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To: All Councillors

Cc: Louise Reid; Ian A Bailey; Julie Beilby; Adrian Stanfield

Subject: Message to all Members - Summary of Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation responses

Message sent on behalf of Ian Bailey

Dear Councillors,

As you will be aware the public consultation exercise required by Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations recently took place between 1st October and 19th November.

At the close at 4pm on Monday the 19th November a total of **3,750** responses had been duly made. It should be noted that each response may contain a number of different representations in respect of a specific policy or site allocation, the soundness of the Local Plan or on a more general matter. These will be processed and inputted into a database that will be submitted to the Secretary of State along with the other submission documents before the 24th January 2019, but due to the volume of responses this will take some weeks to complete.

A quick breakdown of the 3,750 responses has been prepared identifying in general terms whether the response was objecting or supporting the Local Plan and whether the comments related to a specific site or allocation or a non-site specific matter.

Summary:

3634 responses objecting, 211 in support.

Bushey Wood strategic site attracted the largest number of responses **1,422**, Approximately **1,300** of these were an identical letter filled in by different respondents and hand delivered on the last day of the consultation.

Borough Green strategic site received the second largest number of responses with **1,071**.

Broadwater Farm received 282, the Tonbridge sites 73 and South Aylesford 32.

Other sites that were the focus of a response can be summarised as follows:

East Malling Research sites: 205 West Malling sites: 103 Hildenborough: 88
Hadlow: 45 East Peckham: 25 Burham: 12 Wrotham: 7

In addition to the site specific responses there were 402 other responses of which 225 were objecting and 177 in support.

A number of petitions were also received. In these cases the lead name on the petition will be recorded as a single response with a note explaining that a number of signatories had supported the petition.

The vast majority of the responses were received in the last few days of the 7 week consultation period, peaking on the last day.

Please note that the Planning Policy team will now be focused exclusively on preparing the database and other submission documents in order to complete this process and submit the Local Plan before the 24th January. This may mean that other routine tasks and requests may take longer to respond to (or potentially postponed) until we are in a position to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

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