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Neighbourhood Planning (MBC)

Subject: I wish to support the Otham Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

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In support of Otham Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

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The introduction to the Otham Parish Neighbourhood Plan describes Otham as a "green oasis" in a "unique rural setting" and I am pleased to see that the vision of the plan is to meet the evolving needs of the community whilst preserving the rural character of the parish.

I concur with the objectives in the plan and would like to express specific support for individual policies that closely coincide with my feelings.

- 4.4 HC2; I support the policy to preserve the enchanting views of and from Otham.
- 5.4 GS1 GS6; Local green space is especially important to me. As contributor to the Bicknor Wood purchase and keen tree planter, I support all the policies regarding green space
- 6.4 AC1; I originally moved to Otham in an attempt to escape the urban environment. Maidstone has caught up, overtaken and subsumed me back into the town. I support the policy to maintain green corridors and open space.
- 7.4 ST1 ST5; I support all policies that will enhance the footpath network and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 8.4 BE1; I support the policy which promotes the sentiment of "do no harm". Any further building approved in the parish should have to meet criteria showing that development will not downgrade the environment for the local community and wildlife.
- 8.4 BE3; I am a fervent conservationist and support the policy which will require sustainable development and encourage renewable energy and recycling.
- 8.4 BE4; Part of the pleasure of a rural setting is the dark night sky. I support the policy that minimises light pollution.

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Otham resident.

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