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Sevenoaks Town Centre

The Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in May 2023. It is structured around six key themes and focuses on enhancing gateway points to the town, creating new open spaces and community facilities, promoting active travel and developing a cultural quarter in the town. The Plan offers support and guidance for 13 key sites. Development proposals for Sevenoaks Town will need to demonstrate how they support the delivery of this Plan.

Over the plan period, proposals for Sevenoaks Town Centre should focus on:

- Raising the profile of its best assets its historic town centre, array of independent shops and the impressive Knole;
- Expansion of its cultural scene and diversifying the town's offer to match other prominent towns, including more activities in the evening; and
- 3. An inclusive town centre widening the leisure offer and providing new homes that support different income levels and life stages.

- 4. The following potential projects and development opportunities have been identified to help realise the future vision for Sevenoaks Town Centre. For further details of each of these projects, including delivery considerations, please see the Town Centres Strategy, Neighbourhood Plan and development briefs for key sites.
 - i. Strengthening connections to Knole Park;
 - ii. Eastern town centre revitalisation;
 - iii. High streets streetscape enhancement;
 - iv. Improving station arrival; (see chapter one)

The Town Council is also in the process of developing further Town Centre and St John's Hill Area Masterplans which will help guide future development proposals and drive improvements to the experience and offering of these centres.

