This site would start to merge the separate villages of Wateringbury and Teston, which would lead to loss of local historic identity. Concreting to build in this area would result in significant drainage issues leading to water running down the hill towards existing dwellings, businesses and the A26.

**Site 59845**

This site would create a bridge between Wateringbury and Teston, merging the separate villages of Wateringbury and Teston, which would lead to loss of local historic identity. This site would have a huge adverse effect on the landscape. Views of the Medway River valley would be lost. Being in a high flood risk zone concreting to build on this area would result in drainage issues and possible flooding of nearby dwellings

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I do not support the application building for Westwood Green (site 59525) to be developed on. It is an important green to the immediate community and is regularly used in the following ways.

- Carol singing
- keep fit workout sessions.
- community social events
- social events meeting and relaxing on the benches
- trees house much wildlife in the area, such as bats and foxes
- its in a short distance and within in view of bullen corner and snoll hatch character areas.
- during an local emergency such as fire & flooding the green is used as a meeting point.
- the community, especially those in flats and of I’ll health are reliant on the green to provide and area of natural peace and relaxation.

Site 59613, 59876 and 59837 - Snoll Hatch and Addlestead sites should not be built on and should be protected.



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The above sights as home to wild flowers and grass, making a natural habitat for local wildlife. The stream / ditch that runs down one side is home to nature such as newts and other endangered animals.

Additionally the land and ditch protects the houses on westbound road from flooding. Building on this site would increase a flood risk that's already an issue.

All sites listed about are unsuitable for development do to the following.

Narrow lanes.

Parking problems.

Poor accessibility.

Site is in flood zones 2 and 3.

All roads to the site flood.

Site is isolated from village services during times of flooding.

Surface water discharge from this site will cause flooding downstream and of surrounding property.

High ground water levels and the use of soakaways unsuitable for this area.

Site is Green belt land.

Building on this site goes against established anti coalescence policy and the Hamlet of Snoll Hatch must be kept separate from East Peckham.

Snoll Hatch is a Character Area.

There is no rail station close by.

There is no parking at nearest station.

There is no lighting or pavement on the road.

The roads to the station flood.

The village has no GP Surgery.

The village should be downgraded from a rural service centre to a rural settlement.

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Green space amongst houses is essential for well being and healthy living, so 595572, 59641, 59550, 59552 should not be developed

Green space in the town centre is needed for the same reasons and for the aesthetic so River Lawn, 59515, and

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Absolutely.

ANy sites that fall within the Greenbelt

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It's healthier, happier and better for you and the environment

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Connecting people with green spaces is vital for their health and wellbeing

DO NOT BUILD ON GREENBELT LAND. THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN A PROPOSED OPTION. WHAT IS WRONG WITH THESE DEVEOPERS! AND WHAT IS WRONG WITH TBMC EVEN ENTERTAINING THE IDEA. THIS IS NOT WHAT RESIDENTS WANT FOR THE AREA.

Igtham sandpit

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I think it's the role of TMBC to decide which and ensure these are protected

Agreed in principle. Not enough knowledge to comment.

1) East Malling Playing Fields (New Road). This is an important green space within East Malling and should be designated as a Local Green Space. This area is part of what was once part of the parkland surrounding Clare House so it has important heritage value. It borders Mill Street where there is the long ragstone wall, such walls being a feature of East Malling, and here it marks the boundary of the former parkland. The parkland itself was set out with a variety of trees which can be seen along the boundary with New Road and across the site. Several may be 150-200 years old and new trees have been planted by the Parish Council when felling has proved necessary. West of the site is the land once forming part of Blacklands County Primary School, now Vigor Close, and which the Parish Council acquired

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from KCC. This largely open area is the home of Blacklands Scout Group and contributes to the green landscape area. As a whole the site provides a backdrop to the Conservation Area to the south and is part of the “village feel” which East Malling Village and Mill Street have kept.

The whole area with its tennis courts, ball park, play area and football pitches is in the middle of the built up area with “the Village” to the south and the estates built from the 1950’s onwards to the north. The site is well used by the local population and often in the Summer months families can be seen picnicking. There is also local wildlife such as woodpeckers which use the mature trees and squirrels.

