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Sandip Mahajan (Planning Policy)

From: Elizabeth Littlewood [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2014 23:59
To: PlanningPolicy
Subject: (SANDIP HAS PRINTED FOR THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE BOX)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I have just completed a survey with regards to the Local plan with policies 17 and 21 relating to Gillingham.

Due to my long working hours I don't have time to be reading everything and therefore don't fully understand the process. It seemed from the survey that only legal matter were of interest rather than general comments and/ or opinions. I saw that this e-mail was listed as a place to contact and thought it wise to forward my comment along with the survey so as to bring forth a more general matter.

The only point I wish to make, and I believe it is *a matter which effects 'soundness' and 'sustainability'*, is that Gillingham does not have enough infrastructure to support the current population let alone the proposed population post development plans. I would say that the proposed housing development is too big for Gillingham to cope, making it unsustainable. To support a population that size, the high street ought to be twice if not three times the size it is already.

Furthermore, promoting business and employment on the fringe of the town promotes a doughnut effect and in return further neglects the centre, again causing an unsustainable impact.

I think it is positive for development to happen on the Ham side of the town but it ought to be scaled down. Instead, the focus ought to be on the regeneration and development of the centre and of the high street.

I believe this is a valuable and key issue and do hope that you will take it into consideration,

Your Sincerely,

Beth Littlewood

