

This council, has been informed that between 2017 and 2037 it must accept upwards of 30,000 new homes. We firmly believe that this is untenable for our communities. If we continue with the proposed housing plans, it will have a detrimental effect upon the living environment for Maidstone residents in the following ways:

A serious impact upon the health of local people with additional demands being put on medical services, which are already stretched to breaking point.

Adverse impact on air quality as a consequence of a substantial increase in the number of vehicles on the roads directly as a result of increased housing numbers. More traffic congestion on local roads in the Borough which are already frequently gridlocked with a knock-on effect to our public transport system.

Poor infrastructure is already having a choking affect and restricting the movement of residents impacting on employment, education and social mobility. And this will get worse.

Our open spaces, the green lungs of our community, being reduced as housing encroaches upon them.

These proposals fly in the face of the Climate Change Crisis by damaging our environment, ecology and our future sustainability.

We call upon this council to as a matter of urgency

Temporarily Suspend its analysis of the more than 300 sites that have come forward in the call for sites process.

Allow residents, residents groups, Parish Councils to make representation to this council directly, particularly on the overall effect on the Boroughs health and its future sustainability.

Promote and resource a review based upon this information, and our own investigations, o positively demonstrate and evidence that the Borough's housing numbers are impossible to deliver.