

Paper Version Plan 2040 Full Survey

Overview

Sevenoaks District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan to cover the period up to 2040.

Your views are important to us, and we want to hear your thoughts on our new Local Plan.

Our consultation will run from 12:00AM on Wednesday 16 November 2022 until 11:59PM on Wednesday 11 January 2023.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Planning Team on 01732 227000 or by email at planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk.

About you

We need to ask for a bit of information about you, as we cannot accept anonymous comments.

We will use information you provide here only for this activity.

Comments will be published and attributed by name and organisation only.

1 Name and Organisation

Please enter your first name *(Required)*

Please enter your surname *(Required)*

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please enter the name of the organisation here

2 What is your email address?

Email

3 How old are you?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- 17 and under
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65 and over
- I'd prefer not to say

4 If you live in Sevenoaks District, which Town or Parish do you live in?Please select from the list *(Required)**Please select only one item*

- I don't live in the District
- Ash-cum-Ridley
- Badgers Mount
- Brasted
- Chevening
- Chiddingstone
- Cowden
- Crockenhill
- Dunton Green
- Edenbridge
- Eynsford
- Farningham
- Fawkham
- Halstead
- Hartley
- Hever
- Hextable
- Horton Kirby & South Darent
- Kemsing
- Knockholt
- Leigh
- Otford
- Penshurst
- Riverhead
- Seal
- Sevenoaks Town
- Sevenoaks Weald
- Shoreham
- Sundridge with Ide Hill
- Swanley
- Westerham
- West Kingsdown

5 Please confirm that you agree to your comments being published and attributed by name and organisation (if applicable)*(Required)**Please select only one item*

- I confirm that my comments can be published and attributed by my name and organisation

Introduction

1 Have we identified the right strategic issues that will influence the development of the District to 2040?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

Are there any other issues that we should identify?

2 Do you support the Vision and Objectives?

Please select only one item

- Strongly Support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Do you have any comments on the Vision and Objectives?

Chapter 01 – Development Strategy

1 Do you agree with the proposed Development Strategy?

Development Strategy Summary

Our proposed development strategy is summarised below:

Step 1: Focus on optimising density and utilising brownfield land in existing settlements (the focus of this Regulation 18 consultation).

Step 2: Robust Duty to Co-operate discussions with neighbouring authorities, informed by step 1 and the constraints of the District.

Step 3: Green Belt release, if required, in Exceptional Circumstances (to be covered within the subsequent Regulation 18 consultation).

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

2 We are considering density within existing settlements at different levels, which is your preferred approach?

Density Approaches

We are considering density within existing settlements at different levels:

- *Minimum Uplift (delivers approx. 7.5k units, shortfall of 6k units)*
- *Optimum (delivers approx. 8.5k units, shortfall of 5k units)*
- *Optimum Plus (delivers approx. 9k units, shortfall of 4.5k units)*
- *The shortfall may need to be accommodated in neighbouring areas or in the Green Belt.*

Table 1.1: Settlement Density Options

OPTION 1: Minimum uplift (dph)	OPTION 2: Optimum (dph)	OPTION 3: Optimum Plus (dph)
Modest density increase across all sites.	Modest density increase across all sites.	Maximum change - opportunities to maximise densities, particularly in town centres and close to transport hubs.

Table 1.2: Settlement Density Scenarios

	Minimum uplift (dph)	Optimum (dph)	Optimum Plus (dph)
Town centre locations and close to transport nodes	150	150+	150+
Built up areas	50	100	150
Edge of built up areas	40	50	60

**Mid-point, to be further informed by character based approach. Further details on how these density levels have been set are included within the Housing chapter. These scenarios reflect development proposals that have come forward in our settlements. The proposed baseline densities are a starting point that will be tested further as we move through the plan making process.*

Density Examples

Below are some examples of higher densities in town centre locations and built up areas:

