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Dear Sir / Madam

**Core Strategy Public Participation (Reg 25) Consultation 2011**

On behalf of the Kent Joint Parishes Group (Kent JPG) <sup>1</sup> we are pleased to submit a response to the draft Core Strategy, published by Maidstone Borough Council in September 2011. The response of the joint parishes takes the form of a report that brings together the views of twelve parish councils. Each of the fourteen policies in the draft Core Strategy are examined and discussed, together with other relevant issues associated with the planning and design of a sustainable future.

While there are many sound ideas within the draft Core Strategy, the parishes have serious reservations about both new policy approaches and the scale and nature of some of the development proposed. Notwithstanding these objections, the parishes wish to make it known that they are ready to be active and willing partners in the planning process, refining and shaping the draft Core Strategy and other subsequent policy documents for the better. They are also keen to play a key role in the delivery and implementation of a revised plan and very much look forward to working alongside Maidstone Borough Council and its partners to this end.

Please forward all correspondence on the next steps in the process to the postal and email addresses at the top of this letter. Feria Urbanism will ensure correspondence is forwarded to the relevant parishes and their representatives within the grouping.

Yours faithfully



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for and on behalf of Feria Limited

<sup>1</sup> The joint parishes group comprises twelve members: Boughton Malherbe, Broomfield & Kingswood, Detling, Harrietsham, Headcorn, Hollingbourne, Langley, Leeds, Lenham, Sutton Valence, Thurnham and Ulcombe.