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COMMENTS ON A PARTICULAR SECTION OR PARAGRAPH

COMMENT BOX 1A	
Please state which section or paragraph number(s) you are commenting on.	
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4.69 The south and south east of the borough contain typical Wealden settlements, which are intimate, small scale and formed of dens and hursts , characteristic of the AONB's components of natural beauty. Cranbrook, historically the centre of the wool trade in the borough, is the central settlement in this area.	
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Local research from the NDP group indicates that the parishioners are against large scale development According to the NPPF, there should be no large scale development on AONB unless exceptional need is proven, which it is not in the Parish of Cranbrook and Sissinghurst	
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2.21 The delivery of infrastructure is key	
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All the local GP surgeries are working to capacity. No site has, as yet been identified for a Medical Centre. It is believed that new residents to Cranbrook will be expected to sign at surgeries out of the Parish (needing transport to get there) The need for a new Medical Facility is generated by development, so contrary to TWBC Plan, it is not 'infrastructure led'	

COMMENTS ON A POLICY

This comment box can be used for comments on Strategic Policies (Section 4), Strategic Place Shaping Policies (Section 5), Site Allocation Policies (section 5), or Development Management Policies (Section 6).

If you wish to make comments on multiple policies, please copy and paste Comment Boxes 2A and 2B for each Policy you are commenting on.

COMMENT BOX 2A If you are commenting on a Policy, it would be helpful if you could mark the most appropriate answer.
General Observation
COMMENT BOX 2B Please enter your comments in the box below. Please state which Policy you are commenting on. <u>Policy STR1 c.</u> A prestigious new business park will be located to the north of North Farm/Kingstanding Way that is well connected to the improved A21, providing a range of employment floorspace and jobs to meet identified needs. The site will make a substantial contribution to the need for new employment space over the plan period. Other employment, including leisure development, will be encouraged at North Farm/Kingstanding Way;
Policy Number: If the ENS has identified the above areas for development, this is surely where many new residents of the Parish of Cranbrook and Sissinghurst will be travelling to work, (14 miles away) entirely unsupported by appropriate infrastructure I object to placing so much development in Cranbrook and Sissinghurst when employment is targeted so far away
COMMENT BOX 2A If you are commenting on a Policy, it would be helpful if you could mark the most appropriate answer.
Support
COMMENT BOX 2B Policy Number: <u>Policy STR8</u> 1. The urban and rural landscapes of the borough, including the designated High Weald AONB, will be conserved and enhanced;

All the large scale development in Cranbrook and Sissinghurst is in, or adjacent to the AONB.

Local studies show that the community does not want large scale development which is uncharacteristic of the area

In fact the intention to re-draw the LBD to enclose yet more AONB landscape is to be deplored.

This Policy should be rigorously supported, and yet there is an intention within the plan to develop swathes of the AONB in an unsustainable manner that is not infrastructure led, while lack of infrastructure has been cited by the planning department as a reason for not putting a very small sustainably built development in an area that is not AONB.

Building large scale development on AONB is NOT conserving the land and could not possibly be enhancing the Wealden landscape which is, as 4.69 states, **intimate, small scale and formed of dens and hursts**, characteristic of the AONB's components of natural beauty. Cranbrook, historically the centre of the wool trade in the borough, is the central settlement in this area.

COMMENTS ON THE VISION (SECTION 3)

COMMENT BOX 3

Please enter your comments on the Vision in the box below.

Vision statement: Rural enterprise will have been supported, and the exceptional quality of the built and natural environments will have been protected and enhanced.

Having read the plan, I see no efforts at all to support Rural enterprise in Cranbrook and Sissinghurst.

COMMENT BOX 3

Please enter your comments on the Vision in the box below.

Vision Statement 1 At the heart of all development in the borough will be connectivity, active travel, an appropriate mix of uses and accommodation and, above all, the timely delivery of relevant infrastructure, which will have been funded by development: this infrastructure will have mitigated the impact of development, and, wherever possible, resulted in 'betterment' for existing residents, users, businesses, visitors, etc.

