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| NEBD3-1 | Mr Kim Fletcher | Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council and Support Weald Schooling | | | PS_097 | <p>A new school in Cranbrook should be examined against the wider needs of education across the Weald and TWBC, before this plan is executed, as circumstances have changed dramatically since 2021</p> <p>New School in Cranbrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site large enough is available in Cranbrook and is owned by DfE LAT has said the site is suitable and it would be interested in running a Mascalls satellite school The school would be 4/5FE with possibility to expand to 6FE Truly inclusive community School, as per the new Labour manifesto To include 'skills based subjects' as needed locally and in the Labour manifesto To have SEND provision within the school, Expertise is already onsite - KCC has pronounced that it needs mainstream SEN provision. Cranbrook School (selective grammar) would work collaboratively in some subjects and sports/sports land <p>Other benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address the issues faced by rural communities, by creating a new school at the vanguard of educational thinking. Enable children to choose a pathway which engages them passionately and plays to their strengths, including professions desperately needed in our communities. <p>This will appeal to the new Department of Education Guidelines for a</p> | <p>Legally non compliant and unsound [TWBC: comments are grouped into themes as below for summary purpose]</p> <p><u>In general</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) only considers the education of students in the immediate vicinity of Paddock Wood, ignoring those from housing developments to the East of Paddock Wood and other rural areas, leading to overcrowding in three schools. Ignores closure of High Weald Academy <p><u>Insufficient engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient engagement with other developers in the catchment, e.g. Berkeley, Fernham, Dandara, Hill Development No true consultation has been undertaken and no joint working with rural areas or neighbouring authorities, leading to the unrecognised development impacts of the closure of High Weald Academy <p><u>Direction of travel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kent County Council (KCC) acknowledges a shortage of secondary school places, contrary to their previous statements in April. Mascalls Academy plans to reduce its Published Admission Number (PAN) to 8 forms of entry (FE) despite the increased needs (though aims to expand to 11 FE by 2034). The current site area cannot accommodate 12 FE. <p><u>Uncalculated and potential risks from</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unplanned demand from housing growth (apart from Paddock Wood and that towards Tunbridge Wells), unavailable data of home schools | <p>The Council's education strategy purpose is to provide a structure for how additional provision would be delivered to accommodate the population increase related to the Strategic Development at Paddock Wood. The strategy is clear with both primary and secondary enhancements to mitigate the impacts of new development. The wider educational needs of this area in Kent/Sussex fall within the remit of KCC as Education Authority and the enhanced provision for PW, funded by the Strategic Growth will be delivered in close working with KCC.</p> <p>Developers have been consulted on the education strategy on numerous occasions which has been part of the Council's updated Masterplanning work for PW for some time. The Council considers the engagement carried out is more than sufficient to ensure a deliverable and appropriate strategy can be realised.</p> <p>Relating to education provision more generally, throughout the preparation of the Local Plan the Council has engaged and consulted with statutory consultees and infrastructure providers to identify and plan for infrastructure needs arising from the proposed development strategy. Any infrastructure needs identified have been incorporated into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (PS 105). This has been evidenced in the many Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) completed by the Council with infrastructure providers, which has included with the Kent County Council on education matters (Core Document 3.132c(v) superseded by PS 012). The Council will continue to work with and engage with KCC on infrastructure matters, including education.</p> <p>Matters relating to the closure of the High Weald Academy School at</p> | <p>Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearing session</p> <p>Education needs to be wider than just the TWBC area. Para 7 dismisses our concerns as not being sound, because there has not been consultation outside TWBC officers and local developers. The Rural areas need a voice in these discussions to clarify and challenge the desktop views.</p> |

