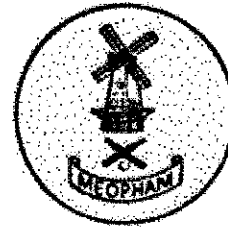


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Dear Sir/Madam

GRAVESHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

With reference to the above document circulated to Meopham Parish Council, please find below for your attention, comments provided by one of our Councillors.

Kent Thameside Strategic Transport Programme

Section 2.3 How does this square with closures of local Post Offices and
 Context of centralisation of other commercially provided services?
 The Proposals

Core Strategy Key issues and Options

Page 17 SO 15 This strategy is supported particularly with regard to the
 objectives to maintain the green belt and to enhance degraded
 landscapes.

To avoid a conflict between SO 15 and SO 16, it is suggested
 that the words "within the village envelopes" might be added to
 the last line of SO 16 after the word "development".

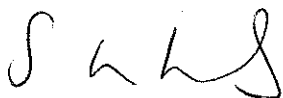
P53-58 It could be argued that Option 1 is the correct option and that it is
 inappropriate for green belt to be lost to accommodate these
 sites. It would encourage both erosion and unauthorised use of
 the green belt and would work against enhancement of
 degraded land which, it may be argued, could be used for sites.
 It will lead to the sites being isolated and remote from services.

P61-66 Retail Insufficient consideration as to how local centres can be
 maintained in villages.

- P206 The objectives should make it clear that small scale development in villages will not conflict with the green belt.
- P208 Due to the pressure of development north of the A2 the preservation of the rural character of the area south of the A2 must take priority. Therefore Option A must be supported and there should no review of the village envelopes.
- P186 Option C should be supported. The very fact that Kent Thameside is being developed so intensely enhances the need for the green lung function of the countryside to be preserved to the fullest extent. Otherwise overspill development will radically undermine its current character.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any clarification on the points above.

Yours faithfully



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