



## Herne & Broomfield Parish Council

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Mr Moore  
Inspector Canterbury Local Plan Hearing

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Dear Mr Moore

Following the shock announcement at the meeting held at the Kings Hall last Tuesday, when the Herne Bay site allocations were discussed, Herne & Broomfield Parish Council wish to put forward their case regarding Canterbury City Councils insistence that the village of Herne & the larger village of Broomfield, are not villages and are part of urban Herne Bay, with no green gap.

We have a parish council that represents both villages, similar to Sturry Parish Council that represents, Sturry, Broad Oak and Hersden. Parish Councils are democratically elected and are the face of localism.

At Herne & Broomfield it is not understood why Canterbury City Council refused to include the villages in the Village Hierarchy.

Both villages have a post office, church and pubs. Broomfield also has a parade of shops in its centre, a doctor's surgery and chemist. Herne has an Infant and Junior school.

Neither Herne nor Broomfield considers they are part of urban Herne Bay.  
There is a natural barrier of the A299 Thanet Way and green gap which is Strode Farm.

The parish council has always been realistic and has accepted development both in the past and currently, but it does not wish to see Herne village swallowed up by the development proposed for Strode Farm, this development will almost double the population of Herne.

Strode Farm is not within the urban boundary and the parish council considers that it should not be and it should remain free from development, to maintain the green gap and protect the ancient village of Herne.

'We would like to suggest that the urban boundary is realigned to run along the north of the A299 Thanet Way between Bullockstone Road and Heart in Hand / Sweechbridge Road, so that the two villages, Herne and Broomfield, are not included in the urban area of Herne Bay and regain their rightful designations.'

Yours sincerely

Monica Blyth Cert HE (Parish Clerk)