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Ashford- Kent

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Dear Mrs Freeman,

If the Bethersden Parish Council or Village Society are unable to speak on Tier 3 allocated sites on Day 5 could you please bring the following points to the attention of the Inspector.

**BETH1a has the full support of the Bethersden community.  
It has the least visual impact on the village and has the potential to provide the greatest overall community benefit.**

The Bethersden Village Society formulated the DPD submission on behalf the community and Parish Council following an 18 month period of consultation with a wide membership of parishioners - I attended these meetings and was nominated to speak on behalf of the Bethersden Village Society on matters that concerned them in relation to the DPD.

If Hobbs Parker are to be allowed to promote a completely new site in the guise of BETH19 in preference to the BETH1a site allocated in the DPD the community should be able to challenge this late submission.

**The current BETH19 site proposed for development is in fact noted as BETH19a and BETH19b and was never previously discussed as part of the formal consultation process.**

The previous BETH19 site that was evaluated is noted on the latest submission as an undeveloped public "green" and not in the same ownership.

It was considered as unsuitable because it was within the village designated conservation area, was subject to flooding and offered no community benefit.

**As you know I am due to attend the Day 3 hearing to comment on the Housing Needs Policy TRS4 and will also support the BETH1a site in this context.**

Yours sincerely,