

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member – Transport & Environment

DECISION NO:

13/00046

For publication

Subject: Formal endorsement of the Kent Farmsteads Guidance

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, I agree to the formal endorsement of the Kent Farmsteads Guidance by Kent County Council.

Reason(s) for decision:

Government has long sought to promote the use of redundant buildings to support rural economies, most recently within the Growth and Infrastructure Bill, through the creation of Permitted Development rights to allow the change of use of agricultural buildings to other non-residential uses, and through the National Planning Policy Framework which emphasises the delivery of sustainable development whilst stressing the importance of understanding local character and distinctiveness. The Kent Farmsteads Guidance aims to inform and achieve the sustainable development of farmsteads, including their conservation and enhancement. The formal endorsement of the Guidance by Kent County Council will encourage its use by landowners, applicants and planners and achieve the aim of promoting sustainable development.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

To be entered after the meeting and considered by the Cabinet Member when taking the decision.

Any alternatives considered:

N/A

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date