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Dear Sir / Madam

### **Proposed Modifications to the Development Policies Plan Consultation**

Thank you for your email of 25 December 2016 inviting comments on the above document.

As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process and welcomes the opportunity to comment upon this key planning document.

Historic England's comments are limited to those sections of the proposed modifications that relate to our remit; i.e. protection of the historic environment and heritage assets. To this end, Historic England fully endorses the proposed modifications to the Development Policies Plan that are intended to strengthen the wording of policies to preserve and enhance the historic environment of Dartford Borough; viz. MM2, MM3, MM5, MM14, MM15, MM16, MM17 and MM18.

Historic England would strongly advise that the Council's own conservation staff are closely involved throughout the preparation of the Local Plan, as they are often best placed to advise on local historic environment issues and priorities, sources of data and, consideration of the options relating to the historic environment.

These comments are based on the information provided by you at this time and for the avoidance of doubt does not reflect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to, any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this or later versions of the plan and which may, in our view, have adverse effects on the historic environment.

Yours sincerely

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