

## **Lenham Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation**

Please find below comments in relation to the Lenham Neighbourhood Plan consultation:

### **1. LNP reference - Section 8.3 – Lenham Health Centre**

*Consultation with health providers at Lenham indicates that the construction of the strategic housing delivery sites will require an upgrade of the facilities within the Len Valley Practice, serving Lenham.*

*Health Infrastructure Policy CF3*

*Development proposals for the expansion of Lenham Medical Centre will be supported.*

#### **CCG Comment:**

Title should read Len Valley Practice.

Policy statement acknowledged.

### **2. LNP reference - 12.2.9 Improvement to Local Doctors' Facilities**

*West Kent CCG is currently undertaking a service review with Len Valley Practice. The growth proposed at both Harrietsham and Lenham will necessitate additional local health facilities which are currently provided by Len Valley Practice. This is intended to be funded by the Strategic CIL.*

#### **CCG Comment:**

West Kent CCG should now read NHS Kent and Medway CCG (from 1 April 2020).

Strategic CIL is recognised as a route for bidding for funding to support any future plans.

### **3. LNP reference - LNP13 Health Statement supporting document.**

#### **CCG Comment:**

Any references to West Kent CCG should now read NHS Kent and Medway CCG (from 1 April 2020).

With regards to the Health Statement the following comments are provided to add greater context:

The feasibility piece of work referenced is underway to understand capacity requirements and options for expanding building capacity. For information the update provided in the CCG's GP Estates Strategy (West Kent) Update in March 2020 detailed:

*Practice commissioned feasibility piece of work (S106 funded) to identify options for potential reconfiguration and expansion at one or both sites to support growth. The potential options will inform continued discussions between the Practice and CCG; this will include ensuring consideration of any additional growth arising from the MBC Local Plan Review.*

This work has many factors including considering the evolving workforce model in general practice and the impact of technology on physical space requirements. The CCG is fully aware of available S106 healthcare contributions that are available in this area for use by the NHS and will ensure that these are considered and aligned as part of any agreed future plans as appropriate.

It is important to note that the CCG is responsible for securing the provision of primary medical facilities; this is a delegated responsibility from NHS England and Improvement. All discussions in relation to the CCG GP Estates Strategy (West Kent) continue to be set in the context of the CCG's obligation to secure provision for primary medical services and are focused on understanding the ambitions of existing general practices to expand to support the expected growth in population and the requirements from a premises perspective. Understanding the position of practices continues to be an important part of the discussions in order to understand whether the growth could be managed by existing practices or whether the CCG will be required to commission additional primary medical services in specific areas.

The CCG is engaged in the Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan Review and will continue to assess the impacts on healthcare requirements as the plan emerges.

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