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| | | | | | | Community school and follows some pathfinding schools elsewhere in Kent. | <p>students, or those swapping from Private to State schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2028/9 as a baseline is flawed due to LAT’s plans to double Marden primary academy and Cranbrook primary• Unreliable bus services and its impacts on travel time and access to amenity• All the selective Grammar Schools are full, no places for the implied 182 pupils <p><u>Opportunities from</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The closure of High Weald Academy in Cranbrook in 2022 (800 places) and its later conversion to a Special Education Needs (SEND) school of smaller size (150 places) has potential to afford a new school, reducing pressure on Mascalls and improving education choices across the Weald.• A standalone new school at Cranbrook should be explored, which suitability is supported by LAT and land owned by DfE, to address these issues, offering a truly inclusive community school with SEND provision and potential for expansion and collaboration with Cranbrook School. <p><i>[TWBC: see details in the previous column – Proposed Modifications]</i></p> | <p>Cranbrook, are not considered directly related to the Local Plan itself, rather they are matters relevant to KCC’s future education planning.</p> <p>In terms of public consultation, the Council has now undertaken five rounds of public consultation, which is considered extensive.</p> | |
| NEBD8-1 | Lisa Rackett | Hawkhurst Parish Council | | | PS_097a | | <p>Unsound, legal compliance not stated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hawkhurst Parish Council (HPC) is concerned about the expansion of Mascalls Academy as the sole option for more non-selective secondary education places.• The Statement of Common Ground only addresses needs from Paddock Wood’s development, not from Hawkhurst and Cranbrook where residential development will increase the demand for secondary school places. | <p>Throughout the preparation of the Local Plan the Council has engaged and consulted with statutory consultees and infrastructure providers to identify and plan for infrastructure needs arising from the proposed development strategy. Any infrastructure needs identified have been incorporated into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (PS 105). This has been evidenced in the many Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) completed by the Council with infrastructure providers, which has included with the Kent County</p> | <p>No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearing session.</p> |

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| | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 200 new homes are planned in Hawkhurst (100 under construction) Closure of High Weald Academy in Cranbrook left Hawkhurst children without a nearby non-selective secondary school. The bus ride to Mascalls Academy is long, limiting afterschool activity access for students. HPC suggests revisiting secondary education plan in the east of the Borough as part of the Local Plan process. Leigh Academy Trust can run a new school at the High Weald site as a satellite of Mascalls, easing travel and pressure on other schools. HPC supports the new school proposal and urges detailed consideration. | <p>Council on education matters (Core Document 3.132c(v)) superseded by PS_012) and most recently PS_097. The Council will continue to work with and engage with KCC on infrastructure matters, including education.</p> <p>Matters relating to the closure of the High Weald Academy School at Cranbrook, are not considered directly related to the Local Plan itself, rather they are matters relevant to KCC's future education planning.</p> | |
| NEBD9-2 | | Redrow and Persimmon | Judith Ashton | Judith Ashton Associates | PS_096 PS_097 | | <p>Legal compliance and soundness not stated</p> <p>Notes PS_096 clearly accepts Mascalls Academy has 'the potential to accommodate a 3FE expansion'</p> <p>Supports PS_097 which reflects the work we have undertaken to demonstrate the ability for Mascalls Academy to accommodate the increase in secondary education needs.</p> | This is noted. | Not stated. |
| NEBD15-2, 15-3 | Louise Goldsmith | Capel Parish Council | | | PS_096, PS_097 | | <p>Legal compliance and soundness not stated</p> <p>Capel Parish Council agree with the comments of Save Capel on this issue.</p> <p><i>[TWBC: see NEBD20-7, 20-8 for Save Capel's representation]</i></p> | This is noted – please see TWBC's response located against the Save Capel summary. | Not stated. |
| NEBD17-1, 17-3 | Mr Adrian Pitts | | | | PS_046 PS_096 PS_097a | Consultation with stakeholders in Education including the public and potential parents, and Sports requirements should inform the LP and this needs to happen. | <p>Unsound, legal compliance not stated</p> <p>PS_046 Strategic sites – Education: 2.21: KCC assessment of need is a 3FE expansion of Mascalls, below the 6FE required by the end of the development in the</p> | As part of the Local Plan process, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has carried out extensive engagement and liaison with infrastructure providers in order to inform the Local Plan and the strategy and policies contained within | Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearing session |