In conclusion, it is felt this site is worthy of inclusion as a Local Green Space in the Local Plan.

2) Warren Woods Nature Park should be designated as a Local Green Space. This site was previously part of Heath Farm, East Malling which is now largely laid out for Sports Facilities to serve the community of Kings Hill to the south. The bulk of the remainder is now the much used Warren Woods Nature Reserve which is used as an informal recreation area by both residents of Kings Hill and of East Malling. The site is easily accessed from East Malling by public footpath MR114 and MR115 from Well Street and The Heath. Within the Nature Park connecting paths have been laid out between these two rights of way giving public access to the whole site. An application is pending with the County Council to upgrade MR114 to a restricted byway based on historical evidence. I believe some of the site is classified as ancient woodland and indeed was once part of East Malling being common land enclosed in the early 19th century. I consider the site is a valuable green space for local people and also has landscape value too plus providing a refuge for wildlife

Not sure, but they add to the feeling of well being.

I am unable to respond to this question due to a lack of knowledge however, green spaces should be designated and protected from any developments.

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Residents should expect to have green space within a short walk of their homes for the well being of adults and children alike.

Haven’t had time to read it

Green space need to be maintained. None should be lost.

All building should be in brown field sites. This will cost more as sites will be smaller but is needed to protect the environment. Very small developments on old barn buildings could be allowed

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Westwood Green (site 59525). This is critical to the nature of the local environment and is a space used regularly for recreation but also plays a part in village life. It is used for fairs, keep fit, community events.

unknown Acronyms make these consultations pointless

I have not investigated potential sites.

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We would suggest that this would make a lot of sense. Green Space would have a positive effect on your SA Objectives 1,2,5,6,8,9,10,11 and 12 so it really does seem sensible to include a requirement in the Local Plan.

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59521, Quincewood gardens should be designated a green space and withdrawn from the list of potential sites for consideration for development as residents should have access to a green space within 500m of their homes for children and adults to play and relax.

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Restored quarry at Ightham Sandpits which is naturally re-wilding and becoming a wonderful habitat for various wildlife.

Site 59759, Site 59758, Site 59757, Site 59755, Site 59752, Site 59750, Site 59749, Site 59760, Site 59594, Site 59740

See response to Q2

We have to maintain the green belt and agricultural land and find other areas for development

WMPC believes that the following sites meet the NPF criteria. They are all open to the public and WMPC would like to pursue their designation as Local Green Spaces:

Old County Ground Norman Road. Owned by WMPC. Site of first advertised Cricket Match in Kent in 1705. Birthplace of Kent County Cricket Club. Cricket and Football teams played here ever since.

Macey's Meadow Norman Road. Twenty-acre Community Orchard, with cherry, apple, pear and nut trees, plus wildflower meadows, insect and bird nesting boxes, and beehives. Owned by WMPC. Maintained by volunteers. Annual Applefest Festival. Used continually all year and at all times of the day by a range of local residents of all ages & abilities.

Manor Park Country Park. St Leonard's Street. Former landscaped garden of listed Douces Manor which overlooks the park. KCC owned Country Park with children's play equipment, lake, grazing and parkland, with café.

St Leonard's Tower. St Leonard's Tower. One of most complete 11th century Norman Keeps in the country. Owned by English Heritage. Small lawned curtilage for visitors.

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Village Green. High Street opposite Ryarsh Lane junction. Site of former Lock Up. Now site of significant trees, benches and 'Hope' statue by Sarah Cunningham.

Toll House Green. Highway green at intersection of Teston Road and St Leonards Street. Former site of toll house. Attractive entrance to town. Bus stop and village sign with bulb flower beds.

Banky Meadows. Police Station Road to London Road. Open meadow bounded by deeply incised valley of stream from foot of St Leonards Tower. Grazing land open to the public for as long as can be remembered. Very well use paths to Leybourne and Larkfield.

Scared Crow Green Churchfields. Small grassed area and verge belonging to TMBC.

Ewell Avenue green. Small grassed are on bend of Ewell Avenue. Attractive amenity for informal play for children.

