

**Tabled Update for Item 3.2 – Land South and East of Sittingbourne Kent (21/503914/EIOUT)**

Since the report was published the following additional consultation responses were received:

A letter of support was received from the Sittingbourne Football Club, citing benefits associated with the proposed employment space and housing.

A further letter of support was received from local businesses citing the need to support the application in order to address traffic congestion in Sittingbourne, encourage existing and future businesses, and indicating support for the relief roads.

Maidstone Borough Council provided a response which raised objection to the proposal in relation to highway impacts (including to the M2 at Junction 5) and highway safety issues, impacts to rural lanes and the Kent Downs NL.

Four further objections were received which reiterated objections and concerns previously raised. Additional concerns include:

- Future development should be directed to the east of the Borough.
- The proposal is a sprawling form of development in the open countryside, with no coherent form, and would neither present nor function as a community and is poorly connected with existing urban areas.
- The proposal should be considered in the context of the emerging Local Plan and alongside the comparative merits of other schemes proposed throughout the Borough.
- The proposed affordable housing offer is out of step with the Housing Market Assessment and current housing needs. The housing offer that would not achieve a mixed and balanced community.