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| | | | | | | | <p>Local Plan. Why has a longer term plan for education needs not been undertaken by KCC? Elsewhere there is a statement that a 9FE is required by the end of the development planned in the Local Plan.</p> <p>3.32: table 3 now says 6FE secondary school, yet no feasibility reports have been included in the new evidence.</p> <p>PS_096 The report highlights significant issues which are not addressed in the policy or other documents. There has been significant back tracking from KCC regarding the expansion of Mascalls and the handling of the main route from the station and a scaled down junction with Badsell Road. Access by sports clubs has also been questioned recently at a meeting between sports leaders and PWTC. There are also safeguarding issues if members of the public are accessing facilities when school children are on the premises. Hiring facilities at the Academy is expensive and not easy to get convenient access.</p> <p>Has the stated sports provision strategy review taken place? This is a speculative point at this stage with no documentation to support it.</p> <p>The original Local Plan promised ‘betterment’ for Paddock Wood. This has yet to materialise and there is little detail on how things are likely to improve.</p> | <p>it. This work is set out clearly within Policy STR5 – Infrastructure and Connectivity and is set out in detail in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan - (August 2024) which supports the Local Plan.</p> <p>This has been evidenced in the many Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) completed by the Council with infrastructure providers, which has included with the Kent County Council on education matters (Core Document 3.132c(v) superseded by PS_012) and most recently PS_097. The Council will continue to work with and engage with KCC (and others) on infrastructure matters.</p> <p>The Council's education strategy purpose is to provide a structure for how additional provision would be delivered to accommodate the population increase related to the Strategic Development at Paddock Wood. The strategy is clear with both primary and secondary enhancements to mitigate the impacts of new development.</p> <p>The wider educational needs of this area in Kent/Sussex fall within the remit of KCC as Education Authority and the enhanced provision for PW, funded by the Strategic Growth will be delivered in close working with KCC.</p> <p>The initial feasibility study, which has been carried out concerning the potential for Mascalls Academy to be able to accommodate the expansion needed, outlines how this could be achieved. This has been independently reviewed by TWBC and KCC who both agree with the findings. This study also outlines the potential for a new running track and multi-use pitch to form part of the expansion in school facilities. This is not a formal</p> | <p>PS_096: My other representations cover this more effectively. The Inspector needs to be assured that this option is viable for all stakeholders.</p> <p>PS_097a: To gain answers to my queries which are not in the documents provided.</p> |

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| | | | | | | | <p>PS_097a</p> <p>This document is unsound due to a number of inaccuracies.</p> <p>Section 3: KCC forecasts a deficit in secondary school places in section 3. The other documents contradict 3b by showing the expansion has been permanently agreed. 3f: the reduced PAN seems to contradict the 3b and 3f statements. The additional parcel of land is not required in 3f but has been included in 3b. 3g: why has the SoCG not considered sixth form numbers? Are these pupils considered in the PAN calculations and various other reports? 3h assumes all pupils from the 3 sites would seek a non-selective school. 3i and 3j estimate 35% would seek a selective place. This is inaccurate as access to selective education is restricted in Paddock Wood and Kent wide data is misleading. 3l forecast is flawed in assuming all 521 children will go to Mascalls. Similar for the long term demand in 3m. 3n DfE gives a capacity of 1450 with the current level at 1320, so 130 places not filled. Mascalls year 7 admissions was oversubscribed in 2023 but DfE data shows the Leigh Academies Trust has a higher than average leavers rate. 3o: this data conflicts with the DfE data referenced above. There is no data to back up this anticipated growth.</p> <p>Section 4: Footnote 7: This approach does not consider pupils’ needs. 4.5 suggests the only option considered was comprehensives with no consideration of parent choice. 4.8 has there been any action to find out about this? If the LAT are interested in this</p> | <p>proposal at this stage, and will require further assessment/review, but it indicates an option whereby the school to enhance its facilities whilst accommodating expansion. There is also potential that the use of such sports facilities could be extended to the local community under a community use agreement. Again, this will form part of the future assessment/review.</p> <p>Any sports facilities provided as part of the expansion of Mascalls Academy, would form part of a significant enhancement to the sports facilities at Paddock Wood and land at east Capel.</p> | |

