

Examination in Public – Matter 3 - MLD's Responses to the Planning Inspectors Questions

Below are Medway Liberal Democrats' (MLD) responses and/or opinions to the questions raised by the planning inspectors in regard to Matter 3 in the Phase 1 Hearings (MLP/ED15).

Number	Additional Points and/or additional questions raised
	Meeting Housing Needs
	Housing Requirement
3.1	MLD have supported MC's housing target in both Reg 18 and Reg 19. And we remain happy to do so again.
	Housing Supply
3.8	MLD have previously commented that there needs to be infrastructure in place prior to areas being released for the housing. And there are some sites that do not meet MC's housing mix/proportions adequately.
	Policy T2: Housing Mix
3.17	MLD concur with the inspectors' qualms regarding the long-term implementation of T2 within the Plan, as there is the possibility of falling short on the number of affordable and social housing requirement.
	Policy T3: Affordable Housing
3.18	MLD are of the opinion that there is a lack specificity in the percentage of affordable and social housing.
3.23	MLD are of the opinion that there is too much flexibility in the Plan, which leads to a risk of a shortfall of affordable and social housing.
3.24	In terms of enforcement, MLD suggest when social and affordable housing quotas are not met, we recommend the use of sequestration orders by the Council to supply social and affordable housing.
	Policy T8: Houses of Multiple Occupation
3.48	MLD are of the opinion that HMOs need increased scrutiny and a more rigorous licencing process.
	Policy T9: Self-build and Custom Housebuilding
3.54	MLD support the Policy T9 referring to "Neighbourhood Plan" being included as part of the overall design policy.