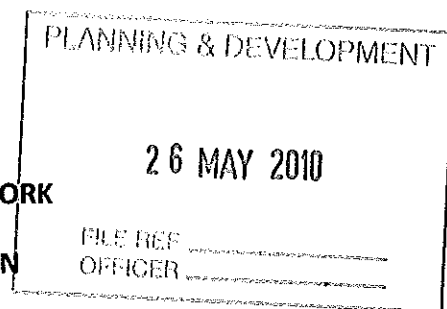


**ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL FRAMEWORK
TENTERDEN RURAL SITES DEVELOPMENT PLAN**



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Dear Programme Officer,

With regard to the site specific issues raised by The Inspector in connection with the above Development Plan and having in mind that The Inspector is reviewing the TENT 2 Plan again, we, the undersigned, wish to make the following comments :

1

We support the current Development Plan for Tenterden (TENT 1) which excludes TENT 2. As you are aware, TENT 2 was withdrawn following further examination by the council and overwhelming objections from local residents.

The original Development Plan for TENT 2, set in open countryside, would have encroached on the AONB and would have been visually intrusive viewed from the town and the Cranbrook road. The public footpaths in TENT 2 and beyond are widely used by the public who enjoy this beautiful area and its wildlife. At least one very large badger set (80 exits) is in the field and great crested newts have been sighted by residents.

We therefore strongly oppose any suggestion that TENT 2 should be reinstated in the Tenterden Development Plan.

2

As TENT 1 has adequate capacity to absorb additional houses, there is no need for the original allocation of 20 houses in TENT2. In any case, 20 houses would only represent about 4% of the total number of houses planned for TENT 1, hardly significant enough to provide any degree of flexibility or contingency as suggested.

3

There is currently no vehicular access to TENT 2. This can only be obtained by compulsory purchase of The Green and garages in Westwell Court, which would be strongly resisted. Access via the constricted Hurst Close cul- de- sac would be highly unsuitable and could probably not be realised without demolition of existing property.

For all of the above reasons we strongly believe that development in Tenterden should be confined to TENT 1 and TENT 2 should **not** be restored to the Development Plan.

Attached are the names and addresses of the one hundred signatories to this letter.

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