

Maidstone Statement of Community Involvement Covid 19 Temporary Addendum

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Corrections were made to the Maidstone Statement of Community Involvement in May 2020 and can be found here:

<https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/documents/local-plan-review-documents/lpr-progress/Draft-Addendum-for-SCI-V3.pdf>

The following temporary changes are made in addition those above as a result of changes to national legislation and guidance in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Paragraph 20 of the SCI identifies a number of methods that may be used when consulting the public during plan making. It makes clear that the breadth of consultation and the methods used to contact the public will depend on the type of plan and its stage of consultation. The corrections comply with regulatory requirements for local plans and neighbourhood plans.

1. Paragraph 20: Consultation methods – amend point 3 to say “Inspection points – **Temporarily unavailable**”.
2. Table 1: Engagement and consultation methods for Local Plans – remove the reference in Regulation 18 to ‘material placed at inspection points’ and replace with ‘**The option to view material at inspection points is temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.**’
3. Table 1: Engagement and consultation methods for Local Plans – remove the reference in Regulation 19 to ‘material placed at inspection points’ and replace with ‘**The option to view material at inspection points is temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.**’
4. Table 1: Engagement and consultation methods for Local Plans – remove both references in Regulation 22-25 to ‘material placed at inspection points’ and replace with ‘**The option to view material at inspection points is temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.**’
5. Table 1: Engagement and consultation methods for Local Plans – remove the reference in Regulation 26 to ‘material placed at inspection points’ and replace with ‘**The option to view material at inspection points is**

temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.'

6. Table 2: Engagement and consultation methods for Supplementary Planning Documents – remove the reference in Regulation 12 to material placed at inspection points' and replace with '**The option to view material at inspection points is temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.'**
7. Table 3: Engagement and consultation methods for Neighbourhood Development Plans – remove the reference in Regulation 16 to 'material placed at inspection points' and replace with '**The option to view material at inspection points is temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.'**
8. Table 3: Engagement and consultation methods for Neighbourhood Development Plans – amend Regulations 17 to 18 to say 'The Examiner determines whether a hearing is necessary and, if so, sets the agenda and decides who will be invited to attend. **During the response to the Coronavirus, examinations should be conducted by written representations, or if a hearing is necessary, video conferencing should be used.'**
9. Table 3: Engagement and consultation methods for Neighbourhood Development Plans – amend Regulations 19 to 20 to say "**The option to view material at inspection points is temporarily unavailable. Material can be viewed online. The Council will endeavour to provide paper copies of the consultation material when essentially required.** Notify the PC or NF..."