

## BIRCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Thanet Draft Local Plan Examination

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL MAIL CENTRE		
ATTENTION		FILE/NO
	- 8 MAY 2019	

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### RE: Examination of the District Local Plan 2019-2031

Birchington Parish Council wish to champion the essential use of Section 106 monies to achieve the true benefits for our community as stated in the Planning Act 1990.

It's our intention to work hand in glove with all stake holders to achieve appropriate benefits for our community. Notwithstanding this it is our intention to consult the Secretary of State regarding section 106 monies.

We would like to put forward the following questions to the inspector for their consideration.

**Q1:** Can we have assurances that all major essential highway and supporting infrastructure are in place at the commencement of the housing projects?

**Q2:** A major concern for the community is the high to dangerous levels of nitrous oxide in the square at Birchington, this needs to be addressed and mitigated by a by-pass with directed traffic away from this problem area.

**Q3:** We understand that there are proposals for a one-way system at Park Lane which does not have a designated return route, we would be grateful if the inspector could consult with the parish for an appropriate route.

**Q4:** In the transport plan it appears that section 106 contributions are primarily being allocated to highways almost to the exclusion of other requests, can we have confirmation of this please.

Our concerns are that the population of Birchington will be most affected, there is a requirement for appropriate contribution for Section 106 monies to enhance the benefits to the parish.

#### Examples of utilisation of 106 funding set in priority order:

1. The provision of a new sports ground pavilion at Birchington Recreation Ground, estimated expenditure £2.5 million.
2. Additional essential facilities for medical services at the Civic Centre (library) £250,000.
3. Under the community asset transfer rules to acquire the library building for the Parish in perpetuity £1 million.
4. To support elderly facilities at a purpose built complex £5 million.
5. Improvements to the 1950's Park Estate which still has overhead electrical supplies and deteriorating highways and pavements. (This area is immediately adjacent to the proposed area).

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We would be most grateful for your undivided attention on these serious and urgent matters of future 106 funding for the parish of Birchington.

Yours Faithfully

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