



Fwd: Inspector's consultation1 message

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From: **Geoff Orton** <geoff.orton@thanet.gov.uk>
Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2019 at 11:16
Subject: Re: Inspector's consultation
To: Annette Feeney <annette.feeney@thanet.gov.uk>

Hallo Annette

Trust all has been well with you.

From my recollection Thanet DC were to :

- 1 reconsider population projections in the light of 'deteriorating' statistics re longevity, fertility, immigration
- 2 reconsider job forecasts which had not changed despite the 50 to 75% jump in housing requirements. It may very well be that
there is no expectation of increased employment - and it is still obscure whether TDC have factored in technological redundancy -
is the 5,000 to replace the 15,000 job losses in a low-skill district or do they simply not credit the Bank of England and such worthies ?
- 3 reconsider the attitude to Class One land - the Inspector gently pointed out that the Draft seemed to imply this was never to be invaded
but TDC (Adrian Verrall) accepted this was not the intention and I think 'only as a last resort was such productive land to be considered.
This rather implies that TDC need positive strategies for surveying and addressing the 'prior resorts' (including obviously the traditionally
appalling empty residential properties (TDC in worst 5% in E and W) plus the increasing concerns over redundant commercial properties
(as you will know even pawnbrokers and bookmakers are deserting High Streets and retail park owners are looking to build residential
on superfluous car parks, let alone 'what to do with the Big Boxes themselves !') Given the evolution of our national fortunes one would
rather presume that optimization of existing infrastructure (and saving of foreign exchange and 'air miles') is considerably further up the
list of priorities : if you believe in 'joined up government' as a meaningful mantra.!

Those are the three 'prominences' that I took away from the constructive (and well managed) sessions I attended. And I think we all accepted that the present exercise may largely have to be repeated pretty sharply depending on the outcome of the Airport - it seemed to me pretty daft 5 years ago not to have run the 'Plan B' simultaneously but I've always entertained

jaundiced views (as a retired civil servant) about 'job preservation schemes' !

Regards

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On Mon, 7 Oct 2019 at 15:19, Annette Feeney <annette.feeney@thanet.gov.uk> wrote:

Further to the hearing sessions, the Inspectors asked the Council to provide additional or updated information in relation to three matters:

1. Update of 5-year housing land supply position
2. Audit note of heritage assessment of allocated housing sites
3. Additional Sustainability Appraisal work

This information is now available to view or download from the Examination website. Should any participants wish to comment on the additional information, further representations must be made in writing and received by me no later than 5pm on Monday 28 October.

Kind regards
Annette