Woodland Close green area at junction with Alma Road. Thought to belong to the now- liquidated developer and therefore Crown Property. Attractive setting at Close entrance.

Norman Road Playing Fields. Norman Road. Owned by WMPC. Very well used. Sport pitches, play equipment, tennis courts and Village Hall. Traditional setting for Village Carnival.

These sites should be readily identifiable by the TNBC planning department with the assistance of relevant organisations

No. You cannot create a space in a few years and expect it to replace an area of outstanding beauty that has taken thousands of years to evolve.

The land at 595151 and 59516 should be designated as Local Green Space.

The land 59559 and 59552 are playgrounds and should be withdrawn from the list of sites for consideration for development and designated as Local Green Space. Similarly 59522 and 5952.

Residents should expect to have seen space within 500m of their home.

Site 59531, Site 59534, Site 59547, Site 59884, Site 59544



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Areas should have a designated green space to walk, play, chat within reasonable distance of their home. 500m would be reasonable especially where more home working is likely to happen and adults need to take healthy breaks

The land areas 59821 & 59823 should definitely be considered as Local Green Spaces and should be withdrawn from the lists of sites for consideration for development. This sheep grazing grass area and surrounding trees are very well maintained by Fairlawne Estate and hosts Conservation of Natural Habitats and Species.

Site Area 59683 will lead to significant loss of amenity and recreational space at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground. We have come to know that there is insufficient capacity for even a Baseball Diamond, but now according to the plan hundreds of houses on this floodplain are being suggested, which is an absolutely unrealistic proposition and loss of Local Green Space. We definitely think that large housing development on Area 59683 will completely change the healthy living area of local community for walks and relaxation exercise areas.

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Westwood road in East peckham should be designated as it is used by the local community and the rest of the village for events and social purposes.

It is used by the local band, choirs, Salvation Army, carol singing, summer discos, keep fit and yoga sessions.

The trees provide a habitat for the local wildlife

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As there is not a question which seeks specific context around BNG policies and delivery, please accept these comments as additional to Q35. In line with CIEEM guidance for delivery of BNG it is key that the Local Plan Policy refers to the fact that BNG schemes must align with all ten BNG Principles within the "Good Practice Principles for Development, A Practical Guide" in order to be classified as having achieved BNG.

Borough Green Recreation Ground, Potters Mede Sports Fields, Isle Quarry East, Crow Hill (Borough Green)

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Not all aspects as it will allow areas to be changed to housing or other aspects. We can see if this is accurately followed as a restriction for the whole borough to equally share housing requirements.

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Hazel Wood, West Peckham

The Hurst/Mereworth Woods, West Peckham

Insufficient time available to investigate this

Leybourne lakes green and country park.

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.

I am using this space to comment on Q 34. I agree with 5.9.2, 5.9.1. In 5.9.7 I would reference that for plots 59752, 59802, 59797, 59800 it would cause great damage to areas outstanding natural beauty, ancient woodland and their local natural habitat. It should therefore make reference to the fact that the plan aims to reduce / avoid expected wildlife damage and in turn focus on brownfield sites before damaging green belt.

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59515, 59516, 59550, 59552, 59572, should all be designated as local Green space.

Yes

Westwood Green (site 59525) should be designated in the local plan.

The area is regularly used by the community.

Keep Fit, social events, meetings. People living nearby use it to relax, observe nature.

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E Peckham parish council would like to make an application for Westwood green site 59525 to be designated in the local planners local green space. This one open space provided for the estate communities as a 1950s.

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During any local emergency fire flood the green is often used as safety meeting point for residents.

The air ambulance has used the green form urgency landing.

WMPC supports the creation of designated Green Spaces, as vital parts of a settlement and local community. In order to be designated as a local Green Space, a site must:

- (a) Be reasonably close to the community it serves; and
- (b) Be demonstrably special to the local community, either in terms of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife.

