

Kent International Gateway Joint Parish Group

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Kent International Gateway Public Consultation

The planning application for the Kent International Gateway has entered a further public consultation period following the submission of additional details to Maidstone Borough Council.

The proposed site for the Kent International Gateway Rail Interchange is 112.3 hectares in area. Thurnham Lane is at the west and Junction 8 of the M20 is at the east. The site is bounded on the north by the M20 motorway and in the south by the railway line in Bearsted. If the application is approved then the impact on our local community and road network will change this area beyond recognition.

The consultation period runs from 9th January 2009 until 6th February 2009.

The additional details regarding this planning application are available for you to see at ***digitalmaidstone.co.uk***. They are also available at the Town Hall, the council's reception in the Maidstone Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, and at libraries.

The Joint Parish Group is strongly opposed to the proposals for a Rail Freight Interchange in the area. We urge all residents to submit their individual objections to the Borough Council. It is essential that MBC receive as many representations as possible opposing the application. The volume of objections will strengthen the fight against the application.

If you have previously objected to this application it is important that you make further representations. Your letter can simply refer to your previous objection and confirm that this still applies.

If you have not previously objected, then please ensure that you do not miss this opportunity. We must unite in fighting this proposal and it is essential that MBC receive an overwhelming number of objections to the planning application. Please make individual representations, any adult living in the property has the right to make a personal representation. Your representation need not be lengthy, it can be a simple statement such as, the environmental impact of this proposal is so damaging that I wish to record my objection to this planning application.

Representations should be sent in writing to Steve Clarke, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ or by email to ***KIGcomments@maidstone.gov.uk***. Quoting reference MA/07/2092.

ACT NOW – DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS 6TH FEBRUARY 2009.

Patrons: Hugh Robertson MP & Richard Ashworth MEP

Representing the Parishes of: Bearsted, Boxley, Broomfield & Kingswood, Chart Sutton, Detling, Downswood, Harrietsham, Hollingbourne, Langley, Leeds, Lenham, Otham, Sutton Valence, Thurnham and Ulcombe.