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For the attention of Sue Whiteside, Principal Planning Officer (Strategic Planning)

Dear Ms Whiteside

Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Plan – Submission under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012

Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Parish Council for submission to Maidstone Borough Council on 3rd March 2020.

Please find the following documents submitted alongside this covering letter:-

Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Plan, submission draft, March 2020
Consultation Statement and Appendices October 2019
Basic Conditions Statement March 2020
Environmental Statement 2019, which concludes that neither a Strategic Environmental Assessment nor a Habitat Regulations Assessment is required
Colvin and Moggridge, Boughton Monchelsea Landscape Management and Masterplan 2018
Colvin and Moggridge, Boughton Monchelsea Priority Local Landscape 2019
Boughton Monchelsea Housing Needs Survey 2018, Action for Rural Communities Kent
A folder of additional parish-specific Evidence on Flood Risk, MBC Housing Register and Housing Density

All the above documents can also be seen on the Parish Council website at www.boughtonmonchelseapc.org.uk and are being sent under separate cover on a USB stick.

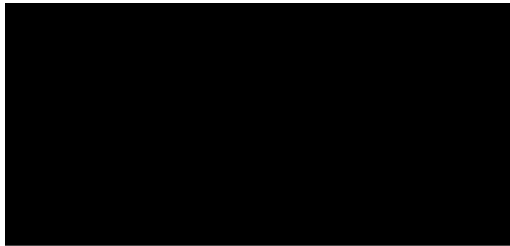
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Attached to this letter you will also find a brief summary of the key issues raised in consultation. The Consultation Statement contains details of how these issues have influenced the different stages of developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Parish Council Planning Committee

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED IN CONSULTATION

The Boughton Monchelsea Consultation Statement and Appendices contain full details of issues raised at various stages of community engagement, and how these have influenced the development of the Neighbourhood Plan

Character and Environment

Protect rural character of area and its landscape, particularly areas which are currently undeveloped and key views, and not merge with urban area to become a suburb of Maidstone.

Protect and improve biodiversity, resist light pollution.

Improve resilience to climate change, flooding.

Support alternative green sources of energy, with regard for maintaining rural quality of area.

More waste recycling and reduce landfill.

Protect local heritage features.

New Development

Support limited amount of well-designed housing in appropriate locations and supply local needs first.

Focus on use of brownfield land first.

Better facilities including housing for older people.

Integrate traveler sites.

Support local rural based employment which is appropriate in scale.

Movement

Maintain and improve local transport network including roads, footpaths, signage.

Improve non car means of travel including bus services and convenient shops.

Volume of traffic, rat running, vehicle speed along Heath Road, HGV's on lanes, are issues.

Links between north and south of parish to be improved including footpaths and cycle routes.

Social and Other Infrastructure

Need better local shops.

Improve broadband.

Adequacy or otherwise of infrastructure such as roads, parking in village centre, primary schools (the one in village centre is full), (lack of) GP surgery.

Retain and improve facilities such as open spaces, playground, village hall (extend and adapt).