Density: 100 DPH
 Ryewood Estate, Dunton Green
 Sevenoaks Urban Area

1 Hexagon = 1 Hectare

Density: 150+ DPH
 11 High Street
 Swanley

1 Hexagon = 1 Hectare

Density: 150+ DPH
 Quinton Court, London Road
 Sevenoaks

1 Hexagon = 1 Hectare

Please select only one item

- Minimum Uplift (delivers approx. 7.5k units, shortfall of 6k units)
- Optimum (delivers approx. 8.5k units, shortfall of 5k units)
- Optimum Plus (delivers approx. 9k units, shortfall of 4.5k units)
- None of the above

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

3 Are you aware of any additional sites in existing settlements which we have not yet considered?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

If you have selected 'Yes' please specify site details

4 What would you like to see in a Development Brief for the Sevenoaks Station Area

Please enter your answer here

5 Do you have a view on the areas of land that the brief should cover and sites that could be included?

Please enter your answer here

1 Do you think the proposed technical and design criteria are reasonable and will help to achieve the aims of Policy H1?

Policy H1

Policy H1

Housing Mix

This policy will ensure that a variety of house sizes and types are delivered across the District to meet the needs of the current and future population. Proposals for new housing development will be required to meet the following technical and design criteria:

- Proposals should be informed by the dwelling mix profiles set out in the latest housing needs evidence (Targeted Review of Local Housing Needs 2022) where appropriate, unless it can be demonstrated that an alternative mix meets an identified need;
- For new build housing development, commit to delivering all homes to meet the M4(2) standard for accessible and adaptable homes;
- For new build schemes of 20 units or more, commit to delivering at least 5% of homes to meet the M4(3)b standard for wheelchair user dwellings, to be delivered as affordable housing for rent;
- Provide homes built to high sustainability standards with built-in resilience to climate change and fuel poverty, which contributes towards the Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment and for the District to become Net Zero; and
- Proposals should meet the minimum nationally described space standards.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

2 Do you think the proposed affordable housing contributions are reasonable and will help to achieve the aims of Policy H2?

Policy H2

Policy H2

Provision of Affordable Housing

This policy will boost the delivery of affordable housing from developments with market housing, ensuring that overall viability is not prejudiced and that a mix of tenures is provided that meet the needs of the current and future population. Proposals for new housing development will be required to contribute to the provision of affordable housing as follows:

Number of new homes proposed (net)	% affordable housing required	Type of affordable housing to be provided
0-5	0	N/A
6-9 (in Designated Rural Areas only)	20%	Financial contribution
10+ or >0.5 Ha (on brownfield land)	30%	On-site (unless the Council advises that a financial contribution is more appropriate)
10+ or >0.5Ha (on greenfield land)	40%	

Where the provision of on-site affordable housing applies, the recommended tenure split should reflect the latest housing needs evidence (Targeted Review of Local Housing Needs 2022) – 58% social rented, 7% affordable rented, 25% First Homes and 10% other intermediate tenures. First Homes should be offered at a discount of 50% of open market value. Where it is demonstrated that this is not viable due to site specific circumstances, whether this relates to the proposal as a whole or an element, an alternative tenure split is to be agreed with the Council. On the occasion that it is demonstrated that the required on-site provision is not viable or does not best meet identified housing needs and the Council agrees, one of the following options is to be agreed with the Council:

1. The provision of a reduced level of on-site affordable housing plus a financial contribution in lieu of the shortfall;
2. The provision of a reduced level of on-site affordable housing that meets a specific localised need e.g. a greater number of wheelchair accessible homes; or
3. The payment of a financial contribution in lieu of the provision of any on-site affordable housing.

On the occasion it can be demonstrated that the full affordable housing requirement is not viable and the Council agrees, a viability review is required upon first occupation or an alternative trigger point as agreed. This is to ensure that any uplift in the development value of the scheme is shared and contributes to the affordable housing provision, whether this be on site or as an off-site financial contribution. All affordable housing delivered should not generate housing costs of more than 35% of gross household income. Applicants are required to enter into discussions with the Council's Housing team, in consultation with registered providers, at the earliest stage of the application process where the provision of on-site affordable housing applies.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

Yes

No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

3 Do you think the proposed criteria are reasonable and will help to achieve the aims of Policy H3?

Policy H3

Policy H3

Housing in Rural Areas

This policy will ensure a sufficient supply of rural housing specifically for those who live in or have a connection to the rural areas of the District. Proposals for new housing development in rural areas that meet a specific local need will be required to meet the following criteria to be permitted as an exception to other Local Plan policies:

- The local need has been identified in an up to date local housing needs survey;
- The local need identified cannot be met by any other means through the development of non-Green Belt sites within the parish or, where appropriate, in the adjacent parish; and
- A thorough site options appraisal has been carried out.

