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Madam Inspector

**Conclusion: Matters and Issues – Hearing 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013**

I was always mindful of being surrounded by experts in their various fields of knowledge; however, apart from the Medway Countryside Forum. with its local concerns, I was the lone voice representing Localism – the many people who are at the cutting edge of development and have to live with the consequences often imposed upon them by Developers and Interests living far from the site in question – in this case Lodge Hill.

Briefly – because much detail of this contentious Proposal is within your remit already –

1. The Medway Council's case was totally unconvincing.
2. Obvious that no other options or Contingency Plan were examined or explored – given the Biodiversity and SSSI of Lodge Hill, which was well known – it was a grave planning omission.
3. Housing figures are considerably oversubscribed, and bearing in mind the many existing vacant sites and windfall figures were ignored.
4. No approach to Neighbouring Authorities – Note: N.P.P.F. Directive.
5. Absolutely no confidence in Compensatory measures – alternative sites were only possible and no benefit to Medway.
6. The residents of Chattenden and Hoo and the surrounding districts of Wainscott, Frindsbury and Upnor DO NOT WANT an unnecessary mini-town on their doorstep (our Association has represented their planning concerns for 25 years).
7. Access – we have already mentioned our concerns. The problems and dangers of the Four Elms Roundabout are well known to all users.
8. Medway should never have been part of the Thames Gateway – thought up by Politicians and Developers without any consultation.
9. Cannot Core Strategy be amended to exclude Lodge Hill? There is already adequate housing provision elsewhere.

Finally, and with respect, if Lodge Hill falls to unnecessary Development, and its ancient Woodland is destroyed, it will be a sad reflection on our society locally and nationally – and I quote Chris Packham in Saturday's Guardian of May 25<sup>th</sup> - "Britain's Paradise is Lost". Lodge Hill represents just such a Paradise – its habitat is priceless – (high value MPPF) – what legacy are we leaving for our grandchildren and those that come after us.

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