REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 4th July 2023

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for Aylesford North and North Downs Ward Councillors Dave Davis Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton

BUSHEY WOOD APPLICATION

- 1. Trenport have now gone to appeal on the Bushey Wood planning application.
- 2. On 8th June at the Area 3 Planning Committee TMBC were asked to decide what TMBC's position would have been had this come to the committee instead of going to appeal. It was unanimously agreed that it would have been refused because the outstanding National Highways issues were not resolved.
- 3. We have just received notification that the appeal will be heard at TMBC's Gibson building in Kingshill starting at 09:00 on 17th October 2023 and will run for 4 days.

MEDWAY GREEN SCHOOL PARKING

- 4. After Discussions with your clerk and chairman Dave spoke with the case officer and made the following points:
 - **a.** That the new car park on the sports field is fully supported by all and will be an asset to the area. Subject to:
 - (1). Any car park lighting being switched off after the school has closed for the day. The case officers view was this could be made a Condition and he would consider it.
 - (2). That the gate is locked when not in use to discourage trespass. The case officers view was this could not be made a Condition but could be considered as an Informative.
 - **b.** That if the case officer, in his discussions with KCC Highways, were looking to approve the exit from the School Car Park into Oldfield Drive that consideration should be given to:
 - (1). Moving the exit as far away as possible from the houses in Oldfield Drive towards the junction of School Lane and Oldfield Drive.
 - (2). That parking restrictions should be considered for the School opening times especially during the School drop off and pick up times.

WOULDHAM SCHOOL CROSSING WORRAL DRIVE

5. In response to concerns raised by members of the public, Alex McDermott has liaised with the appropriate officers at TMBC, who have provided a detailed response, however, ultimately this is primarily a matter for KCC, particularly about requested provision of a crossing, and we will continue to work closely with Andrew Kennedy to ensure that such progress that is possible is made. In the meantime, residents can of course raise their ongoing concerns with us, for us to pass them on to Andrew Kennedy and any other relevant parties.

NURSERY ROCHESTER ROAD AYLESFORD

- 6. Concern has been raised by some councillors about the planning application TM/01072/FL. Proposed change of use of land from a nursey (plants) to mixed equestrian and a holiday park comprising 7 mobile homes, 4 serviced camper van places and a recreational area.
- 7. If officers are minded to approve this, we have asked for it to come to Area 3 Planning Committee
- 8. This location is also the subject of enforcement action. The enforcement action is on hold until this application is decided. We are working on this case and will update you with our progress.