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To: [Neighbourhood Planning \(MBC\)](#)
Subject: Otham Neighbourhood Plan
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Dr Robin Gardner



Dear Sir or Madam,

i strongly support all of the contents policies and sections of the Otham Neighbourhood plan. This plan has been created with great care and attention.

I would like to draw attention to the importance of continued Farming in Otham. 2.17 correctly states that Otham's agricultural acreage is being reduced by the loss of grade 2 farmland to housing development. The preservation and continuation of farming is vital to employment in Otham and contributes to the UK food supply and to the economy..

Policy HC2 Protection of views. The extensive views define Otham and must be preserved at all costs. The views are of historical importance but also contribute greatly to the wellbeing of visitors to Otham and to the residents.

Policy GS2 Local Green Spaces. I believe that it is vital that historic areas used by local residents for walking and recreation should be preserved. In particular the grassland between Woolley Road and Church Road and the adjoining Glebe field. There is clear evidence to the usage of these areas by both Otham residents and residents living in the surrounding areas. The village allotments are all fully full used. The Village Green forms a vital centre and meeting place for both residents and visitors to Otham.

GS4 is important as part of the preservation of Local Green Spaces.

I should like to be notified of the decision made by the Council following a referendum and /or when the Neighbourhood Plan is made.

Dr Robin Gardner