

So what happens next?

As I think everyone is aware, the consultation period ended on 10th September and as such the next obvious question is what next ?

There are a number of stages to the process. It appears that the Planning Policy Team at the Council are busy reviewing all the comments made in the consultation period to make some decisions on the likely timeline for each stage of the process. In recent days the following timeline has been provided by Sevenoaks District Council;

22 November 2018 – The Planning Advisory Committee will consider the pre- submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) for publication.

06 December 2018 – Subject to approval, Cabinet will consider and approve the publication of the pre- submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) for consultation for the statuary 6-week period.

26 February 2019 – Subject to approval, Full Council will consider the pre-submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

Spring/Summer 2019 – The Sevenoaks Local Plan will be submitted and independently examined, in public by the Planning Inspectorate.

Autumn 2019 – Following the Local Plan being found sound at examination and any associated modifications made, Full Council will consider the Local Plan for adoption.

In the meantime, The NO Hartley Expansion Committee are concerned that the residents of Hartley, Fawkham, Longfield and New Ash Green, who are all affected by these proposals, are informed of the possible outcomes of the Council's decision making process. There are three possible outcomes which can be summarised as follows;

- 1) Both MX52 and MX53 sites rejected by Sevenoaks District Council and Omitted from the revised local plan
- 2) Both MX52 and MX53 sites promoted by Sevenoaks District Council and Included in the revised local plan
- 3) Either MX52 OR MX53 rejected by Sevenoaks District Council / Either MX52 OR MX53 included in the revised local plan

It is important that everyone reads the document below, which addresses each of the potential outcomes, our current understanding of what happens next and most importantly the implications of the decisions that will be made over the coming months.

It is important that everyone recognises that both the timeline above and the document detailing the potential outcomes are the position as we understand it today. It is anticipated that this will change over the coming weeks and months and of course the NO Hartley Expansion Committee will keep you updated as soon as more is known.

As you will see the 10th September deadline for objections was only the start of the campaign not the finish line. Together as a community we can successfully resist these developments.