

**COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF 18 FEBRUARY 2025**

**AGENDA ITEM 6 - QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL  
PROCEDURE RULE NO 5.6**

The following question has been asked pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.6 by Marc Page

- **Question Subject: Sustainability and Safety**

The TMBC's 2020-2030 Climate Change Strategy states that it "has a key role in ensuring that new developments are as sustainable as possible", specifically referencing "reducing travel needs", "maximising opportunities for sustainable travel" and "including walking and cycling routes". The KCC's 2021-2026 'Vision Zero – Road Safety Strategy states a target to "increase levels of safety for walking and cycling" and "to make walking and cycling an attractive and realistic choice for short journeys" and 'improved safety for all road users'.

East Malling currently has NO Cycle paths, NO local amenities, NO regular bus services, inaccessible train platforms (for disabled/infirm/those with small children) and dangerous and often impassable very narrow footpaths.

As such, any new local housing residents (be they in affordable houses or not), like existing residents, would be almost entirely car dependant.

Therefore, how can the Ivy Farm Development, which is estimated to house c. 210 residents, be considered to be even remotely logical or compliant and not exacerbate the existing issues?

**A response will be provided at the meeting by the relevant Member and set out in full in the Minutes.**