

**BREDGAR PARISH COUNCIL ("BPC") RESPONSE TO AMENDED APPLICATION  
21/503906/EIOUT (Outline application) - 30.01.2023**

Bredgar Parish Council has previously submitted a joint response (29 November 2021) objecting to the to the original application, with Rodmersham, Milstead and Bapchild via consultants Cerda (see "Bapchild, Bredgar, Milstead and Rodmersham PC" submission on the planning portal on 29.11.2021 and the associated PDF document "Objections to Highsted Park 21\_503914\_EIOUT and 21\_503906\_EIOUT FULL.pdf").

The applicant's amendments do not address concerns BPC have raised previously. The amendments do not make any significant modification to the Highsted Park scheme, they merely make minor changes to detail within it. Therefore BPC consider that issues raised in our previous submission still apply.

In the wider context, the Department for Levelling Up has said that housing targets will become a "starting point" for development, with new flexibilities to "reflect local circumstances". BPC consider that there are significant local circumstances in Swale, such as lack of suitable development land, that will lead to the next Local Plan housing levels being well below the last Government Housing target. This application and the associated 21/503914/EIOUT provides more housing than is needed in Swale.

Other than the above please refer to the joint PC response via Cerda, for our detailed objections.

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