# **Maidstone Borough Council**

Maidstone Borough Local Plan Examination: Written Statements in response to Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions.

#### Session R2 -Alternative Sites.

### **Inspector's Question R2.1**

Does MBC wish to comment on the specific criticisms of the Plan set out in R19579?

### **Council's response:**

R1.1.1 Representations from Eco Build Partnership appear to criticise the Local Plan's strategy and settlement hierarchy apparently on the basis that the Plan should include an allocation for an "Eco-village" development near the village of Kingswood. The proposed site was assessed as unsuitable in the SHEDLAA and the deliverability of the site was assessed as uncertain as it would depend upon the delivery of the Leeds-Langley Relief Road.

R1.1.2 The Council considers the Local Plan strategy and settlement hierarchy to be sound. Kingswood is not assessed as either a Rural Service Centre or Larger Village and is not considered to be suitable for strategic scale development as proposed by the representor.

## **Inspector's Questions R2.2**

Can the Representor provide a plan showing the proposed location of the development and the suggested access route including the bypass?

#### **Inspector's Question R2.3**

What if any evidence is there that this proposal would be viable and deliverable to include the funding of a Leeds-Langley Bypass and the proposed community facilities and public transport?

### **Inspector's Question R2.3 (sic)**

If there were a funding shortfall for the road construction, what other sources of funding could be available?

#### **Inspector's Question R2.4**

Over what period could the development be delivered including the new road?

#### **Inspector's Question R2.5**

Does the Representor wish to comment on the SHEDLAA analysis and its conclusions?

#### **Inspector's Question R2.6**

Does the Representor wish to comment on the Sustainability appraisal and its conclusions?



# **Inspector's Question R2.7**

Is there any evidence of local support for the proposed development?

# Council's Response to Q R2.2 - R2.7 inclusive:

R1.2.1 The Council understands that these questions are primarily for the representor. The Council's position is that the SHEDLAA assessment is sound and that the proposal is not consistent with the Local Plan strategy.