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| | | | | | | | <p>satellite then it would further reduce the demand for places in Paddock Wood. It is not clear whether this has been factored into the KCC capacity calculations.</p> <p>Section 5: The expansion through a combination of demolition and rebuilding, and the repurposing of existing buildings seems to contradict footnote 4, which states the pupils can be accommodated on the present site. There seems to be no assessment of the additional vehicular, pedestrian and cycle traffic. Further congestion will be caused by the junction crossroads as KCC are not able to develop the junction as was agreed for the existing development.</p> <p>5.4: converting grass to artificial pitches would require drainage works and would be less environmentally friendly. The case for use by outside organisations is only sound if this is additional to the upgrade of sites around the town.</p> <p>Section 7: The stated engagement with parish councils, NDP groups and other local groups has yet to happen. Mascalls were invited to a meeting with PWTC and sports leaders but did not reply. When and how this liaison will take place needs to be outlined, and it should be clear who the 'other local groups' are.</p> | | |
| NEBD20-7, 20-8 | | Save Capel | | | PS_096 PS_097 | | <p>Unsound, legal compliance not stated</p> <p>PS_097a - Statement of Common Ground between Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) and Kent County Council Education (KCC Education) (August 2024)</p> <p>Kent County Council has confirmed that the reduced housing numbers will lead to a need for an additional 490 secondary school places locally, an equivalence of 3.27 forms of entry (FE).</p> | <p>The Council has been in discussion with KCC (as Education Authority) for some time regarding the options available for additional education provision at both primary and secondary level. This has informed the Masterplanning for Strategic Development at Paddock Wood and more widely, the development strategy within the Local Plan.</p> <p>The Mascalls Academy feasibility study outlines how expansion could be achieved. This has been independently reviewed by TWBC and</p> | |

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| | | | | | | | <p><u>Save Capel (SC)’s position on the additional secondary school provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SC draws attention to the changeable numbers regarding demand for non-selective school places: 521 as assumed in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (Table on Page 10), which is higher than the 490 as confirmed by Kent County Council (KCC). Also a further assumption is that “demand would possibly reduce to 339 places, as in 2021/22 35% attended a selective school”• Also the consideration by the Council to meet the 3FE provision via the existing Mascalls and a standalone new school, while other schools locally were dismissed (Para 4.5 - Page 14)• Acknowledges Mascalls’s location as a nearest non-selective option for a large catchment from rural areas of both Tonbridge and Malling to Tunbridge Wells, and the view that existing schools in Tonbridge are potentially used up in the emerging Tonbridge & Malling Local Plan, or Skinners Academy being deterred by traffic issues.• However, reiterates SC’s position that the Council should reassess the location of additional secondary school provision and determine options for a more sustainable location that is more central to the Borough’s needs. <p><u>Concerns about Mascalls’ future plans and expansion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SoCG settled on the 2 options of either safeguarding land in the NW parcel for a new school or the expansion of Mascalls Academy (apparently the preferred option).• Mascalls Academy’s PAN is currently 270 (9FE), with a reduction to 240 (8FE) planned for September 2026, SC hence questions this move amid ongoing housing development in the area. | <p>KCC who both agree with the findings. This study also outlines the potential for a new running track and multi-use pitch to form part of the expansion in school facilities. This is not a formal proposal at this stage, and will require further assessment/review, but it indicates an option whereby the school to enhance its facilities whilst accommodating expansion. Further feasibility work will be carried out as the Strategic Development progresses and the design/site layout and space assessments evolve and TWBC will closely liaise with the Education Authority to ensure that the resulting scheme is sufficient for its purpose in scale and design. The Council retains a fall-back option also in the delivery of a new school if further feasibility proves that Mascalls Academy is unable to expand as needed.</p> <p>The level of expansion to 11FE overall would be one of the largest schools in the county, however, this is supported by KCC and is both achievable and an appropriate way to secure both enhancement in the existing school as well as providing new provision for the future.</p> <p>The Education SOCG has also been in discussion for several months with KCC and Paddock Wood developers and sets out the agreed position on education between the parties involved to ensure sufficient provision is planned for and delivered where and when it is needed.</p> | |

