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Dear Mr Parkinson

**Planning Application: 15/503359/OUT**

I have recently been made aware of the above planning application, which is a revised submission related to application 13/1797.

As you will be aware, I wrote in opposition to the original application in 2013, which generated a great deal of opposition among local residents. I was therefore pleased that the Planning Committee at Maidstone Borough Council rejected the proposals.

However, like local residents I am disappointed that a revised application has been submitted as I do not believe any of the modifications to this latest application address the underlying concerns previously raised, including the impact on the local road network, local services and amenities. Also, as you will be aware from my previous letter, I feared that the application could potentially signal the start of further applications in the Capstone Valley area. You may be aware that since the original application in 2013, a significant application has been submitted to Medway Council for some 450 dwellings in close proximity to the proposed site for 15/503359, which I am also strongly opposed to.

I have enclosed a copy of my letter to you regarding the original application as I believe many of the objections still remain valid. I would therefore be grateful if Maidstone Borough Council would again take these into consideration and reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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**25 November 2013**

**Dear Mr Parkinson**

**Planning Application 13/1797 – Lordswood Urban Extension**

**I am writing with respect to the above planning application as the Member of Parliament for Chatham & Aylesford.**

**While the exact location falls marginally outside of my constituency, I am opposed to this application which stands to have a significant impact within it, in terms of additional pressure on local services and the local road network where a number of “pinch points” could be created, and the impact on local residents living in close proximity to the site. I am also particularly concerned that the proposals could potentially signal the start of further applications for development in the Capstone Valley area, a much valued green lung and an important buffer from urbanisation.**

**Given the significant impact the application stands to have within my constituency, I am disappointed that Maidstone Borough Council has decided not to extend the consultation period for this application despite requests to do so in light of the lack of engagement with local residents, like my constituents living in Lordswood.**

**I would be grateful if this point and my concerns raised above are taken into account as the Council considers this application.**

**Yours sincerely**

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