

REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 4th November 2025

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

Aylesford North and North Downs Ward

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LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE

REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

1. The critical Regulation 18 public consultation will run from the 10th November to the 2nd January 2026.

2. This consultation is very much that. It is asking the public, local authorities, statutory undertakers, developers and potential developers how they want the Borough to develop between 2024 and 2042.

It covers:

a. Spatial Strategy – Where everything goes. What changes and what stays the same.

b. Effects of climate change.

c. Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.

d. The historic environment.

e. Achieving high quality design.

f. All matters of housing and gypsy, traveller and travelling show people sites.

g. Supporting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economic future.

h. Rural issues.

i. Infrastructure: Transport. Roads, Active Travel, Parking, Community facilities, Sports Provision and much more.

3. This is the last real chance for you and the public to have a say in how the whole local area is going to progress. All views will be listened to and if possible, accommodated in the plan.

REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION

4. The next and final consultation is the Regulation 19 consultation in the summer of 2026. This is almost a consultation in name only. It will be the final plan which will be submitted for central government approval. Changes proposed by the public will only be possible in the unlikely event that major planning errors have occurred.

CONCLUSION.

5. Regulation 18 is the last real chance for the general public to effect change to the developing Local Plan.