

LOCAL PLAN PANEL COMMITTEE MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2019

To: Mike Baldock; Monique Bonney

CC: New Garden Communities (SBC); Alison Peters

Wednesday 20th November 10:02

Dear Cllrs Baldock & Bonney

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I wish to bring to your attention concerns in connection with the New Garden Communities Assessment of Stage 2 submissions report by Peter Brett Associates (October 2019) that was considered at the above Committee meeting.

The Kent Downs AONB Unit considers that the Report does not accurately reflect the Kent Downs AONB Unit's position in respect of site NS1: South East Sittingbourne and in particular at paragraph 4.9 of the report, where it stated that in the final sentence that "The AONB Unit consider that their concerns can be mitigated and therefore do not have a strong objection."

At a meeting held on 19th August 2019 with Officers of Swale Council and a representative of Quinn Estates promoting the NS1 site, the AONB Unit advised that it considered it possible for some of the potential impacts on the AONB to be mitigated in part through a more sensitive design and location of development within the overall site area. The AONB Unit however remains of the view that the proposed new motorway junction, located partially within the AONB, represents a major development that would be contrary to planning policy and due to its nature, could not be satisfactorily mitigated in terms of impact on the AONB. Therefore, the Unit continues to object to the proposal.

I would be happy to discuss this further with yourselves or Officers if this would be helpful.

Kind regards

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