

APPENDIX 2: Schedule of responses

Responses submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council during the consultation on the application for the designation of East Peckham as a Neighbourhood Area.

Respondent	Comments	Officer response
A Dunk	<p>At the moment East Peckham is not fit for development. It would be if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bigger or another primary school to accommodate young families, lots of my neighbours have their children in primary schools outside of East Peckham as their year group did not have space for them. As the village stands, more houses would put more pressure on the village primary school who do not currently have the capacity. I foresee trouble within residents if a 'new' family was granted a space for their child over a longstanding residential family • an hourly bus service to and from tonbridge, at the moment there is no bus service from Tonbridge to East Peckham around 3pm. My sons school, leigh academy Tonbridge finishes on a Wednesday at 2.15pm and my son has to wait for the 4pm bus, this is not ideal for a 14year old (or any 11-15 yr old) loitering in town for nearly 2 hours especially in the winter! • a doctors surgery! • a safer, purpose built pathway to Beltring train station, at the moment my eldest has to navigate the duel carriageway to Beltring to catch a train. • more outside, up to date, floodlit activity area's for all age's • a bigger, or more local shops - currently there is always a queue as it is busy with our current capacity, the same with the petrol station. Both great facilities but would not cope with so many new residents. <p>I worry about the potential bad feeling from current residents, that would make new families feel unwelcome as the villages services stand right now. Making the village able to accommodate the increase in residents without creating a divide between old and new would, in my eyes help a smooth integration into this wonderful happy community.</p> <p>The area's suggested are regularly flooded in the winter, if they are correctly built where will the water go?? It has to go somewhere in the village, which houses then become vulnerable? Which roads become unusable? How many lives will be affected negatively?. Right now I can see nothing positive about this housing proposal that would impact so many people's lives.</p>	<p>Comments noted but they are not relevant to this consultation. Comments / representations for the area designation application should only consider whether the neighbourhood area is appropriate to be designated.</p>

D Locke	The road through the village can be heavily congested, in parts single file traffic yet this number of houses could add hundreds of cars to the roads maybe 1000 , in the centre of the village there is very little parking and no mention of any being added. parked cars on the street mean single file traffic through the centre of the village. exits out of the village will become dangerous during peak times, majority of the exits out of the village are narrow lanes. It is just the sheer number of houses and locations that have been selected are the major issue.	Comments noted but they are not relevant to this consultation. Comments / representations for the area designation application should only consider whether the neighbourhood area is appropriate to be designated.
West Malling Parish Council	West Malling Parish Council is of the opinion that the administrative boundary of East Peckham Parish is the appropriate neighbourhood area to be designated for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan. West Malling Parish Council is pleased to see another parish embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted
M Foster	Any development within East Peckham should be what is best for our village, what we need and in the right locations.	Comments noted but they are not relevant to this consultation. Comments / representations for the area designation application should only consider whether the neighbourhood area is appropriate to be designated.
M Williams	Seems fine to me.	Support noted.
A Willis	I oppose the large scale new build homes planned for the east Peckham area. The small village of east Peckham does not have the infrastructure for over 500 homes to be built. You would be destroying beautiful countryside and natural habitats. I moved from London to this gorgeous small village to avoid all the problems of a congested busy area.	Comments noted but they are not relevant to this consultation. Comments / representations for the area designation application should only consider whether the neighbourhood area is appropriate to be designated.
East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council	East Peckham does not adjoin this Parish so we do not think such a plan will affect us.	Noted
Hildenborough Parish Council	We understand East Peckham Council's rationale for wanting to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan, and that must be a matter solely for East Peckham and their Parishioners to decide, not us. We would request that we are kept up to date with the progress of this application.	Noted
Historic England	I have consulted with our Historic Places Adviser who has confirmed that we will not be providing substantive comment at this stage. We look forward to receiving further consultation as the East Peckham Neighbourhood Plan develops.	Noted

Maidstone Borough Council	After having checked the Area Designation Boundary Maidstone Borough Council has not comments to make.	Noted
National Highways	We have looked at the designated area which is within the Parish Council boundary and as the Parish Council is a qualifying body there are no clear reasons why the designation should not be approved. <i>(the general NDP advice guidelines provided have not been added here as they can be found on the National Highways website)</i>	Noted
Natural England	Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body. <i>(the general NDP advice guidelines provided have not been added here as they can be found on the Natural England website)</i>	Noted
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority are a Statutory Consultee in the planning process in coalfield areas across England, Scotland and Wales. Is it noted that your Authority's boundary falls outside of the coalfield area. On this basis we have no interest in your plan area and no comments to make on the above consultation or on any future emerging planning policy documents.	Noted
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Thank you for consulting TWBC on the neighbourhood area application for the Parish of East Peckham. However, we will not be providing any comments as it appears that the Parish Council are requesting to apply for the whole of the parish area as the neighbourhood area. Where this is the case, Regulation 5A of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 2012 set out that there is no requirement to consult on these applications as the local planning authority must approve the neighbourhood area designation application. As the parish borders the TWBC boundary, we look forward to the Parish Council consulting us on their draft plan under Regulation 14 in due course.	Noted

