

**DTONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION**

<b>Decision Taken By:</b>  Director of Planning, Housing & Environmental Health	<b>Decision No:</b>  <b>D260001DEL</b>
<b>Delegated Authority (under which decision taken):</b>  Authority delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing & Environmental Health under Part 3 of the <a href="#">Constitution</a> and set out in the Scheme of Functions delegated to Officers.	
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Delegated
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	12 January 2026

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>SUBMISSION OF CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON CHANGES TO THE STATUTORY CONSULTEE REGIME FOR PLANNING (MCHLG).</b>
A response to the MCHLG “Reforms to the statutory consultee system” was submitted on behalf of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.
<b>Reason:</b>  The consultation ran from the 18 November 2025 until the 13 January 2026 and there was not sufficient time to formulate a response to the consultation, put it on the agenda and take it to the Housing Planning Scrutiny Select Committee (HPSSC) on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025. As there were no further committee dates prior to the submission deadline the decision was taken that a response would be drafted by officers in consultation with the Council Leader and Portfolio holder for Planning and submitted to the MCHLG.

**Details of any Alternatives Considered:**

Not to submit a consultation response to MCHLG.

Reason(s) why rejected:

It was important that a response was submitted on behalf of the Council so that the views of the Council could be taken into account when the Government consider any reforms to the statutory consultation system.

**Conflicts of Interest/Dispensations Granted:**

There were no conflicts of interest declared or dispensations granted by or to any Member who was consulted in respect of this decision.

**Background Papers (if any):**

The consultation responses.

Signed Director of Planning, Housing & Environmental Health:

*Eleanor Hoyle*

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This decision will come into force immediately as 'call in' does not apply to operational non-key officer decisions.