



To all KSP tenants and staff

4TH February 2011**Swale Local Development Framework and The 5 Parishes Opposition Group**

Swale Borough Council recently began a public consultation about development in the borough over the next 20 to 30 years. The Local Development Framework is a very thorough process that gives residents and businesses in Swale a say over the borough's long-term future. They can give their views on how far the borough's economy should grow and how much development is needed to meet that growth. There are four options tabled by the council which also include the longterm expansion of Kent Science Park. The council plans can be accessed via www.swale.gov.uk/pyo

The options on the table recognise that the science park cannot expand much further without an improved route to the M2. We have said for some years we would like this link to happen and that we have no wish to add to levels of traffic on the existing network of roads around Sittingbourne. It is good to see that the LDF recognises the potential of Kent Science Park as a source of income and employment for Swale. Of the four options within the LDF, Options 3 and 4 would allow Kent Science Park to make a much greater contribution to the Swale economy. The science park would be just one beneficiary of a new junction on the M2. It would relieve congestion at Junction 5 and support regeneration plans for Sittingbourne town centre, Sheerness Docks and for Queenborough and Rushenden.

Many of you will be familiar with the 5 Parishes Opposition Group who have in the past made clear their objections to the park's expansion, but alarmingly also wish us closed. This wish directly threatens the livelihood and future of the 1,190 people already working at the park and those of the community who will be in the job market in the years to come. In light of the recent job losses at Pfizer this attitude is deplorable. The group also continues to mislead the public that KSP wishes to develop thousands of houses to pay for the M2 link. To put the record straight, the owners of Kent Science Park have no wish to develop homes in the vicinity of the science park and have put no proposals for housing development into the Local Development Framework. Our sole aim is to enhance the prosperity of Kent Science Park and Swale.

On 15th February at 7.30pm, Swale Borough Council is to hold an open Q&A session to debate the LDF. The panel will comprise a cross section from private and public sector interests. The venue is:-
The Avenue Theatre
Central Avenue
Sittingbourne

You have the opportunity to put questions to the council panel, in advance via www.swale.gov.uk/questiontime
Some tickets may still be available should you wish to attend on the evening.

I do hope you will be able to support our aims. We are also looking for company leaders to act as spokesmen should the media seek the park's views regarding the LDF and the future prosperity of Swale. If you are willing to speak to the media please call me or Paul Price .



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