

REPORT TO BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL 15th December 2025

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE

REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

1. This most critical Regulation 18 Consultation will be in its last 3 weeks when you meet this Monday and ends on 2 January 2026.
2. The Consultation is the last opportunity for the Public to be involved in this Local Plan. All submitted information will be assessed and where possible accommodated. The number of responses does matter and will count.
3. If successful, this will be the Local Plan carried forward into the new Unitary Authorities and will provide much needed protection for many years to come.
4. However, there is a major issue on the East Bank down the length of Bull Lane from Eccles to Aylesford. With the known Bushey Wood Development, we are looking at up to 2400 dwellings going in, virtually connecting Aylesford and Eccles with no real sign of any road improvements or other infrastructure upgrade.
5. This will affect Schools, GP surgeries, all the roads, and much more besides.
6. We encourage everyone who can to put forward their views on the development to do so and will help anybody who needs it.
7. This is best done on a desk or laptop computer best place to start is at:

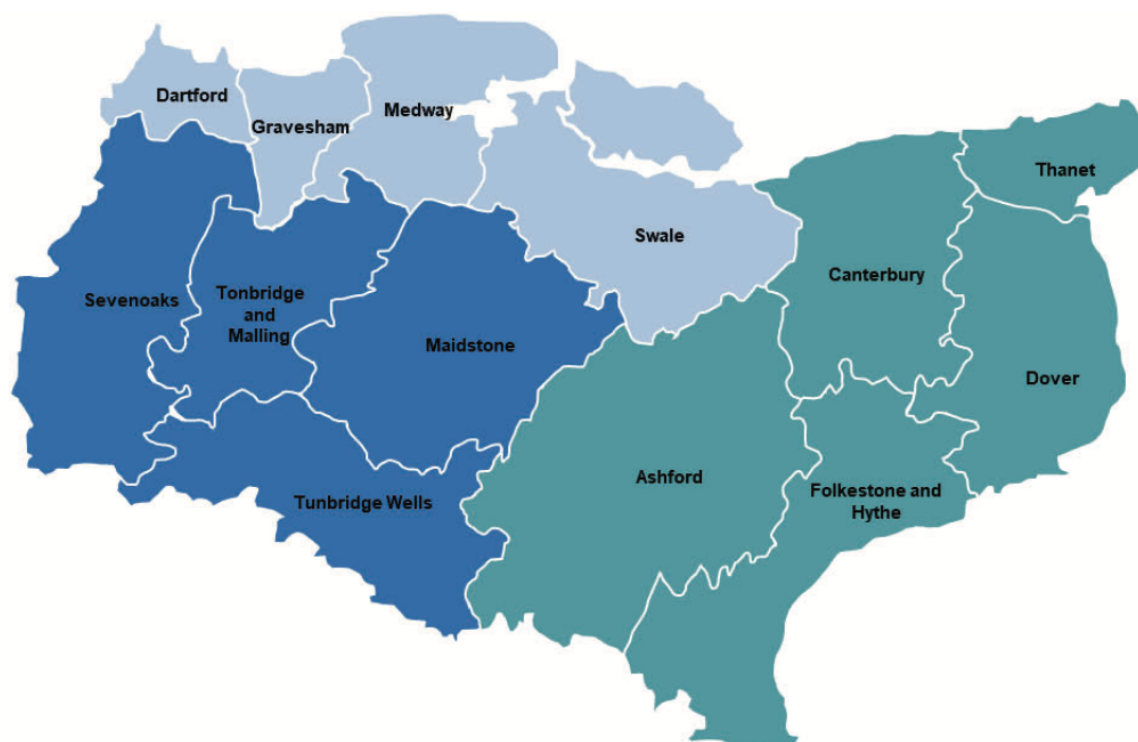
<https://tmbcconsult.commonplace.is/>

The hardest part is getting started but one quickly gets into it.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION & DEVOLUTION

8. TMBC has submitted its preferred option for devolution. It is known as Option 3A. This is a 3 unitary authority solution that groups the present councils together.
9. Five Councils support this solution, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Malling, Maidstone and Folkstone and Hythe.
10. This is the closest solution to the criteria set out by the Government and as such the most likely to be accepted.

11. This now rests with the Government and we expect responses about springtime to see what the future of local government in Kent will look like.



The Option 3A Unitary Authority Plan Option for Kent

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

12. It has been a very busy year, but a great pleasure working with your excellent Council and sharing the issues raised across the whole Parish. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year/