The Council expects rural exception housing schemes to provide 100% local needs housing to meet identified needs. However, on the occasion it can be demonstrated that a wholly local needs housing scheme is not viable or deliverable, and the Council agrees, it is expected that the market housing for sale will be used, in the first instance, to meet identified needs including housing for local essential workers, older people, plots for self build and co-housing.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

4 Do you think the proposed technical and design criteria are reasonable and will help to achieve the aims of Policy H4?

Policy H4

Policy H4

Housing for Older People

This policy will ensure a sufficient supply and range of housing and accommodation suitable for older people, both market and affordable, in order to meet the specific needs of this group and to assist in the creation of mixed, balanced and inclusive communities. Proposals for new retirement housing will be required to meet the following technical and design criteria, in addition to the criteria set out in the Housing Mix policy:

- Proposals should reflect the latest evidence on older persons housing needs set out in the latest housing needs evidence (Targeted Review of Local Housing Needs 2022). Alternative methods of assessment will not be considered appropriate;
- Be within sustainably located and well-connected areas of the District, where there is easy access to shops, community facilities including healthcare, public transport and other services appropriate to the needs of the future occupiers;
- Be located in rural villages where an up to date local housing needs survey identifies a local need for older persons accommodation;
- Incorporate the latest HAPPI (Housing our Ageing Population Panel for Innovation) design principles, where possible, in order to offer attractive alternatives to the current home;
- Incorporate an accessible lift in flatted developments of 2 or more storeys;
- Provide access to private and/or communal outdoor space; and
- Provide high quality homes built to high sustainability standards with built-in resilience to climate change and fuel poverty, which contributes towards the Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment and for the District to become Net Zero.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

5 Do you think the proposed technical and design criteria are reasonable and will help to achieve the aims of Policy H5?

Policy H5

Policy H5 Build to Rent

This policy will boost the number of smaller and more affordable units through the delivery of private rented homes that can house people across a range of income levels, ages and household types. Proposals for build to rent schemes will be required to meet the following technical and design criteria, in addition to the criteria set out in the Housing Mix policy:

- Be within the built up areas of Sevenoaks, Swanley and Edenbridge. These are sustainably located and well-connected areas of the District where there is easy access to shops, community facilities and public transport;
- Meet the definition of build to rent as set out in the glossary;
- Provide 20% on-site affordable housing in the form of one and two bedroom affordable private rented homes with rents capped at 80% of the open market value including any service charges;
- Provide high quality homes built to high sustainability standards with built-in resilience to climate change and fuel poverty, which contributes towards the Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment and for the District to become Net Zero; and
- Wherever possible incorporate public realm improvements to the benefit of the wider community.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

6 Build to rent schemes often require a minimum number of units to be deliverable. What should that be in Sevenoaks District?

Please select only one item

- 0-50
- 50-100
- 100+
- Other

If you've selected 'Other', please specify here

7 What else can we do to encourage the delivery of suitable smaller sites in existing built up areas?

Policy H6

Policy H6 Smaller Sites

This policy will support the provision of well-designed new places on smaller sites (no larger than 1 hectare) in existing built up areas through both planning decisions and Local Plan allocations. Proposals for new housing development on qualifying sites will be required to meet the following technical and design criteria:

- The proposal demonstrates that it makes the best and most efficient use of land, utilising higher densities where appropriate, whilst also contributing to the creation of healthy spaces with improved connectivity;
- The proposal meets identified development needs and contributes towards the delivery of different types and sizes of new homes;
- Any loss of use is robustly evidenced and reprovided where required; and
- Provides high quality homes built to high sustainability standards with built-in resilience to climate change and fuel poverty, which contributes towards the Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment and for the District to become Net Zero.

