

**DECISION STATEMENT, published pursuant to Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)**

Decision

On 15 July 2020 at a Full Council meeting, Maidstone Borough Council resolved to make (adopt) the Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan (2017-2031) under Section 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Marden Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the statutory development plan for Maidstone Borough. Consequently the plan will be used to determine planning applications in the Marden plan area.

Reasons for decision

The Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and is compliant with legal and procedural requirements. Paragraph 38A (4) (a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum upon the plan have voted in favour of the plan being used to inform planning applications in the area. The Plan was endorsed by more than the required threshold in the referendum held on 27 February 2020. This statement and the made Marden Neighbourhood Development Plan can be viewed on the Maidstone Borough Council website

<https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/neighbourhood-planning>

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.

Dated: 15 July 2020