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Medway Council discussion on draft Local Plan deferred

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We have postponed a discussion on the council's draft Local Plan scheduled for Thursday, 7 October.

This is to allow for the completion of all the necessary assessments to ensure members have the full suite of all documentation relating to the draft plan.

Cllr Jane Chitty, Medway Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation said: "We have listened carefully to the views expressed over recent days and as a result have decided to withdraw the item on the draft Local Plan at the Full Council meeting on Thursday, 7 October. I feel that, at this stage, the best course of action would be to complete the full evidence base for the draft plan and to present the full suite of documents once that has been finalised.

"It may take us a bit longer, but the local plan process is incredibly complex and seeks to address a number of challenges, including a government imposed quota for more than 27,000 new homes, as well as chart a course to a prosperous, sustainable future which offers residents a good quality of life. It is the most important issue that will shape the future of Medway and it is vital that we get it right.

"We will publish the draft Local Plan to go out to consultation in due course."



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