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 Date: 6th February 2025

Dear Sir or Madam

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Proposal: SOUTHERN SITE: Outline Planning Application for the phased development of up to 577.48 hectares at Highsted Park, Land to the South and East of Sittingbourne, Kent, comprising of up to 7,150 residential dwellings including sheltered / extra care accommodation (Use Class C2 and Use Class C3). Up to 170,000 sq m / 34 hectares of commercial, business and service / employment floorspace (Use Class B2, Use Class B8 and Use Class E), and including up to 2,800 sq m of hotel (Use Class C1) floorspace. Up to 15,000 sq m / 1.5 hectares for a household waste recycling centre. Mixed use local centre and neighbourhood facilities including commercial, business and employment floorspace (Use Class E), non-residential institutions (Use Class F1) and local community uses (Use Class F2) floorspace, and Public Houses (Sui Generis). Learning institutions including primary and secondary schools (Use Class F1(a)). Open space, green infrastructure, woodland, and community and sports provision (Use Class F2(c)). Highways and infrastructure works including the provision of a new motorway junction to the M2, a Highsted Park Sustainable Movement Corridor (inc. a Sittingbourne Southern Relief Road), and new vehicular access points to the existing network; and associated groundworks, engineering, utilities, and demolition works.

Location: Land South and East of Sittingbourne

I am writing to advise you that a Public Inquiry for the above application will begin on **TUESDAY 11 March 2025 at 10am** at Swale House East Street Sittingbourne ME10 3HT. This Inquiry is scheduled to sit over 12 weeks:

Week One	Week Two	Week Three
11 – 14 March (Tues – Fri)	18 – 21 March (Tues – Fri)	8 – 11 April (Tues – Fri)
Week Four	Week Five	Week Six
29 April – 2 May (Tues – Fri)	7 – 9 May (Wed – Fri)	13 – 16 May (Tues – Fri)
Week Seven	Week Eight	Week Nine
3 – 6 June (Tues – Fri)	9 – 12 June (Mon – Thurs)	24 – 27 June (Tues – Fri)

MKPS – Working in Partnership with: Swale Borough Council

Please Note: All planning related correspondence for SBC should be sent to:
 Mid Kent Planning Support, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone ME15 6JQ
 Email: planningsupport@midkent.gov.uk
 Access planning services online at: www.swale.gov.uk or submit an application via www.planningportal.co.uk

Week Ten	Week Eleven	Week Twelve
30 June - 3 July (Mon– Thurs)	15 – 18 July (Tues – Fri)	22 – 25 July (Tues – Fri)

The Inquiry will start at 10am on the first day and thereafter commence at 9.30am. Please note sitting days may alter depending on the progress made.

You are welcome to attend the Inquiry, which will also be livestreamed. At the Inspector's discretion, you may speak at the Inquiry and give your views in person; alternatively, someone may speak on your behalf. In exceptional circumstances there will be the opportunity to speak by means of a virtual attendance if you are unable to do so in person. If you wish to attend virtually, please contact the Programme Officers at info@programmeofficers.co.uk

A specific time will be set aside during the Inquiry to hear those people who wish to speak, and this will be notified at the start of the Inquiry.

There are two Programme Officers appointed for this Inquiry, who will be acting as independent officers to the Inquiry under the Inspector's directions, Yvonne Parker and Helen Wilson. Their contact details are: info@programmeofficers.co.uk and telephone: Ms Parker 01282 450522 or 0781 3334305; and Ms Wilson 01432 800362 or 0787 9443035.

The Inquiry has a dedicated website – <https://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/land-south-and-east-of-sittingbourne-kent-s77-inquiry/>

All application documents can be viewed on line <https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Please notify planningapplications@swale.gov.uk if you require disabled parking etc.

Any views you have already made will be considered by the Secretary of State when determining these applications

Once the Planning Inspector has reached her decision, this will be published on <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.

Yours faithfully

Matt Duigan
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