

Ightham Public Meeting - Borough Green Garden City

13th July saw the Ightham public meeting to discuss BGGC, called by local resident and Wrotham Parish Councillor, Philippa Parker who gave a short introduction. The meeting was moderated by Cllr Wendy Palmer from Platt PC, with about 150 members of the public in attendance.

First speaker was Cllr Robin Betts, TMBC and Wrotham PC, who spoke about the traffic problems already, and the "disproportionate" size of BGGC at 40% of all housing allocation across the whole Tonbridge & Malling Borough. (see graph below)

KCC & WPC Cllr Harry Rayner spoke about the constraints of the Mineral Plan, and infrastructure deficiencies such as Schools, Medical Facilities and the slowly failing rail system. He got a good laugh with that picture of the crowded train from the Borough Green meeting.

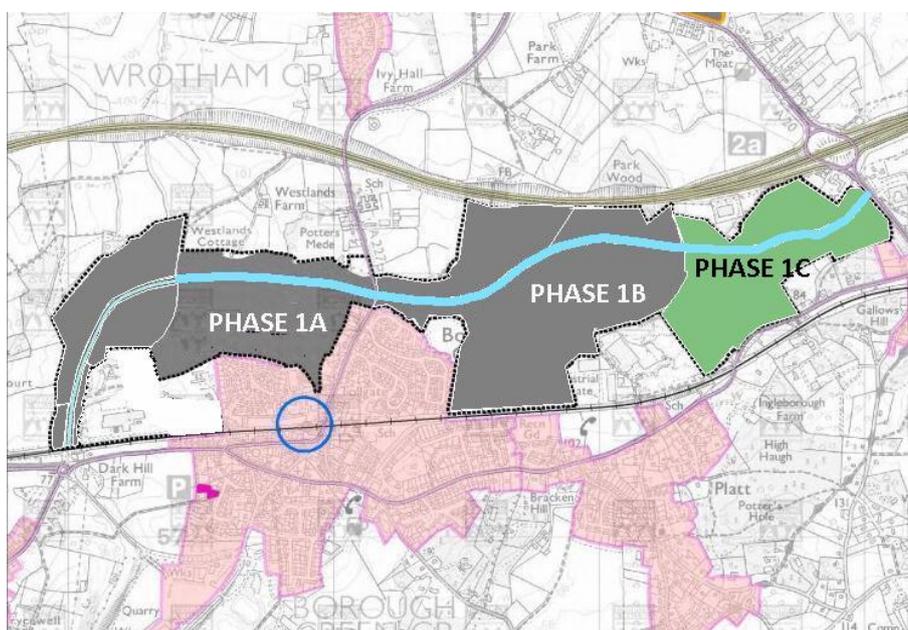


Pete Gillin, Wrotham PC and Hon Secretary of TM Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England spoke about contamination and planning issues, and that the proposed site was wholly in Greenbelt, and some in the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Cllr Tim Shaw BGPC & TMBC spoke from the public about J5 Slips, and the massive air pollution that would result from the development, and Cllr Mike Taylor BGPC & TMBC spoke about the Parish Alliance that had developed in the years since the Celcon Inquiry, and how the Alliance was more powerful as a group than individual Parishes on their own, both politically and financially.

Cllr Rodney Willingham pledged Ightham PCs commitment to the Alliance, joining Wrotham, Platt and Borough Green in the joint funding proposal to employ professional advice.

A wide ranging public question and answer session had to be drawn to a close at 9pm, but public concern in Ightham about the proposal was clearly demonstrated.

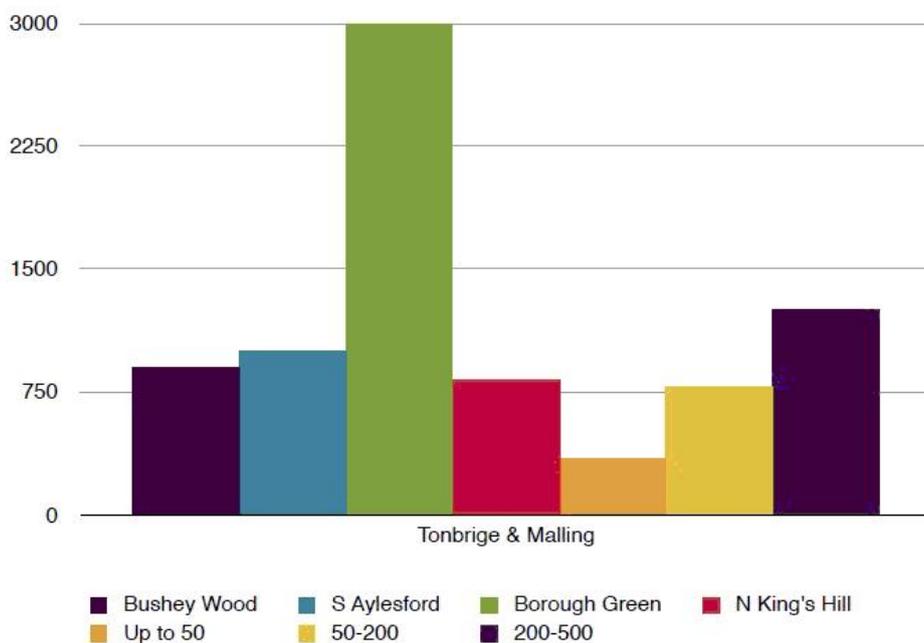


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DISPROPORTIONATE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

Housing Number Allocations - Tonbridge & Malling New Draft Plan 2018



Borough Green - Phase 1a and 1b - 1,720 Homes, followed by 380 Homes and finally, Phase 1c 900 Homes
 19 Areas within the Borough allocated between 5 and 50 Homes
 8 Areas within the Borough allocated between 50-200 Homes
 4 Areas within the Borough allocated between 200-500 Homes