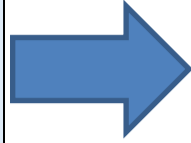


Regulations 5 to 10	<p>Regulations 5 to 7 – Designation of a Neighbourhood Area</p> <p>The relevant Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum should submit a Neighbourhood Area Application for determination by Maidstone Borough Council.</p>
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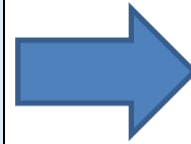
<p>Regulations 8 to 10 – Designation of a Neighbourhood Forum</p> <p>The relevant Neighbourhood Forum should submit a Neighbourhood Forum Application for determination by Maidstone Borough Council.</p>
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<p>Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Following successful Neighbourhood Area Application (and designation of a Neighbourhood Forum where relevant) the Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum will be responsible for preparing the neighbourhood plan, with the support of Maidstone Borough Council.</p>



Regulation 14	<p>Regulation 14 – Pre-submission consultation</p> <p>The Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum is required to carry out a 6-week pre-submission consultation on the draft neighbourhood plan. This consultation must bring the plan to the attention of the people who live, work or carry out business in the Neighbourhood Area. Maidstone Borough Council must also be consulted at this stage.</p>
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<p>Strategic Environmental Assessment</p> <p>Maidstone Borough Council has a duty to formally check the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Where a neighbourhood plan requires an SEA, work on this should start well before the draft neighbourhood plan is formally submitted (at the pre-submission consultation).</p>
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Regulations 15 and 16	<p>Regulations 15 and 16 – Submission and consultation</p> <p>The Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum is then required to formally submit the draft plan to Maidstone Borough Council together with a Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement and conclusion of SEA matters. Maidstone Borough will then carry out a 6-week consultation.</p>
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Regulation 17	<p>Regulation 17 – Examination</p> <p>Maidstone Borough Council will submit the submission plan to the independent examiner for examination as soon as possible after receipt with any representations received and any other documents submitted with the plan.</p>
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Regulation 17A and 18	<p>Regulation 18 – Referendum</p> <p>Should the examiner recommend that the neighbourhood plan should proceed to referendum, Maidstone Borough Council will hold a referendum on whether the neighbourhood plan should come into force.</p>
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Referendum
<p>Maidstone Borough Council hold referendum on whether the neighbourhood plan should come into force.</p>



Regulations 19 and 20	<p>Regulations 19 and 20 – Decision to make a neighbourhood plan</p> <p>Whether the referendum is unsuccessful or successful, Maidstone Borough Council will publish the result.</p> <p>Should the referendum be successful, Maidstone Borough Council will make the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
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