



Strategic Environment Cabinet
Committee

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7. Presentation - Local Plan consultation - high level update (Pages 3 - 6)

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Emerging Local Plan Partial Review, Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (Regulation 18 - Stage 2) Consultation

Ministerial Statement from the Minister of State, The Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP made on 19/01/2021, confirms that the Government has set a clear deadline of Dec. 2023 for all authorities to have up-to-date Local Plans in place and that it is the Government's ambition to deliver 300,000 per year.

Number of responses (initial feedback)



- **2,500+ from residents** – majority from the rural area. The data is not broken to post code, ward or parish level. Some of the issues raised by residents:
 - Lack of employment opportunities and affordable homes for local households
 - Insufficient infrastructure and services
 - Impact of Lower Thames Crossing and London Resort
 - Loss of greenspaces, biodiversity and agricultural land
 - Climate Change impacts and resilience
 - Air, noise and light pollution
 - Loss of land currently designated as Green Belt
 - Merger of villages and loss of their unique identities
- Around **10 from businesses and community groups**
- Around **30 from landowners/developers or their planning agents**
- Around **30 from other local authorities/parish councils/statutory consultees/infrastructure providers**



- Number of responses received is comparable to a similar consultation undertaken for the Local Plan Core Strategy in late 2011, which by comparison resulted in around 2,900 responses (when excluding petitions and local newspaper campaigns)
- Residents and businesses informed of consultation via press, Your Borough, social media including a Facebook video with 1.9k views
- Targeted hard to reach groups – feedback received from BME businesses, Kent Equality Cohesion Council and the Borough's Sikh community via the Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara



- Location of Development and Social Infrastructure
- Housing
- Employment and Jobs
- Environment and Climate Change

Strategic Environment Committee (SEC) are asked to note this presentation.