

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**  
**DRAFT PLAN FOR SUBMISSION (REGULATION 19)**  
**OBJECTION TO SOUNDNESS ON BEHALF OF LENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**POLICY LPRSS1**  
**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH SPATIAL STRATEGY**  
**PLAN PERIOD 2022-2037**  
**LPC TWO**

1. Maidstone Borough Spatial Strategy would run from 2022-2037.
2. The current programme for the adoption of the Plan is 2023.
3. Based on experience of other Local Plan Examinations, Lenham Parish Council believes this programme for adoption is challenging and highly optimistic.
4. Assuming adoption sometime in 2023, when it is adopted, the Review would only run for 14 years.
5. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), at paragraph 22 states that strategic policies should look ahead over a minimum 15 year period.
6. Maidstone Borough Local Plan Review (MBLPR) will not comply with even the minimum requirements of NPPF paragraph 22 and as such Lenham Parish Council believes the Plan is unsound.
7. Lenham Parish Council believes MBLPR is unsound for a number of other reasons as well as its non-compliant plan period.
8. Lenham Parish Council believes work should commence on a radical rethink of the entire spatial strategy to produce a set of more sustainable proposals to cover essential requirements and opportunities.