

## **Tabled Paper**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**16/508602/OUT**

**Land at Preston Fields, Salters Lane**

Dear Planning Committee Member,

I received an email this morning at 8.58 telling me that tonight's Planning Committee Meeting would have to be rearranged. I now understand that the meeting will go ahead, however, I have now made alternative arrangements for tonight which I cannot change because it involves a number of other people. Please accept my apologies for there not being a Watling Ward member present for this important meeting. I have asked that this email be sent to planning committee members and tabled at tonight's meeting.

You will be considering the above outline application at tonight's planning committee meeting. It is noted that this is an allocated housing site and that the development would be in accordance with the current Local Plan. I can therefore see little grounds for you to vote for refusal.

However, I would request that you consider carefully matters relating to air quality. You will be aware that Swale Borough Council is working on an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP), which will include various actions along the length of the A2 to improve air quality.

This application provides the opportunity to provide a car park at the northern end of the site next to the A2. The aim would be to provide car parking spaces for the properties along Canterbury Road (A2) between the site and Salters Lane. We could then introduce no parking outside these houses. (I note that there is one disabled bay). It is well known that air quality can be improved where traffic flows are steady and stop/starts are avoided. This is a particularly narrow section of the A2 where, because of parked cars, two large vehicles cannot pass each other.

If you think this idea has merit you could perhaps defer a decision to allow officers to work with the applicant to achieve this improvement to air quality.

Thank you

Councillor David Simmons

Watling Ward, Faversham