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| | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Also questions the claims at para 7.1 on local concerns about the local educational facilities, that “<i>none of these concerns are sound</i>”, that they are not well-founded when it is acknowledged that the expansion of Mascalls to nearly 2000 pupils would result in one of the largest schools in the country?SC raises concerns about the capacity and potential disruption during the expansion of Mascalls Academy. <p>PS_096 - Atkins Realis Mascalls Academy Feasibility Study Review</p> <p>PS_097a (para 6.1) confirms the site has the potential to accommodate 1,980 pupils but whilst there are no 'High Risk' issues identified in the Feasibility Study, some issues do need addressing at stage 2, not stage 1, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Deficit in WC provision and additional provision required across the site but may not be capable of being delivered and raises some challenges.- Shortfall in soft outdoor PE for each expansion option, results in the loss of existing grass provision for other sports (i.e. cricket, rugby, etc.), which does mitigate the loss but create other challenges such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Potential use of the facility by the community and how this will be managed and site security and access strategy when used by the community.o Cost and management implications.o Ecological implications including Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).o Reaching agreement and lack of input with Sport England. <p>Other concerns raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Concerns about loss of rugby and cricket facilities.Need for additional parking with new car parking provision requiring access from an existing maintenance junction off Mascalls Court Road which has limited | <p>Whilst both the Mascalls School Feasibility Study (PS_096) and the DLA Masterplanning Addendum Report (PS_046) outline an envisaged layout and positioning of sports pitches, this is only an initial assessment to give 1 option of how facilities could be accommodated. The Council is open to alternative layouts and locations for individual pitches/facilities, and this will be further assessed through the further feasibility work (which will also include</p> | |

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| | | | | | | | <p>site visibility lines and is on a relatively sharp bend with limited opportunities for improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discussion of cycle parking increase within the report, which should be considered alongside a wider Paddock Wood cycling strategy• Several trees on site requiring removal, no tree survey or arboricultural assessment referenced.• Southern part of the site has meadow land with high habitat value.• Varied topography with multiple level changes, currently limited on-going discussion on site levels and their implications, either compliance on building control or BS8300 design requirements or <u>where the building is located and how access is achieved. These will impact on the construction cost of the scheme</u> (SC emphasis)• Site has potential to accommodate a 3FE expansion based on the IDP feasibility study with resolutions to the matters raised, but SC argues that both the Feasibility Report and subsequent peer review are high-level and that some issues raised will be extremely problematic when considered in more detail. <p><u>Impact on state schools from potential migration of pupils from the private sector</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential influx of pupils into the state system as an implications of additional VAT fees not considered which should be covered by the SoCG.• KCC are rightly concerned and are quoted as saying that state schools are “already full to capacity” in an iNews article (4/10/2024) about this exodus. <p><u>Safeguarded site for secondary school</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TWBC has safeguarded some 7ha of land in the NW parcel for a standalone new school which is SC preferred option as it would for longer term needs from the wider catchment area.• RE paragraphs 3.11, 3.12, 3.13 - SC is concerned that more detailed feasibility and viability studies of this safeguarded site do not appear to | <p>assessing associated facilities such as parking, landscaping impacts/mitigation, topography etc) and with close discussions through the Development Delivery Board and with Stakeholders.</p> <p>The feasibility assessments carried out are high level in their nature but have been informed through detailed discussions with Mascalls School and KCC as Education Authority. The Peer review also agreed with the findings and highlighted matters for more detailed consideration/assessment going forward, which is expected at this stage. The Council is confident that the infrastructure provision scoped through the feasibility can be appropriately progressed and delivered.</p> <p>An area of land within Flood zone 1 exists within the NW parcel which is sufficient to accommodate the secondary school buildings should this option be progressed. The associated playing fields etc to the north/west would lie within flood zone 2 as things stand, although further assessment could be carried out to provide some mitigation of this. There are examples elsewhere in Kent where school</p> | |

