

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Planning White Paper

Attached to this report is a summary of the Key proposals within the Planning White Paper which is currently out for consultation. Whilst the impact of these proposals most significantly affects the Borough Council, Members may feel that they wish to comment. Some of the areas Members may wish to consider for comment are as follows:-

- (1) The Council might wish to welcome the proposal to quicken up the local plan process but has concerns regarding the automatic approval of development in growth areas particularly in respect of individual sites in these areas that might not fall under the criteria for growth areas. This would mean that Parish Councils and individuals will not have the right to object to this application at the stage of submission.
- (2) The Council would welcome the new infrastructure levy being able to raise more revenue but would wish to see that Parish Councils receive as much as now or more funds as they are able to make these funds work directly for the local community that it serves.
- (3) Whilst welcoming the opportunity to engage further in the plan making stage feels that it is still vital that there is a full consultation process on planning applications as this gives an opportunity for locally gathered views to be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority when they determine applications.