

Re: Tenterden and Rural sites Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to express my comments on the above.

I believe most people would agree that Tenterden is a very unique and special town, the character of which should be maintained and treasured, ---therefore my strongly held belief is that it is a complete folly to develop for housing the site Tent 1, the southern extension.

- The character of the entrance to the town needs to be maintained. - I would argue that the visual entry into Tenterden from along the Smallhythe Road is the most impressive of all, either by road or by foot along the High Weald way footpath. Development here would have an adverse effect forever. This is a point also made in the Rummey design report dated 10th June 2009 from which I quote " There would be a negative impact on the setting of the southern edge of the town "
- Potential loss of the wild flower meadow, to the side of the leisure centre, created to celebrate the new millennium for all the people of Tenterden.
- Potential loss of the junior / infants school playing field, surely not something to be condoned.
- The new proposed road to link Smallhythe road and Recreation ground road. Recreation Ground road is already an extremely busy and congested road during certain times of the day, providing access to both the infant and junior schools in addition to the leisure centre. The development would i believe invite the potential for a further 1000 car journeys each day along this

route (based on estimate of an average 2 cars per household on new proposed development). In addition it would undoubtedly be used as a "rat run" to try and avoid the town centre. If I were a parent of a child at the schools, this huge increase in traffic flow would represent an enormous concern to me.

- A far more appropriate site for this number of homes would be the Homewood school playing field area on the Appledore road, site 19 in the original sites for consideration.