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To: Cllrs Larry Krause, Luke Powell & Winston Michael, Ashford Borough Council
cc: Cllrs Gerry Clarkson & Cllr Mike Bennett, Ashford Borough Council
Cllr Christine Drury, Westwell Parish Council
Cllr Jason Matthews, Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council

Dear Sirs

Property Blight

I am writing to you in the light of the on-going problems posed by the continuing uncertainty associated with a number of development sites, submitted to Ashford Borough Council by landowners and developers for consideration under the Local Plan to 2030 (the "submitted sites").

In several cases, these submitted sites have been giving rise to property blight (eg in Westwell Lane and Sandyhurst Lane) for a period of around two years.

We have been in contact with Simon Cole, Ashford Borough Council's Planning Policy Manager, who advised that that the programme for taking the draft Local Plan forward has slipped a little since March 2014 and that it is now anticipated that a draft Plan will be ready for formal public consultation by the end of this year.

We are anxious that our members should not be subjected to property blight by these potential building developments for any longer than absolutely necessary. Given that some delay in the timetable has already occurred, could I ask you to do everything possible to try to ensure that the Council brings forward the draft Plan by the end of this year at the very latest and that no further slippage occurs.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Tony Bartlett
Chair SLRA