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BY EMAIL AND POST

Dear Mr. Carnaby,

Medway Core Strategy Examination

As you will be aware the above Core Strategy was submitted for examination on 7 February 2012. Laura Graham BSc, MA, MRTPI was appointed to conduct the examination and scheduled hearings were held during June 2012 and in May 2013.

Natural England on 19 November 2013 confirmed notification of the site of a strategic allocation in the Core Strategy as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

As a direct result of the decision made by Natural England and in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Medway Council hereby gives formal notice of the withdrawal of the Medway Submission Draft Core Strategy, 2012.

The decision to withdraw was made today, 21 November 2013, under the Council's Scheme of Delegation and Section 22(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), which provides for a local planning authority to withdraw a local development document at any time up to its adoption.

All necessary actions needed to comply with Regulation 27 of the above named regulations are in hand.

This information is available in other formats and languages from Ann Gardner on 01634 331541 Needless to say our Inspector is fully aware of the situation and our Programme Officer will notify hearing participants. However I would be pleased to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

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