

Maidstone Borough Council, Strategic Planning

Dear MBC Strategic Planning

LENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – SUGGESTED AMENDMENT

1. I understand that you have requested Lenham Parish Council to make a number of alterations to the draft Lenham Neighbourhood Plan including the removal of the land to the south of the A20 and Royton Avenue from the list of Policy LGS1 protected open green spaces.
2. I would remind you that this space has been identified as an ‘open amenity area’ by Kent County Council in respect of a 1985 planning application (MA/84/1467). You will also be aware that for a second time, as recently as May 2019, Maidstone Borough Council also identified this area of land as “...an important open space on the periphery of Lenham Village” and refused planning permission contrary to policies DM1, DM9 and DM11(i) (19/501399/FULL).
4. It is important to note that a significant number of local residents signed a petition addressed to Lenham Parish Council stating that this area must be kept as open space
3. Maidstone Borough Council must look again at rescinding its request to Lenham Parish Council and allow this important parcel of land to be included in the Lenham Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours faithfully,

M R Ballard

