

Appendix II – Officer summary of stakeholder engagement responses and stakeholder workshop attendee details

This appendix contains a brief officer summary of the stakeholder engagement responses to the local landscape designation review received in the winter of 2017/18, followed by a list of the attendees at the stakeholder workshop on 18th September 2018.

Please note that this summary has been prepared solely as an appendix to the Local Plan Paper, November 2018. The consultants LUC used the full stakeholder feedback produced in the consultation in the preparation of their review and recommendations

Brief Summary of Stakeholder Engagement Responses

	Stakeholder	Number of areas/sites considered of landscape value	Brief Summary of Stakeholder Engagement Responses. <i>Stakeholders were asked to recommend areas where the following features/criteria applied: landscapes which are regionally or nationally rare; landscapes which provide important habitats for wildlife; landscapes with important built heritage; landscapes which have widely known cultural associations; landscapes which have distinctive scenic qualities; landscapes that have a strong sense of wildness and tranquillity; landscapes which are important for outdoor recreation. Stakeholders were also asked to comment on these criteria used.</i>
1	Environment Agency	6	Chetney, Elmley, Harty and Seasalter Marshes, Great Bells Farm and Cleve Hill for habitats and wildness/tranquillity, (isolation) and as areas for implementation of the MEASS. No comment on criteria.
2	Historic England		Highlight all heritage assets and their settings (both with statutory designation and local significance) and suggest application of values published in 'Conservation Principles'. Recommend use of Historic Landscape Assessment, combined with LCA methodology, within the designation review and use of information from the Historic Landscape Character Assessment for Kent (2001).
3	Natural England		No comments
4	AONB	3	Landscape swathes between Brenley Corner/Oversland/Boughton, between Ospringle/Lewson Street/Newnham and area around Highsted Valley highlighted for scenic quality. Agree with criteria. Request consideration around setting of AONB.

5	Merrony Oliver for Gordon Henderson	2	Furze Hill, Halfway for woodland (historic?) and Barrow Hill, Halfway for scenic quality (views) of Thames, Medway and Swale estuaries – important for heritage and recreation. No comment on criteria.
6	Cllr Gerry Lewin	11	Queendown Warren, Swale Estuary, Hills from Newington to Iwade (all for habitats), Teynham Levels and Milstead woodland (Farming and Biodiversity), Lanes between Moor St and Newington (built heritage), Valley, land and watercress beds between Wardwell Woods and Boxted Lane (cultural associations), area from Hartlip to existing landscape designation, Newington-Iwade hills, Downs and Swale Estuary view (scenic beauty), Rainham/Swale edge (scenic and buffer), Nagden Marshes (tranquillity/remoteness), Queendown Warren (recreation). Comments: landscape degradation being caused by paddocks/fences – fencing should be empathetic. Planting in an open landscape needs to be sensitive as can be intrusive. No comment on criteria.
7	Cllr Mike Whiting		Agrees with criteria for designation and argues that two tiers should be combined as one.
8	Medway Council	1	Strategic gap between Rainham and Sittingbourne and around rural villages. Support retention and reinforcement of distinctive and historic rural character. Agree with criteria.
9	Faversham Town Council	3	Supports current designatins and promotes consideration of: Ospringe valley between ridge above Water Lane to Painter’s Forstal, Syndale Valley (Newnham) and the land between Ashford Road Oast to Sheldwich and Brenley Corner. No comment on criteria.
10	Bapchild PC	3/4	Land around Tonge Mill countryside park/conservation area, area north of The Street and Hempstead Lane (transitional space between urban edge of Bapchild and historic Tonge), valley between Bapchild, Sittingbourne (south of A2) and Rodmersham (for scenic qualities, views and traditional open fields). Agree with criteria.
11	Bobbing PC	2	Promotes consideration of land South of Keycol Hill and North of Keycol Hill (for scenic qualities - both high land with extensive views, inaccessible, recreation (footpaths) and habitats and good quality – similar to AONB). No comment on criteria.
12	Borden PC	1	All area within Borden Parish, surrounding village (open, agricultural landscape, cultural setting for village, historic footpaths and recreation). No comment on criteria.
13	Bredgar PC	10	Eight out of ten sites mentioned within AONB. Two areas within study area highlighted as agricultural land north of Bredgar and M2 for orchards/agriculture as well as AONB buffer and land north of M2 and south of Highsted Valley for recreation, habitat and buffer for AONB. Importance of dark skies/light pollution also highlighted (in AONB Management Plan), alongside

