

## Hoo St Werburgh and Chattenden Neighbourhood Plan



To: policy, planning



Having read the above in detail, we have the following comments to make:

Sustainable growth and development should only entail increasing the number of schools, especially Secondary Schools (with sufficient parent parking) more GP surgeries (that does not mean more Health Clinics, run by clinical assistants) and pharmacies. The current two in Hoo are not enough with the amount of residents residing in just Hoo. National Health dental surgeries are also needed and a completely refurbished Sports Centre (this is well overdue) and more play areas. Although we do have the former BAC grounds being transformed. Deangate Golf Course was shut down as was earmarked by the Council, to build more housing developments. This has fallen through so again we have lost valuable recreation. So much land has already been used to build new developments and as mentioned in your draft plan, there is not enough parking for each property as it is. Some areas are absolutely heaving with vehicles causing a safety issue, where insufficient parking was allocated. Then to make matters worse, yellow lines are laid to make it even more difficult for residents and visitors. We do not need any more housing developments in Hoo. We have had our fair quota and still the infrastructure has not improved. As mentioned in your draft plan, there is really only one way off the Peninsula, down Four Elms Hill. Having companies, like Amazon being built in Kingsnorth, gives us more heavy traffic which we cannot cope with. There is insufficient parking for these articulated lorries at Amazon, resulting in them parking in the approach road to Kingsnorth and Ropers Lane. Anywhere they can find space! This is ridiculous. The brook that runs through Hoo and out into the Medway is well overdue a clear out. We live in Main Road and it is full of rubbish and branches. Every time the farmer crops his new 'hedgerow' trees all the debris lands straight in the brook, blocking it even more. The fields off Abbots Court Road now floods which has never happened before. This again is due to overdevelopment. You can only concrete over so much land and all the so called sufficient drainage does not work sufficiently and never will. To say you're ensuring biodiversity will be taken into account is not good enough. Because until all the above have been carried out/rectified to cope with the increase in population, over the last decade, no housing developments should be considered and will be appealed. Therefore the draft plans should be revised to take the above into account FIRST!