

The Inspector,  
Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Enquiry.

September 2016

Dear Sir,

**R19205**

May I respond to your series of questions on 5A

The Borough's plan does not take into full consideration the long-term effects of their land usage proposals. The agricultural significance of the parcels of Grade 2 agricultural land which surround the borough, their prominence in the local community, and their overall importance both for the human population and the wild life of the area is not properly recognised.

There has already been significant erosion of quality agricultural land. For example the development already passed and taking place on the land to the North of the Sutton Road.

The recent decision to allow further encroachment despite a large body of informed local objections on an area which is the subject of the Inspectorate's investigation emphasises that the Borough's approach does not fully address the rural community's needs.

Yours sincerely,  
David Marchant M.A.