

CORE STRATEGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONSULTATION (REGULATION 25)

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004, AS AMENDED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008

Maidstone Borough Council has prepared the [informal] Public Participation stage of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD). The document has been published for public consultation as part of the Local Development Framework. The Core Strategy covers the Borough of Maidstone and sets out the spatial strategy for the area until 2026. It is the council's principal planning document.

The Core Strategy DPD can be viewed and downloaded from the council's website www.maidstone.gov.uk and is available for inspection at: Maidstone Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ.

The offices are open Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. Copies will also be available at all libraries in Maidstone Borough during normal opening hours.

Any person or organisation may make representations on the Public Participation paper and these will be considered before developing the Core Strategy any further. Those wishing to make representations are encouraged to use the council's web based consultation system or the comments forms available with inspection copies of the DPD and on the council's website.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified when: [formal] Publication consultation (regulation 27) begins; the DPD has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination (regulation 30) and/or when the DPD has been adopted.

Representations relating to the Core Strategy DPD can be returned as follows:

- (1) Online using our web based consultation system at:
<http://maidstone-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>
- (2) By email: ldf@maidstone.gov.uk
- (3) By letter: Spatial Policy, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ

Only representations that are made in writing (including electronically) and arrive at the addresses specified in (1), (2) or (3) above within the six-week period from **Friday 2 September 2011 to Friday 14 October 2011 by 11.59pm** will have the right to be considered.

David Edwards
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