

Medway Core Strategy additional comments on behalf of the Church Commissioners for England (11) 25th May 2012

Thursday 14th June 2pm – Matter 6 – Infrastructure

Inspector's Questions a) Are the key infrastructure requirements, including transport and water-related (mains and sewerage) capacity, identified in the plan, and is there a reasonable prospect that necessary infrastructure will be provided?

No comment

b) Does the CS comply with national policy in relation to development in areas at risk of flooding?

No comment

c) Does the CS provide clear guidance on the circumstances in which developer contributions will be required, and has the impact on viability been quantified?

The Church Commissioners have set out in previous representations for the requirement in terms of developer contributions towards infrastructure to be transparent and flexible in their approach.

The intention to provide additional, specific guidance in this regard, in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) approach is welcomed and the Church Commissioners encourage this to be undertaken in accordance with guidance on production of the charging schedule and the associated consultation. Any such charging schedule should reflect the nature and extent of development anticipated in the area and be sensitive to the costs and considerations in terms of the delivery development in this area.

Hearing Participants

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