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To: [Neighbourhood Planning \(MBC\)](#)
Subject: In support of Otham Neighbourhood Plan
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Dear Sir,

I support the Otham Neighbourhood Plan.

Our village is an ancient historical one within a beautiful rural setting. We have a close community here, with conservation areas and a collection of unique listed buildings and are lucky to enjoy peaceful, quiet spaces around us. We provide a vital green corridor within the Borough of Maidstone and this has to be protected.

The green spaces around Otham are a haven for wildlife, from endangered garden birds to foxes and badgers who have the right to live amongst the woodlands, fields and ponds within our boundaries. Public footpaths and bridleways have been used by the community for centuries and continue to be by the residents who live here and many others who chose to come here. I strongly support the local plan that takes these unique advantages and acts to preserve them as well as protecting the village green, football ground and allotments amongst other areas.

I support the Otham Plan in its vision to avoid coalescence of the village into the greater Maidstone area. Any new housing approved must meet this criteria and these places must not spoil the lovely views of the landscape that are nearby and the rights of pedestrians and cyclists must be taken into consideration in any future development.

I am a proud Otham resident that feels that the Neighbourhood plan is the best way forward for our precious rural idyl.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Skinner.

Sent from my iPhone