

REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 7th DECEMBER 2021

**By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for
Burham and Wouldham Ward Councillors Dave Davis and Roger Dalton**

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

1. Our draft Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in January 2019. Nothing was received until October 2021, when the Planning Inspectorate refused to approve the plan, on the grounds that TMBC had not fulfilled the Duty to Cooperate with Sevenoaks District Council on meeting their unmet housing need. Though this was very much disputed, the fastest way of getting a valid Local Plan in place was to withdraw this one and to review, refresh and re-submit it. On present estimated this process should get a valid plan in place by the end of 2023.

SEASONS GREETING

2. We are sorry we cannot be with you at this meeting but wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year and look forward to working with you then.