WMPC believes that the following sites meet the NPFF criteria. They are all open to the public and WMPC would like to pursue their designation as Local Green Spaces:

- (a) Old County Ground Norman Road. Owned by WMPC. Site of first advertised Cricket Match in Kent in 1705. Birthplace of Kent County Cricket Club. Cricket and Football teams played here ever since.
  - (b) Macey's Meadow Norman Road. Twenty-acre Community Orchard, with cherry, apple, pear and nut trees, plus wildflower meadows, insect and bird nesting boxes, and beehives. Owned by WMPC. Maintained by volunteers. Annual Applefest Festival.
  - (c) Manor Park Country Park. St Leonard's Street. Former landscaped garden of listed Douces Manor which overlooks the park. KCC owned Country Park with children's play equipment, lake, grazing and parkland, with café.
  - (d) St Leonard's Tower. St Leonard's Tower. One of most complete 11th century Norman Keeps in the country. Owned by English Heritage. Small lawned curtilage for visitors. WMPC has concerns about recent lack of public access.
  - (e) Village Green. High Street opposite Ryarsh Lane junction. Site of former Lock Up. Now site of significant trees, benches and 'Hope' statue by Sarah Cunningham.
  - (f) Toll House Green. Highway green at intersection of Teston Road and St Leonards Street. Former site of toll house. Attractive entrance to town. Bus stop and village sign with bulb flower beds.
  - (g) Banky Meadows. Police Station Road to London Road. Open meadow bounded by deeply incised valley of stream from foot of St Leonards Tower. Grazing land open to the public for as long as can be remembered. Very well use paths to Leybourne and Larkfield.
  - (h) Scared Crow Green Churchfields. Small grassed area and verge belonging to TMBC. Site of Bouncy Castle at Jubilee.
  - (i) Ewell Avenue green. Small grassed are on bend of Ewell Avenue. Attractive amenity for informal play for children.
  - (j) Woodland Close green area at junction with Alma Road. Thought to belong to the now liquidated developer and therefore Crown Property. Attractive setting at Close entrance.
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(k) Norman Road Playing Fields. Norman Road. Owned by WMPC. Very well used. Sport pitches, play equipment, tennis courts and Village Hall. Traditional setting for Village Carnival.

Local Green Space should only be designated if the Council consider it necessary. These spaces should only be designated on land promoted for this function and meet the requirements set out in NPPF paragraph 102. These spaces should not be mistaken for open space. The Land at Manor Farm is promoted through this Local Plan consultation for residential development. As part of the residential development open space will be provided. This open space differs from green space thus, the site should not include any green space designations.

Yes. The area to the North of Kings Hill was identified as an Area of Local Landscape Importance (P3/7) in the 1998 development framework. This includes consideration for the vista from the North Downs Way. It was identified as the Best and Most Versatile agricultural land in the 2008 LDF and identified as an important wildlife corridor. However, it was assigned for development in the withdrawn 2018 local plan. Some of this seems to be related to the mislabelling of Kings Hill as an urban area, whereas ONS quite clearly designates it as Rural Town. In addition, previous policies designed to prevent the coalescence of villages seems to not have appropriate weight in current decisions. Therefore, it is demonstrated that Green Belt designation is required to protect its status and ensure that, as one of the few non-green-field areas of the borough, it does not get used as the dumping ground for new housing even though such housing is not justified when looking at the local area. In addition, there is opportunity to offset loss of green belt around Tonbridge, to allow for development in that area which has the highest house price / earnings ratio in the borough, with the addition of green belt around Kings Hill, which has one of the lower house price / earnings ratio in the borough, allowing the government guidance to be more closely followed.

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There may be a case of a Local Green Space Policy but the plan should not frame this policy such that it becomes

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tantamount to 'Green Belt' for the built up areas of this Borough, as this could have unforeseen negative consequences in providing for community related built development such as schools or indoor sports facilities.

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- **Sites 59842 and 59811 in particular are significant parts of the greenbelt/open countryside surrounding Hadlow and are highly valuable in terms of the environment and the character of the area, which should continue to be protected and cherished.**

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(map image included here)

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- Singing such as carol singing.
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- The trees are home for much wildlife such as bats and the green is regularly visited by foxes.
- The green is both a short distance and within view of Bullen Corner and Snoll Hatch character areas.
- During any local emergency, fire, floods, the green is often used as a safe meeting point.
- Dog owners regularly use the green as a meeting social point.
- Children often learn how to ride bikes on the green as I did

- **Yes, designated Local Green Spaces are critical to meeting various Sustainability Assessment criteria.**

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BAG considers this matter to be the responsibility of TMBC officers to determine as it requires complex cross-referencing and detailed planning knowledge.

