

REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 5th May 2026

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

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

1. This has been a very quiet month with nothing of great import happening at TMBC.
2. We are waiting for the next stage in the Local Plan, which will be the Regulation 19 Consultation, that will contain the findings of the Regulation 18 Consultation. The Reg 19 consultation will contain the Local Plan, which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for their approval. That submission will also contain any submissions made by residents, developer other consultees and the general public. If that plan is approved, by the Inspectorate, it will become the Local Plan until 2042 or until the unitary authority submits a new plan. TMBC are due to consider their final approval of the Regulation 19 document, after the public consultation, at full council in early September with a submission date to the Inspectorate by 31st December 2026.
3. The other thing we are waiting for, is for the Minister for Housing Communities and Local Government to state, which of the 5 Options, for unitary authorities in Kent they are going to implement. We expect this in early to mid-summer.