

**BRENCHLEY AND MATFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA APPLICATION  
CONSULTATION RESPONSE REPORT**

<b>Name/Organisation</b>	<b>Response</b>
Mr S O'Donnell	I am supportive of the Parish Council's application for a neighbourhood area designation and the subsequent production of a Neighbourhood Plan.
Mr M Eyre	I write to voice my support for the Brenchley and Matfield Neighbourhood Area Application.
Kent County Council Flood and Water Management	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above referenced application to designate a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>As Lead Local Flood Authority, Kent County Council have no objection to the designation and would welcome the opportunity to discuss local flood risk and sustainable drainage with the applicants as the forthcoming neighbourhood plan develops.</p>
John and Sarah Garthwaite	<p>We write in response to the current consultation on the application from Brenchley Parish Council for the designation of Brenchley and Matfield as a Neighbourhood Area for a Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>We fully support the application and the opportunity this provides for the local community to consider and influence the future social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the parish. In particular, the process will allow the community to address the fundamental issue of housing need and the important provision of affordable housing for local residents.</p> <p>While the principles of sustainable development should mean a focus on the two main settlements of Matfield and Brenchley, we also support the inclusion of the remainder of the civil parish of Brenchley in the Neighbourhood Area.</p>
Kent County Council Environment, Planning and Enforcement (Mineral and Waste Planning Authority)	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Neighbourhood Plan, please find our response below on behalf of the Mineral and Waste Planning Authority.</p> <p>As Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, the County Council is responsible for ensuring that mineral resources are not needlessly sterilised by other forms of development thus ensuring that a steady and adequate supply of minerals is maintained into the future to facilitate sustainable development.</p> <p>Policy CSM 5 of the adopted Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 (KMWLP) sets out Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSA). The Brenchley Parish area incorporates four minerals of economic interest which are coincident with a MSA within the Tunbridge Wells area, the safeguarded minerals being:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandstone – Tunbridge Wells Sand Formation</li> <li>• Sub – Alluvial River Terrace Deposits</li> <li>• River Terrace Deposits</li> <li>• Sandstone – Ashdown Formation</li> </ul> <p>Please note, Brenchley Parish Council does not make reference to mineral safeguarding and will need to take into consideration in their plan the policies found in the KMWLP specifically relating to land-won mineral safeguarding (Policies CSM 5 and DM 7) for any development which is within the MSA and outside the identified urban boundaries/village confines if the intention is to seek development that has the potential to sterilise economic minerals.</p> <p>Further guidance on mineral safeguarding and minerals assessments can be found in our safeguarding supplementary planning document: <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/69310/Supplementary-Planning-Documents-SPD-on-Minerals-and-Waste-Safeguarding.pdf">https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/69310/Supplementary-Planning-Documents-SPD-on-Minerals-and-Waste-Safeguarding.pdf</a></p>
Ian & Jane Charman	<p>We write in connection with this formal regulatory stage in relation to the designation of the neighbourhood area. We live at xxxxx [private address removed by TWBC for data protection and privacy purposes].</p> <p>We have no objections to the proposed area. We consider it appropriate.</p>
Horsmonden Parish Council (received after closing date of consultation)	<p>Please find below Horsmonden parish Council's comments on the above :</p> <p>'The Parish Council agrees with the area designated and would like to be kept informed of any developments on the boundary.'</p> <p>Please accept our apologies that these have arrived after the closing date, but we hope they can still be taken into account?</p>