

Examination in Public – Matter 8 - 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 8 in the Phase 1 Hearings (MLP/ED15).

Number	Additional Points and/or additional questions raised
	Retail, Town Centres and Leisure
	Policy S16: Hierarchy of Centres
8.6	MLD are of the opinion that both Hempstead Valley and Dockside should be in the "out-of-town" shopping centres section
8.8	MLD concur with the inspectors query that Medway Valley Leisure Park and Dockside are miscategorised.
	Policy T16: Ancillary Development
8.17	MLD are of the opinion that there needs to be managed ancillary spaces, and more attention given to areas that are remote to prevent long distance travel. Thus, there needs to be more retail units at Chattenden, Cliffe and High Halstow.
	Policy S17: Chatham Town Centre
8.26	MLD concur with the inspectors' queries regarding the hierarchy of Chatham which is now an oxymoron with regards to the Pentagon being at the top of the hierarchy. Given there are no prime stores at either entrance.
	Policy S20: Strood District Centre
8.45	MLD have highlighted the lack of reasonable description of the proposed additional platforms at Strood Station to travel to London Victoria.
	Policy S23: Hempstead Valley District Centre
8.61	MLD does not consider Hempstead Valley as a district centre. Rather it should be put in as an out-of-town retail centre along with Dockside.
	Policy DM14: Dockside
8.88	MLD consider Dockside to be a combination of leisure and out-of-town retail
8.89	MLD would like unused pier to be used for regeneration – this could be for leisure, but preferably a mixture of housing, retail and leisure