In our submission regarding the policy related questions in the Local Plan consultation, BAG felt that TMBC officers were in the best position to be able to make the appropriate assessment for Local Green Spaces. However



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since we put in our submission, we have been approached by members as to whether or not the New Barns and Broadwater Farm Conservation Area and the Conservation Area around Well Street should be put forward as Local Green Spaces. It is our understanding that the fact of holding Conservation Area status provides enduring protections for these places and so additional Local Green Space safeguarding is not required. Should our understanding be incorrect, then the Conservation Areas of New Barns and Broadwater Farm and Well Street (East Malling) are proposed for designation as Local Green Spaces.

Additionally we have been asked about the Warren Wood Nature Park and, having now had the opportunity to research the National Policy Planning Framework, believe that this meets all the criteria set out in Paragraph 102 for local Green Space as follows:

*a) In reasonably close proximity to the community it serves*

Placed between the local hamlet communities in and around Broadwater, East Malling, West Malling and Kings Hill, this site is not only close to the communities it serves but also provides footpath access from settlement to settlement, as well as being an amenity which is well used in its own right. The site can be accessed from the north by public footpaths MR114 and MR115, there is also footpath access from Amber lane and Clearheart lane. Within the Nature Park there are linking pathways so the whole site is accessible.

*b) Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significant, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and*

The value of this land to local communities is clear from its popularity with local residents and has recreational value, providing easily accessible woodland walks within easy reach of nearby settlements. Due to the name of this area it almost goes without saying that Warren Woods Nature Park is rich in wildlife, it also has a tranquil feel which leads naturally through from the nearby rural footpaths and Quiet Lanes.

*c) Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land*

The woodland is well established and is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land but a discreet area bordered by Kings Hill to its south and Broadwater to the north and west and the outskirts of East Malling to the east.

Overall BAG believes that the Warren Woods Nature Park should be designated as a local Green Space in the local Plan.

Otherwise opportunist building will take place reducing green site.

It is your job to identify sites.

**YES**

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Yes (including recreational spaces and children playgrounds – see Q.34 below, also see Q.38).

The Brindle's Field sites (59550+52) meets the criteria, being in close proximity to our estate that provide valuable open space/recreational areas, which is the only playground within a safe walking distance, and are of compact areas. NB. Lower Haydesn Ln. has no footway to the Country Park.

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Conservation Areas

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Borough Green does not fit in to any upscale plans. It is the opposite of helping the environment

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I do not have that information.

[SITE REFS: 59448 AND 59450]

As well as objecting to these areas being built on, we suggest that in fact they should be allocated as Local Green

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Spaces. They are valuable, self contained community areas which serve an important function and should be preserved. The Greens are very close to the community which they serve - literally on our doorstep. The grass and trees provide a quiet and tranquil area, with much wildlife living in the trees and bushes. The heritage of the land is important being formerly part of East Malling Research Station.

Unable to comment with further information and analysis

Yes, designated Local Green Spaces are critical to meeting various Sustainability Assessment criteria and the designation of such spaces should be made in such a way to provide ongoing future protection such as that assigned to existing Village Greens and rural Conservation Areas.

**Q34 Do any of the potential Green Space sites meet all of the criteria set out in NPPF?**

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[Q33]- Answer: Yes, in order to achieve a coherent and connected green spaces to encourage wildlife and bio diversity.

I suggest that the Wrotham Viewing Point at the top of the hill should be reopened as pedestrian only area with CCTV to deter the previous antisocial behaviour. It must then be regularly maintained by TMBC.

[image provided]

Answer: The Ightham Sandpit is a restored quarry that has a substantial population of Great Crested Newts. It is a beautiful area with numerous lakes and wetlands and is naturally rewilding.

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