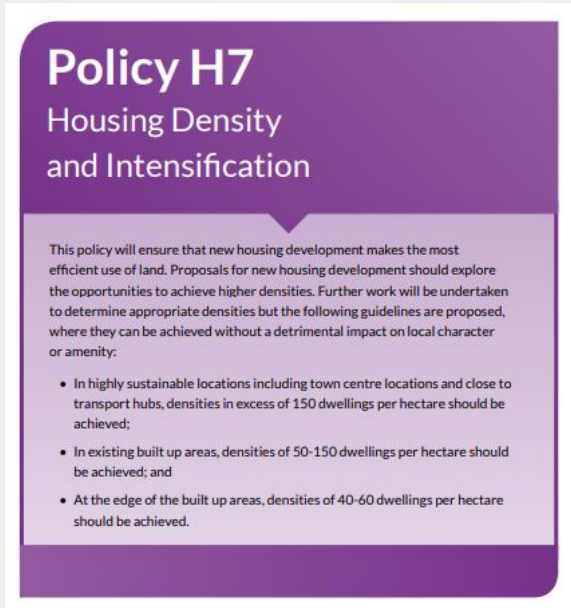
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8 Is there anything else that we should include, or an alternative approach we should consider through Policy H6?

Please enter your answer here

9 Do you think the proposed density guidelines are reasonable and will help to achieve the aims of Policy H7?

Policy H7



Policy H7
Housing Density
and Intensification

This policy will ensure that new housing development makes the most efficient use of land. Proposals for new housing development should explore the opportunities to achieve higher densities. Further work will be undertaken to determine appropriate densities but the following guidelines are proposed, where they can be achieved without a detrimental impact on local character or amenity:

- In highly sustainable locations including town centre locations and close to transport hubs, densities in excess of 150 dwellings per hectare should be achieved;
- In existing built up areas, densities of 50-150 dwellings per hectare should be achieved; and
- At the edge of the built up areas, densities of 40-60 dwellings per hectare should be achieved.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

10 What do you think are appropriate locations for taller buildings and are there areas of land that are suitable for intensification?

Please enter your answer here

11 Is there anything we should include, or an alternative approach we should consider through Policy H7?

Please enter your answer here

12 Do you agree with the proposed strategy for identifying new Gypsy and Traveller pitch allocations in the most sustainable locations?

Policy GT1

Policy GT1
Gypsy and Traveller
Site Allocations

Consideration will be given to whether a site:

- Is sustainable, prioritising those close to existing services and facilities;
- Has existing pitches, and whether those are permanent, temporary or unauthorised;
- Has impact on local character, prioritising those lying outside of the AONB and with existing built form;
- Has impact on protected areas such as Local Wildlife Sites, Ancient Woodland, SSSI; and
- Will provide an acceptable living environment for future occupants in terms of size, noise and air quality and is not located within an area likely to flood.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

13 Is there anything else we should consider through Policy GT1?

Please enter your answer here

14 Are you aware of any additional sites for new Gypsy and Traveller pitches?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you have selected 'Yes' please specify site details

15 Do you agree with the development management Policy GT2?

Policy GT2

Policy GT2

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

Accommodation for Gypsy and Travellers and transit pitches must take account of the policies within the Local Plan and should take account of the following criteria:

- The site should be located close to services and facilities and access to public transport;
- The site will provide an acceptable living environment for future occupants in terms of size, noise and air quality and is not located within an area likely to flood;
- Safe and convenient vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access can be provided to the site;
- The development will minimise the potential impacts on the surrounding character, landscape, including in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and biodiversity; and
- Associated buildings, including amenity blocks, must be proportionate in scale and bulk to the pitches proposed.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

1 What are the factors that make Sevenoaks District a successful place for businesses to locate?

Please enter your answer here

2 What steps could be taken to improve economic competitiveness across the District?

Please enter your answer here

3 Are there further measures of economic success that should be considered over the plan period?

Please enter your answer here

4 How should the Council encourage the development of the circular economy, which aims to reduce wastage?

Please enter your answer here

5 How should the plan promote innovation and make sufficient provision for emerging trends and technology?

Please enter your answer here

6 Is there additional information that should be included in the marketing evidence to support the loss employment uses?

Policy EMP3

Policy EMP3 Employment Floorspace

New Employment Uses

A criteria-based policy is proposed to assess proposals for new employment space and the loss of existing space. Key principles may include:

- Development proposals for new employment floor space on sites currently in employment use will be supported; and
- Development proposals for employment floor space on sites currently used for non-employment purposes will be considered on their merits. Where benefits arising from the proposed use would exceed the benefit of retaining the existing use, the development proposal will be supported.

