

SAY NO!



**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S PLAN TO BUILD
2,000+ HOUSES IN LIDSING
MUST BE BLOCKED - AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



£26K FOR LEGAL FEES IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO SAVE LIDSING & MEDWAY!

Bredhurst Parish Council (BPC) and Against Lidsing Garden Development (ALGD) and have fought hard against the inclusion of 2,000+ houses at Lidsing in Maidstone Borough Council's (MBC) Local Plan since December 2020.

Despite thousands of objections, MBC submitted their Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for approval and an Examination in Public (EiP) will be held later this year. If the Inspector approves this plan, a planning application will be sent to MBC by the developer. As MBC want Lidsing concreted over, there is little doubt the application will be approved.

THIS IS WHY LEGAL REPRESENTATION AT THE EiP IS BREDHURST'S LAST AND ONLY CHANCE

If Lidsing goes ahead, the effect on Bredhurst will be devastating:

- Imagine standing on the bridge at Forge Lane and seeing 2,000+ houses and an industrial area on all the fields as far as the eye can see.
- Every field between The Harrow, Lordswood, Elm Court and Hempstead will be gone.
- The bridge at the bottom of The Street will be demolished and a new bridge will be built to form part of a major new spur road to the roundabout above Junction 4 of the M2. The road itself will be built in the field opposite the houses in Kemsley Street.
- We will face years of disruption from construction traffic, dust and noise.
- 2,000+ houses will generate around 4,000 extra cars/ 10,000 extra car journeys a day.
- No alterations are proposed to any local rural lanes which are already heavily used.
- MBC will get the council tax, but Medway must provide GPs, schools, hospitals etc.
- Pressure on Bredhurst Woods as visitor numbers rise. Wildlife and birdlife affected.
- The development will severely affect Bredhurst and ALL surrounding areas.

BPC & ALGD NOW URGENTLY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO RAISE £26,000

To fight the FINAL stage of this process, BPC must hire legal and professional experts to argue our case at the EIP (as Lenham Parish Council is doing). BPC has some funding and has met with a barrister to agree a plan of action. If legal arguments cannot persuade the Inspector to remove Lidsing from MBC's Local Plan, **IT WILL BE THE DEATH KNELL FOR BREDHURST.**

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO SAVE BREDHURST

Please donate via GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/d7101e4e> or cheques payable to Bredhurst Parish Council may be sent to **Mr S Hill, Clerk to BPC, C/O Englefield, Dunn Street, Bredhurst ME7 3LY**. If we do not reach our target, donations will be refunded. Please enclose your name, address and email with cheques. Funds will be ringfenced and administered by Bredhurst Parish Council.



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