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Attachments: Neighbourhood Planning Statutory Consultees.docx

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I have had a chance to read through the draft Neighbourhood Plan over the last couple of days. Please see some general comments below, which I hope will be useful and will aid in your upcoming consultation:

- As mentioned below, it would be good to include a contents page of your Chapter and Policies at the front of the document for easy navigation.
- Add Paragraph numbers throughout
- As this will be the consultation document, it would be good to include at the front of the document the dates of the consultation, how to comment and drop-in dates all in one place.
- We would advise ensuring that all maps included cover a full A4 page, for accessibility.
- A suggestion to consider changing policy suffixes to match the topic area (eg. ENV1, COM1, HOU1 etc.) Fine as is, but this may help with document navigation and separation between policies.
- In the last paragraph of the introduction, I would suggest clarifying that the NP would be read in conjunction with both the current adopted and emerging Local Plan.
- Figure 2 Timetable – clarify that this is an ‘Indicative Timetable’. With the Submission consultation, examination and referendum – although we would look to undertake these as quickly as possible, the timescales are somewhat reliant on SDC Committee and Cabinet processes at some stages (SDC response approval, approval for adoption after Referendum etc.) and therefore may not stick exactly to the proposed timeline.
- Page 8, second paragraph – This will need rewording to clarify that the Plan will form part of the District Council’s Development Plan (i.e. not the only document used to assess planning applications)
- Fawkham Now: suggest including a Demographics section here – incl. population data, age ranges etc.
- Objectives – Include a list of Objectives at the start of the document alongside the Vision and number these.
- You may want to consider making the Policy boxes a brighter colour to differentiate this between Policy and Supporting text. This also, when adopted, is helpful for Planning Officers finding the correct policies.

More detailed comments on content and policies will be submitted to your Regulation 14 consultation, as all members of the Strategic Planning Team will need to feed in on their individual topic areas.

Please also see attached a list of Statutory Consultees contact details for the Regulation 14 consultation.

I hope this helps – please let me know if you have any questions on the above, or if we can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards
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