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Developing a Vision for Medway

Question 1

Dear Sir / Madam, Medway Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation 4th Jan 2016 till 5pm on 29th February 2016. The document outlines some issues and gives a simple narrative about possible future change for Medway. With little in-depth analysis, it is difficult to identify or assess realistic options for alternative patterns of growth. The Draft Plan, at preferred options, could present an integrated strategy and make clear choices about the balance of employment, housing and perhaps the role/balance of uses in different town centres with supporting policies. The Council might be taking a substantial leap from this I&O document to the Draft Plan. Vision and Strategic Objectives. The consultation material does not set out the Vision or Strategic Objectives for shaping future change for Medway in any detail. This usually forms part of an I&O stage. It is important to consider strategic objectives as they form the Local Plan 'place shaping' agenda. Obtaining the public's response, would benefit the Council to identify concerns and learn from informed criticism early in the plan making process. Here are links to Issues and Options documents at Wyre 2015 and Chelmsford 2015. There are probably others. They do not contain supporting Policies at this stage.

http://wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/2915/wyre_local_plan_issues_and_options_2015
<http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/issues-options> Duty To Co-operate. Para 6.9 of Medway's I&O document states that The Duty to cooperate has been built into the process of preparing a new Local Plan for Medway. What would be helpful is a list of strategic cross boundary matters, including the LTC, and a full examination of all relevant issues and how important they are for Medway including what outcomes the Council is seeking to achieve through the DtC. GTAA. Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs identify 22 extra pitches by 2028. It is disappointing that there are no options or alternatives for pitch provision. Flexibility should be built into this provision to allow for a review of need regarding the changes to the definition of Gypsy and Travellers. Chatham It would be useful, early in the plan making process, to assess how successful the previous policies in the Local Plan have been in terms of Chatham's sustainable development. Also how has planned/ unplanned development along the river affected Chatham's current and future vitality/viability? SEA/SA There appears to be no up-to-date SA/SEA scoping report which is probably needed at this time. For the next stage, a draft plan will set out preferred development options and rejecting others, supported by policies. It would be difficult to understand how these general discussions in the I&O document could become a preferred integrated strategy with Policies. An intermediate stage that examines, in equal detail, different strategic patterns of development expressed as spatial options and with relevant evidence might at some point benefit the Council. Patterns of Development and Transport. The patterns of development are: High-density town centre and riverside development; Incremental suburban development; Significant planned growth of existing settlements; Freestanding settlements; Urban Extensions; Custom and self-build; Options for enhancing Chatham town centre. Without a full discussion and credible evidence to support or reject these patterns of development it is challenging to see how they can be assessed. Possibly a combination of all of them or some of them could be the most sustainable but this document does not explore this. As a result there are no

considerations of different transport needs for the different patterns of development. Future Transport needs are critical for Medway yet the document is silent on what transport infrastructure is required to support Medway's growth over the plan period. Lodge Hill SSSI Strategic Allocation. With the Public Enquiry postponed, the Council makes clear at para 27.7 that it is promoting the Development Strategy that removes the SSSI at Lodge Hill. Whether or not the Government confirms this development the Council may wish to anticipate the uncertainties and significant delays for the Local Plan. Whilst this is barely recognised, it might be beneficial to examine contingencies for the development allocations at Lodge Hills. Conclusion. With Medway's reliance on Lodge Hill, would it have been better to wait for the outcome of the public enquiry? At that point the I&O document could contain a Vision, Strategic Objectives and infrastructure requirements worked up into realistic alternative options. Then, after equal examination and consultation a preferred one chosen and others rejected. Regrettably, with so much missing from this document, to leap to a Draft Plan maybe a little hasty. The process could benefit from an additional I&O consultation, before a Draft Plan, with supporting policies, is produced. Then the Council might wish to take the opportunity to gather useful evidence and learn from informed criticism. Perhaps the Council is considering doing this but it is not clear from the documentation. Please add me to the data base for all future consultations. Yours sincerely Dr Morgan Slade BA (Hons), PgDip (Law), PhD., MRTPI., MInstLM (Local Resident).

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