

Local Plan Review Update

Disappointingly, in spite of all our efforts the Lidsing Development of 2000+ houses appears likely to be staying in the Local Plan.

In a letter to Maidstone Borough Council regarding the Local Plan Review, the Planning Inspector has stated that, following the Stage 2 hearings, the draft Local Plan could be made sound with the main modifications either proposed by or not opposed by Maidstone Borough Council.

This means that, subject to Maidstone Borough Council satisfying the infrastructure requirements requested by the Inspector, the Lidsing Development will stay in the Local Plan. This is in spite of the best efforts to oppose it by Boxley Parish Council, Kent County Council Highways, the Against Lidsing Garden Development group, National Highways and Medway Council.

Regrettably no mention is made of the North/South route through Boxley and possible mitigation despite the strong arguments and evidence put forward by Boxley Parish Council.

Boxley Parish Council has rigorously opposed this development since it appeared on the initial Call for Sites in 2020 and will continue to fight to get the best possible outcome for all residents.