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Sent: 19 February 2020 10:42
To: (Examiner Richard High via email – redacted)
Cc: Bethersden Parish Council <parish.clerk@bethersden-pc.gov.uk>
Subject: Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Richard,

At their meeting on the 12th February 2020, the Parish Council considered the matters raised by you in your correspondence dated 19th December 2019 in respect of the evidence base for housing matters in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Because of the passage of time since the last Housing Needs Survey (2012), the Parish Council now considers that this has caused the information provided to be stale. Therefore, I can advise you that the Parish Council has resolved to carry out a fresh Housing Needs Survey to update the information, especially since one of the sites in the BNP has been developed. This survey is to be carried out by Action with Communities in Rural Kent and to be actioned ASAP.

As a consequence, I have agreed that there should be no further consultation carried out on any proposed amendments to either the Regulation 16 Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan or any of its supporting documentation for the time being and at least until the updated Housing Needs survey has been conducted and the results analysed. A decision would then be taken on whether I will ask you to pursue the current Examination or not.

Regards,
Simon

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