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We are writing in responset to the Public Consultation on the New Local Plan Ref STR/SS 1. Please confirm receipt of this email and acknowledgement that these comments have been affixed to the consultaion.

As long term residents of Paddock Wood, we feel disheartened by this Inspectors report which appears to have been carried out without any consultation with PWTC or consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan, a document that is supposed to be used a basis for any future planning. If these documents are to be ignored by local authorities, there is little merit in requesting the creation in the first place.

The development of another 2000+ houses (over half of TWBC allocation) brings in a large number of residents and still offers nothing at the heart of the town for social activity. This document does not address the town centre in any way and offers no new provisions to the already lacking facilities.

The Infrastructure in place currently is failing and has not been updated since the last development of 1200+ houses. We see an increase in failing water pipes nearly every month, with some of these leaks still being unrepaired after 4 months of reporting. The Doctors surgery is running at capacity currently with wait times of nearly 3 weeks for an appointment for a nurse! With no extra provision allocated space in the plan, we do not see how they can serve the additional thousands of people requiring access to these services. Building around the current cemetery space also limits the future provision of this service whilst increasing the need for service by increasing the number of residents.

An increase of such a large number of dwellings will require extensive road improvements, the single road running through the centre of the town will be overwhelmed by the number of users. The single hourly bus running between Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells will also need to be increased to cope with demand.

The review of sports provisions is welcomed by residents but the document seems to have overlooked one of the largest facilities in use, the Elm Tree football grounds. This facility, if included in the review, makes the requirement for yet another football pitch at the Green Lane site and the loss of more green space wholly redundant. The more obvious requirement for facilities is the underused and underfunded Putlands Sports Centre, a place that seems to be used to house the low grade end of life equipment from other TWBC facilities.

Lastly, as a long term resident, the latest influx of London Borough residents into accommodation that cannot be privately sold has seen a large increase in the amount of anti social activity, burglaries and car thefts. The absolute lack of any policing provision in the area cannot be overlooked if this plan was to be implement in any form. Residents would welcome more police presence in the area and with such a large population increase, maybe consider reinstating the police station?

We hope that these comments are taken into consideration and changes are applied to the

Inspectors report.

Kind regards

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