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| | | | | | | | <p>have been taken forward and appear to be at a very rudimentary stage should the expansion of Mascalls Academy not be possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There appear to be significant challenges with this site too; SC suggests that raising land out of Flood Zone 2 is not “minor remodelling”. There appears to be no explanation as to the future of this site should it not be used for educational purposes. <p>Conclusion on Education evidence base PS_097a and PS_096</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The feasibility study suggests that Mascalls Academy can expand to meet BB103 area requirements. However, there are significant concerns about the site's suitability, including issues with toilet provision, topography, access, parking, and transport. There are contradictory conclusions about the feasibility of expansion (para 8.1 versus para 8.3 of PS_097a SoCG), and if Mascalls cannot expand, alternative provisions must be made. The impact on local schools and infrastructure remains uncertain and needs further assessment. SC reiterates once more that the Council reassesses both the Borough's secondary educational needs and those of Paddock Wood and Capel. | <p>playing fields are positioned within flood zone 2 which is entirely appropriate given their use. The current masterplanning does not allocate an alternative use in the event that a new school in the NW parcel is not needed. This is a matter which will be considered through the detailed masterplanning of the NW parcel itself to ensure that the surrounding development is appropriately articulated in relation to this space and is able to respond to future use. Due to flooding extents of FZ2 which largely covers this part of the site, it is unlikely that a significant number of additional homes could be positioned here if the school is not needed.</p> | |
| NEBD27-2, 27-3 | | Crest Nicholson | Jane Piper | Lucid Planning | PS_096 PS_097a-c | | <p>Legal compliance and soundness not stated</p> <p>Crest supports these documents as it reflects and supports the work undertaken by the developers and demonstrates that Mascalls has the potential to accommodate a 3FE expansion and support the revised policy wording that reflects this.</p> | This is noted. | Not stated |
| NEBD39-3 | Stephanie Holt-Castle | Kent County Council (KCC) | | | PS_097a | | <p>Legal compliance and soundness not stated</p> <p>Within paragraph 1.4 (page 3), the terminology “PAN” needs to be clarified to ensure understanding.</p> | The PAN relates to the Published Admission Number for every year group into which pupils can be admitted. | Not stated |

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| NEBD42-3 | Carol Williams | Paddock Wood Town Council | Troy Hayes | Troy Planning + Design | PS_096, PS_097 | | <p>Legally non-compliant and unsound</p> <p>PS_096 Education - Atkins Realis Mascalls Academy Feasibility Study Review (June 2024) The conclusion in the Review that there is the ‘potential to accommodate a 3FE expansion’ is not very conclusive and convincing. This is even less the case when considering the issues raised by the Architectural and Landscape Review sections of the Feasibility Study.</p> <p>There is no evidence which considers the merits of building a secondary school versus expanding Mascalls Academy or the option of a new secondary school/expansion outside of Paddock Wood. Town Council’s concerns with potential expansion of Mascalls Academy are the existing/proposed size of the school, lack of safe routes to the school and the fact as an Academy its facilities are private there is a risk any sports/recreation provision claimed to contribute to space available to the local community will have barriers to access in practice.</p> <p>Mascalls Academy has a wide catchment and unclear from evidence how sustainability of this proposed location for a secondary school has been tested.</p> <p>PS_097 Statement of Common Ground between TWBC and KCC Education As Leigh Academies Trust are not a signatory to the SoCG this brings into question the robustness and reliability of the SoCG. The letter from the Trust’s Estates Director does not provide a convincing statement and the section in the letter on Community Use does not reflect the Town Council’s experience of the local community being able to access the academy’s facilities.</p> | <p>The Mascalls Academy feasibility study outlines an example of how expansion could be achieved. This has been independently reviewed by TWBC and KCC who both agree with the findings. This study also outlines the potential for a new running track and multi-use pitch to form part of the expansion in school facilities. This is not a formal proposal at this stage, and will require further assessment/review, but it indicates an option whereby the school to enhance its facilities whilst accommodating expansion. Further feasibility work will be carried out as the Strategic Development progresses and the design/site layout and space assessments evolve and TWBC will closely liaise with the Education Authority to ensure that the resulting scheme is sufficient for its purpose in scale and design. The Council retains a fall-back option also in the delivery of a new school if further feasibility proves that Mascalls Academy is unable to expand as needed.