			wildlife corridors and views. Agree with criteria. Swale should aim to reduce noise impact of M2 using planting.
14	Eastchurch PC	15	Eastchurch Marshes and Great Bells Farm (rarity), Eastchurch Marshes, Bright's Wood, Shurland Meadow, Rowetts Way, Kingsborough Manor to Eastchurch, Road Brambledown to Leysdown (habitats), Pump Hill to Eastchurch Marshes, Aviation hangers south of prison (built heritage - aviation), Shurland Meadow, Dickson's Field, Eastchurch Marshes (cultural associations), Road Brambledown to Leysdown, western entrance to High Street, Eastchurch, Jenkins Hill, Eastchurch, Shurland Hall to Lower Road to Rayham Farm, Kingsborough Manor to Eastchurch, Norwood Manor to Lower Road to Brambledown Tip (scenic qualities), Bright's Wood and Eastchurch Marshes (wildness and tranquility), Shurland Meadow, Dickson's Field, Anne Boleyn Close recreation area, Rowetts Way Bypass, Bright's Wood (recreation). Agree with criteria and promote landscape continuity and cohesion of landscape across wide area.
15	Dunkirk PC	2	Highlight areas for consideration between Denstroude and Courtney Farm and between Winterbourne and Forester's Farm. No comment on criteria.
16	Lower Halstow PC	3	Ridge and farmland below from Newington Woods to Raspberry Hill (undeveloped backdrop and scenic quality), Marshes to north of Lower Halstow/Chetney Marshes (remote and tranquil) and Lower Halstow Brickfieds (recreation). Agree with criteria.
17	Milstead PC	1 (2km buffer to AONB)	Argue for a prescribed 2km (minimum) buffer zone around the AONB as well as a dark skies policy. Setting would protect AONB for health, wellbeing and prosperity of nation. Agree with criteria.
18	Minster on Sea PC	38	Elmley NNR and Barton's Point Coastal Park (rarity, habitat, built heritage, cultural, scenic, tranquillity, recreation), Minster to Elmley Marshes (rarity, habitat, scenic, tranquillity, recreation), Barton Hill Drive, Chequers Road 'gap', Scocles Road 'gap'. Wootton's Farm 'gap', Windy Gap, Scrapgate Open Space, Kingsferry Bridge Fishing Lakes, Elm Lane (habitat, scenic, tranquillity, recreation), The Glen (habitat, cultural, scenic, tranquillity, recreation), The Leas and Minster Cliffs (rare, habitat, scenic, tranquillity, recreation), Roundhill and Thistle Hill Community Woodland (habitat, scenic, recreation), Minster Abbey Churchyard (rare, habitat, built heritage, cultural, scenic, recreation), Parsonage Farm (built heritage, cultural, scenic), Garden of Remembrance (built heritage, scenic, tranquillity, recreation), Abbey Rise Play Area, Buckthorne Road Play Area, Lapwing Close Play Area, Lovell Road Play Area, Kingsferry Bridge Gun Club, Land at New Rd/Prince Charles Av, Minster Cricket Field, Noreen Avenue Play Area, Nunnery Grove Play Area, Land adj Plough Road, Plover Road Play Area, Public Footpath ZS55, Sheppey Rugby Club, Thistle Hill Play Area, Thistle Hill Playing Field (all

			<p>recreation), Sheerness Golf Club (habitat, recreation), Stones Fishing Lakes (habitat, scenic, recreation).</p> <p>Agree criteria but also want settlement separation to be considered as a criteria. Argue some urban areas should qualify for landscape designation as rural in feel.</p>
19	Rodmersham PC	13	<p>North of Stockers Hill (scenic qualities, views, rural setting for Parish Church, tranquillity, wildness, recreation), Land east of Church St (scenic quality/hidden valley, ancient woodland habitat, recreation), Shoulder of Mutton Wood (ancient woodland habitat & footpath/ recreation), Land to south of Green Lane/east of Village Green (for scenic valley, important footpath, setting for village green, built heritage, recreation – community orchard, cricket and squash club, village cultural activities, cycling), Recreation ground at Woodstock (recreation, cultural) and retention of existing Area of High Landscape Value. Argue for a prescribed 2km (minimum) buffer zone along AONB boundary (including up to Newbury) as well as a dark skies policy. Agree with criteria.</p>
20	Tunstall PC	12	<p>Tunstall Conservation Area (built heritage), Tunstall Memorial Hall land (amenity), Broadoak Sports Ground (recreation), whole parish (footpaths, recreation, views, habitats including ancient woodland, chalk grassland, old orchards, openness and tranquillity), Cromer's Wood (ancient woodland habitat), Highsted Wood and Highsted Quarry (habitat), Grove End Farm Estate (built heritage, views, footpaths, habitat, rural employment), Hearts Delight (scenic beauty, views, recreation), Ruins Barns Rd/Tunstall Rd playing field and Old School's field (recreation), Ruins Barn Field (built heritage) (Policeman's Corner lay-by (scenic views). Argue for a prescribed 2km (minimum) buffer zone around the AONB, protection of agricultural land, tranquillity, refreshment for urban dwellers, as well as a dark skies policy. Agree with criteria.</p>
21	Swale Footpaths Group	3	<p>Oare Marshes, South Swale Reserves along with whole of southern side of Sheppey from the bridge crossing to Shell Ness (scenic quality/wildness - wide open character and extensive views). No comment on criteria.</p>
22	Local resident/business owner	1	<p>South Sheppey Marshes for landscape (rarity, scenic), rural employment and recreation. No comment on criteria.</p>
23	Local resident	1	<p>Bank which runs from Newington to Chetney Marsh as undeveloped buffer to Iwade/Sittingbourne. No comment on criteria.</p>
24	CPRE	8?	<p>Support for existing designations and request that CPRE's tranquillity data is referenced in</p>