Existing Employment Uses

Where a change is proposed from an economic use to another use, the Council is likely to require credible and robust evidence:

- of an appropriate period of marketing for economic use; and
- that the proposals would not cause unacceptable harm to the local economy.

Marketing evidence should prove that both the land and the premises have been widely advertised and marketed for a wide range of economic uses for at least one continuous year, immediately prior to submission of a relevant planning application.

The Council will expect the content of marketing evidence to form a key part of pre-application proposals. The evidence will be assessed in the context of:

- the overall quality of the site as an employment location;
- the level of occupation/vacancy of the site;
- consideration of the suitability of conversion for start-up and micro businesses;
- whether the existing employment use generates any adverse impacts on the adjoining area;
- possible benefits from relocating the economic use;
- possible benefits from using the site for alternative uses; and
- the achievement of other plan objectives.

Marketing evidence will need to address the demand from both the freehold and leasehold markets, reflecting that the dynamics of the two markets may differ.

Please enter your answer here

7 What type of employment space is needed to support changing working patterns and practices across Sevenoaks District over the period of the Local Plan?

Please enter your answer here

8 How should healthy workspaces be promoted in the plan?

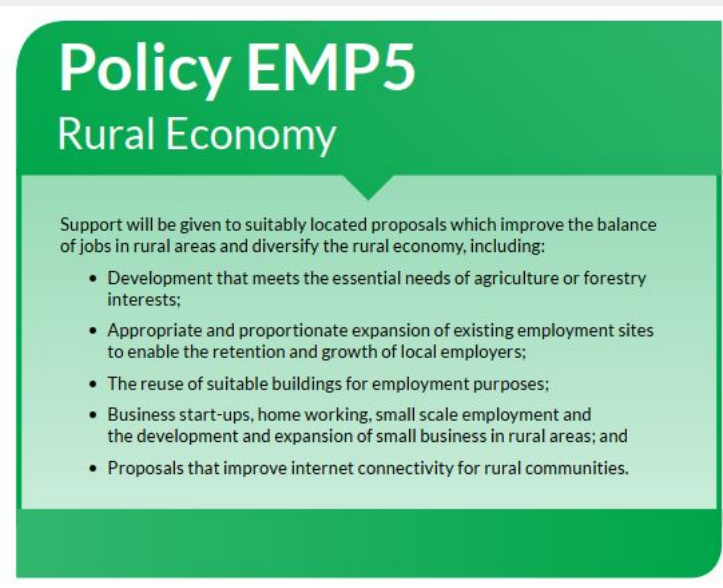
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9 What measures can the Council take to encourage sustainable employment space that contributes to its Net Zero objectives?

Please enter your answer here

10 Are there additional matters that should be included to support the rural economy?

Policy EMP5



Policy EMP5
Rural Economy

Support will be given to suitably located proposals which improve the balance of jobs in rural areas and diversify the rural economy, including:

- Development that meets the essential needs of agriculture or forestry interests;
- Appropriate and proportionate expansion of existing employment sites to enable the retention and growth of local employers;
- The reuse of suitable buildings for employment purposes;
- Business start-ups, home working, small scale employment and the development and expansion of small business in rural areas; and
- Proposals that improve internet connectivity for rural communities.

Please enter your answer here

11 Do you agree with the approach of supporting and retaining the existing high streets rather than identifying areas for expansion or contraction?

Policy TLC1

Policy TLC1

Town and Local Centres

This policy will:

- Promote the unique characteristics of each of the town centres to allow them to thrive and form a network of complementary centres, which provide for the needs of the District;
- