

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

25 SEPTEMBER 2019

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

LOOSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Issue for Decision

To make (adopt) the Loose Neighbourhood Plan.

Recommendation Made

That the Loose Neighbourhood Plan, attached as Appendix 2, be made.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Loose Neighbourhood Plan was subject to a referendum vote on 8 August 2019. The result of the referendum was successful. Under Section 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, following a successful referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan must be made (adopted) by the Council within 8 weeks. Once made the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the Development Plan for Maidstone.

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended

The Council could decide not to make the Loose Neighbourhood Plan. This would be in breach of Section 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 unless there are reasons for doing so as set out in paragraph 1.6 of the report to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

Background Documents

Background Document 1: Loose Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result
<https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/planning-and-building/primary-areas/local-plan-information/tier-3-additional-areas/neighbourhood-plans>

Appendices

Appendix 1: Report to the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee – 10 September 2019

Appendix 2: Loose Neighbourhood Plan