

1. KHPC original response to Regulation 19 dated 19th November 2018

Green Belt

The Parish Council supports the proposed extension to the Green Belt in the area between West Malling and East Malling. This will ensure that a clear separation exists between the communities of West Malling, East Malling, Kings Hill and Leybourne. The Parish Council requests that an area of Green Belt surrounds Kings Hill to defend the quiet lanes network and provide a 'green lung' to the surrounding communities.

2. Proposed KHPC response to Local Plan Post Submission Consultation

Please list the relevant material published since submission that has changed your position on the Soundness of the Local Plan, its Legal Compliance, Duty to Cooperate, Sustainability Appraisal and/ or Habitats Regulation Assessment.
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Kings Hill Parish Council still supports its original statement regarding supporting the proposed extension to the greenbelt but would like to add the following to their statement:- Kings Hill Parish Council after reading the additional documentation would challenge the soundness of the Local Plan for the following reasons:- a. Removing greenbelt land is not a sustainable pattern of development it should be protected. Exceptional circumstances for loss of green belt have not been demonstrated. b. TMBC have not adequately considered and assessed reasonable alternatives. It is unknown whether any alternative strategies were considered as part of the strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal. c. The settlement hierarchy is inappropriate as the basis for directing the location of residential or employment development. It is based on the outdated premise that the borough is in an isolated location, ignoring the need for most residents to commute out of the borough, mostly to London. d. The plan should include a policy to both protect existing rural settlements and prevent coalescence.