Betterment for the residents of Cranbrook and Sissinghurst is not delivered by large scale housing developments necessitating use of cars to get to employment areas out of the Parish

Suggesting that section 106 monies will help to fund a new Medical Centre is disingenuous as no land has been allocated for this and there is not a proven will from the GP practices to amalgamate in this way. In fact the GP practices are full to capacity and there is a shortage of GPs in West Kent Health Authority

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Vision and Objectives 2 1. To deliver the housing, economic, and other needs identified for the borough by the end of the plan period through well designed, sustainable, plan led, and high quality development.

A developer who has an option on land in the Parish of Cranbrook and Sissinghurst has already stated they will not build towards the aspirational qualities determined by the Parish Council, instead they will build to the much lesser quality determined by TWBC. It is therefore imperative that TWBC raises its standards towards that of Norwich, for example, and aspires to PassivHaus and the race to the bottom of low quality development is halted.

COMMENTS ON THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SECTION 3)

COMMENT BOX 4

Please enter your comments on the Strategic Objectives in the box below.

4.44 To achieve the strategic objectives of this Draft Local Plan, it is essential for development to be planned in a coordinated way and, for some of the strategic sites and locations, it will be appropriate to deliver this through a comprehensive masterplanning process

When Brick Kiln Farm in Cranbrook was allocated, the developer was told to take a masterplanning approach.

This has not happened.

I have no confidence that this approach will be enforced by the Planning Department

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4.18 The ENS (Economic Needs Study) recommended that the Council should allocate sites to accommodate at least 14 hectares of new employment land (taking into account any residual capacity of existing employment allocations) to 2035 in order to support the **creation of new employment opportunities alongside the provision of new housing, helping to reduce out-commuting from the borough over the plan period**. This target will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the Regulation 19 Pre-submission version of the Local Plan

There are no new employment opportunities planned alongside the provision of new housing in Cranbrook and Sissinghurst. The only employment created, will be temporary, and only during construction of the allocated sites.

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Please enter your comments on the Strategic Objectives in the box below.

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COMMENTS ON FIGURE 4: THE KEY DIAGRAM (SECTION 4)

COMMENT BOX 5

Please enter your comments on the Key Diagram (Figure 4) in the box below.

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COMMENTS ON A TABLE

COMMENT BOX 6

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Table Number: Table 3 Scale and Distribution of Development

indicates that there will be limited increase of employment through 'mixed use place shaping policies' in Cranbrook and NO increase in employment in Sissinghurst despite the intention to Allocate 718 – 803 houses in Cranbrook and 100 – 115 houses in Sissinghurst
To say that employment will be created during the construction phase is to mislead the long term employment effect of developments

COMMENT BOX 6

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COMMENTS ON AN APPENDIX (Appendices 1-4)

This comment box should be used for comments on Appendices 1-4. If you are commenting on Appendices 5 or 6, please use the separate comment boxes below (Questions 8 & 9).

COMMENT BOX 7

Please enter your comments on an Appendix (Appendices 1-4) in the box below. Please state which Appendix you are commenting on.

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COMMENTS ON TOPIC PAPERS AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (APPENDIX 5)

COMMENT BOX 8

Please enter your comments on a topic paper or other supporting document in the box below. Please state which topic paper or supporting document you are commenting on.

Topic Paper or supporting document title:

Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan

3.22 Table 2

Where is the research on numbers for Staplehurst, Marden and Etchingham which is where residents of Hawkhurst, Cranbrook and Sissinghurst, Goudhurst and Frittenden will commute from?

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Topic Paper or supporting document title: Infrastructure Delivery Plan

3.36. 'Requirement for parking has still not been identified'

There is recognition that parking is an issue at stations, but no plans have been made to address this and there are no figures on requirement.

This should include requirement at Staplehurst, Marden and Etchingam which are all used by Borough residents

END OF COMMENT BOXES

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