			study. Tranquillity highlighted at Chetney, Elmley, Harty, Nagden, Graveney and Cleve Marshes and the north coast of Sheppey/north of Eastchurch. Special highlight is made of Graveney Marsh for landscape (inc. views, wildness), heritage and biodiversity. Extensive comments on Graveney marshes for all criteria (rarity, habitats, build heritage, cultural, scenic quality, tranquillity) . No additional comments on criteria.
25	MSEP	1	Highlight importance of all (wild, remote and peaceful) marshland landscapes for wildlife, flood protection, carbon sequestration, recreation and health reasons. No comments on criteria.
26	Vicky Ellis (CPRE)		See CPRE above
27	Faversham Society	12	Nagden/Graveney Marshes and Brogdale (rarity), Nagden, Graveney and Cleve Marshes (habitat, scenic quality, footpaths, wild/tranquil, recreation), Oare Creek/Oare, Uplless, Teynham and Luddenham Marshes (habitat, built heritage, gunpowder history/cultural, views, wild/tranquil, footpaths/recreation), Faversham Creek, Ham Marsh to Oare Creek (habitat, gunpowder built heritage/cultural, scenic qualities, footpaths/recreation), Bysing Wood, Oare Gunpowder Works to Oare Meadow (habitat, built gunpowder heritage/cultural, education, backdrop to views (scenic), footpaths /recreation, Syndale Park south to M2 (habitat, backdrop to views (scenic), footpaths/recreation), Mexco/Cardox (habitat, built heritage), Sandbanks Farm (habitat, backdrop to views (scenic)), Brogdale Farm to Plumford Lane (habitat, national fruit collection, recreation/footpaths), Copton to M2 (habitat, built heritage, scenic parkland), Ospringe Valley (habitat, built heritage, cultural/educational value, footpaths/recreation, quiet lanes, views (scenic)), Denstroude Valley (habitat, built heritage, Victory Wood, scenic value), Lorenden Park (habitat, built heritage, educational value, footpaths/recreation). Agrees with criteria and requests consideration of further criteria: European/national classifications, educational value, attractiveness for wildlife, backdrop views, paid-for countryside attraction.
28	Sittingbourne Society	0	No specific sites referenced however, overall support for the Government's Environment Plan; protection of natural heritage and landscapes; the importance of setting, of heritage assets and air quality; Support Swale's aim to protect the natural environment and special landscapes. No comment on criteria.
29	Graveney Rural Environment Action Team		Interest expressed but no response received except to request to be invited to the stakeholder workshop.
30	Graveney PC		Interest expressed but no response received

Attendees at Stakeholder Workshop, 18th September 2018 in the Council Chamber, Swale Borough Council:

- Kate Ahern, LUC
- Ken Ingleton, Minster Parish Council, Swale Borough Council
- John Twiselton, Minster Parish Council
- Trish Codrington, Minster Parish Council
- Cllr Graham Herbert, Bobbing Parish Council
- Liz Trott, Bapchild Parish Council
- Brian Clarke, Bredgar Parish Council
- Mavis Hibben, Tunstall Parish Council
- Louise Bareham, Faversham Town Council
- Ray Harrison, The Faversham Society
- Lut Stewart, GREAT: Graveney Rural Environment Action Team
- Gerald Lewin, Upchurch Parish Council, Swale Borough Council
- Katie Miller, AONB Unit
- Alan Best, Swale Borough Council
- Anna Stonor, Swale Borough Council