

1) Please confirm which document this representation relates to.

Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications

2) Please confirm which part of the document this representation relates to? (If your representation relates to multiple sections and/or documents, please add separate comment(s) to the relevant section on this event page)

If Main Modification (please quote number e.g. MM1):

MM158

Chapter and (if applicable) subheading:

Land at Downibury Farm, Maidstone Road

Policy/ Paragraph number:

5.688,5.690,5.691,5.693

3) Do you consider the Main Modification/ document on which you are commenting, makes the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038):

Yes No

Legally Compliant

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Sound

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4) Please give details of why you consider the Main Modification/ document not to be legally compliant or sound. Please be as precise as possible and provide evidence to support this. Or if you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of a main Modification/ document, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The modification states that the site will have a single vehicular access onto Church Road and there will not be access onto Maidstone Road. Church Road already suffers from excessive traffic and, with the number of parked cars at all times of day is effectively a single track road. In addition the junction between Church Road and Maidstone Road, with its proximity to Pembury School is already dangerous, with cars parked on both sides of Maidstone Road opposite and right on the junction. This often results in gridlock at that section of Maidstone Road down towards Stone Court Lane. Due to cars parking on the junction, visibility for cars turning out of Church Road in either direction along Maidstone Road is very poor. The suggested access for the new residential area onto Church Road will increase congestion and make access to Gimble Way and the other roads off Church Road extremely frustrating and make the junction between Church Road and Maidstone Road more dangerous. It seems much more practical all round to provide vehicular access directly onto Maidstone Road, via the existing access road to Downingbury Farm.

5) If you do not agree with the proposed Main Modification/ document please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified in question 4 (above) where this relates to legal compliance or soundness. Please be as precise as possible.

Change the vehicular access for AL/PE4 to be via the Downingbury Farm access road directly on to Maidstone Road, not onto Church Road

7) Please tick this box if you wish to be kept informed about the Inspector's Report and/ or adoption of the Local Plan.

Yes, please keep me informed