

# MX52 & MX53 SITES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE REVISED LOCAL PLAN

but that does not mean we are safe .....

Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) has published the Pre-Submission Draft of its Regulation 19 Local Plan and has removed these two sites as they do not meet the relevant local plan strategy and the infrastructure proposals are not supported by the relevant providers (full analysis can be found at pages 706-715 of the Public Reports Pack for the Planning Advisory Committee meeting on 22.11.18 [Link Here](#))

However, there is no guarantee that they will not be reinstated at a later stage, which is why No Hartley Expansion remains focused on providing up to date information and advice to residents and engaging the most appropriate representation to support its actions.

To find out about recent and future stages of the Local Plan please read on.

The updated Local Plan was approved by the SDC Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) on Thursday 22 November 2018.

It will go before the SDC Cabinet on 6 December 2018 for approval.

A consultation on the Regulation 19 Local Plan is expected to start on Tuesday 18 December 2018 and end on Sunday 3 February 2019. It is highly likely that the developer and/or its representatives will object to the omission of sites MX52 and 53 at this stage. Details of the consultation will be published on the NHE website as soon as they are available. No Hartley Expansion is seeking advice from a planning consultant and with their help we will make sure that guidance is given to all residents on how to respond to this next crucial consultation.

An Advisory Visit from the Planning Inspectorate in early 2019 will review the documents and provide an indicator of the key issues that are likely to be raised during the Examination in Public.

The schedule of possible improvements and the Regulation 19 Local Plan will then go to the SDC Council meeting on 26 February 2019 for approval.

Once approved by SDC the Regulation 19 Local Plan will then be published and submitted to the Secretary of State.

An Examination in Public, chaired by a Government appointed Planning Inspector, will consider the Sevenoaks Regulation 19 Local Plan and the schedule of possible improvements and will hear representations from the developer and/or its representatives, the local community and interested parties.

Subject to the Planning Inspectorate finding the Plan sound, sites MX52 & MX53 will not be reinstated and will remain protected from development for at least the next 5 years.

The Local Plan will then be adopted (expected to be in Autumn 2019) and that will form SDC's policy on planning until 2035. However, the Local Plan will be reviewed periodically and the first review is due between 2020 and 2025.

Adoption of the Local Plan does not stop the developer and/or its representatives submitting a planning application for development, but it is unlikely that it would receive consent from SDC. People can comment/object to any planning application made. The landowner may go to appeal if planning permission is refused but it is unlikely they would succeed.

Once the Local Plan is adopted we strongly recommend that Hartley Parish Council and its residents should prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Hartley and promote the inclusion of these sites in the Kent Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to help reduce the chance of any future development proposals on these Green belt sites.