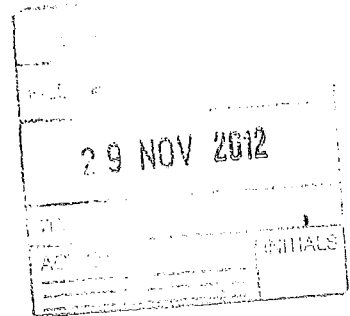


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Dear Mr Tew

#### Medway Core Strategy – Nightingale Workshop

Thank you for the detailed information received on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We have studied these Draft Documents with care, bearing in mind we are not the experts, but we have to live with the result of their guidance – our observations and objections are listed:-

1. All mitigation is based on exchanging land and hopefully recreating a new habitat distant from the existing site; that in itself constitutes a loss to local people and Medway generally. Furthermore none of these new habitats give any assurance of success.
2. This site is one of several local sites which could be considered of national and international importance – so many sites in Medway already sacrificed to possible development (which has yet to take place); classic examples being the devastation of Peter's Pit in Wouldham and Bushey Wood in Eccles.
3. Lodge Hill – Chattenden represents a very significant percentage of the U.K. nightingale population – it demands protection.
4. We draw attention to Page 42 para 4 .....has been not been. What does this mean? Is it a misprint?
5. This document is based on speculation – could be described as window dressing.

The valuable nightingale population will be lost – for absolutely unnecessary development (given so many available sites).

Finally, we understood at previous meetings that the L.A. would not permit any development to commence before mitigation was fully established. We have reason to believe that this may not be the case. We trust they will honour this imperative undertaking.

Our Conclusion. There is no reasonable chance of achieving any compensation for the loss of nightingale – (habitat) population in Medway. We are not discussing distant places in Kent – which does not concern us at the present.

Yours sincerely



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