</p> <p>In terms of potential community use of enhanced facilities, TWBC are keen to ensure that the enhanced facilities are usable by the community and provision for this would be incorporated into next stages of design to deal with the matters highlighted (security, accessibility, layout etc).</p> <p>The SOCG has been discussed extensively between the parties involved and whilst not being a signatory to the SOCG, this dialogue includes the Leigh Academy Trust. As referenced, A signed letter of support by the Trust has been published (Appendix 3 of the SOCG) which confirms the school are in agreement concerning the potential for Mascalls expansion.</p> | <p>Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearing session - The Town Council wishes to participate in any future Hearings on the Local Plan given the scale of growth still proposed at Paddock Wood and given the well-known constraints and complexities of the area as well as the Local Plan, masterplanning, infrastructure delivery and funding uncertainties that still remain.</p> |
| NEBD45-2 | Mr Jonathan Easteal | | | | Not stated | | Legal compliance and soundness not stated | | Not stated. |

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| | | | | | | | <p>Secondary school provision is still unclear.</p> <p>TWBC is now focussing on an expansion of Mascal's Academy but this is only a high-level agreement and not a foregone conclusion.</p> <p>The plot for a new secondary school in the NW parcel now seems a lower priority. In any case, has KCC agreed to fund this? Funding for the expansion of Mascal's Academy has not been confirmed.</p> <p>If the Mascal's Academy expansion goes ahead, what will happen to the plot in the NW parcel for a school?</p> | <p>The secondary school provision strategy is clearly set out at para 15, point (c) of the Revised Policy STR/SS1 (which forms part of this most recent consultation). This confirms the Councils preference is to expand Mascal's Academy with the fall-back position of a new school within the NW parcel if further feasibility work confirms Mascal's is not able to accommodate the expansion required. KCC (as Education Authority) agree and support this strategy, which is confirmed within the completed SOCG.</p> <p>The school provision would be funded through the strategic development which would be equalised across the four strategic parcels. This is the case for both secondary options although actual delivery timescales are likely to differ between them. This would be managed through the Development Delivery Board as the strategic development progresses, in close liaison with KCC.</p> <p>The current masterplanning does not allocate an alternative use in the event that a new school in the NW parcel is not needed. This is a matter which will be considered through the detailed masterplanning of the NW parcel itself to ensure that the surrounding development is appropriately articulated in relation to this space and is able to respond to future use. Due to flooding extents of FZ2 which largely covers this part of the site, it is unlikely that a significant number of additional homes could be positioned here if the school is not needed.</p> | |
| NEBD46-2 | Sue Lovell | Stop Overdevelopment of Paddock Wood | | | PS_097a | | <p>Legal compliance and soundness not stated</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secondary school provision is still very unclear. The parties are committed to constructive joint working to bring | <p>The secondary school provision strategy is clearly set out at para 15, point (c) of the Revised Policy STR/SS1 (which forms part of this most recent consultation). This confirms the Councils preference is to expand Mascal's Academy with the fall-back position of a new school</p> | Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearing session (No reasons stated). |

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| | | | | | | | <p>forward and deliver the proposed 3FE expansion to Mascalls Academy. To this end, the parties are committed to stakeholder liaison, in respect of the proposed 3FE expansion to Mascalls Academy, including engaging with Parish Councils, associated Neighbourhood Plan groups and other local groups. How and when is this expected to happen? Nowhere does it mention asking parents in PW. Who are the other local groups mentioned in 7.1, page 24?</p> | <p>within the NW parcel if further feasibility work confirms Mascalls is not able to accommodate the expansion required. KCC (as Education Authority) agree and support this strategy, which is confirmed within the completed SOCG.</p> <p>The school provision would be managed through the Development Delivery Board as the strategic development progresses and in close liaison with KCC. The Delivery Board will involve different stakeholders (potentially at different times to respond to current challenges) as necessary to ensure the various elements to the Strategic Development can be adequately progressed as necessary to maintain delivery. This will include the Town and Parish Councils, local groups as well as infrastructure providers.</p> | |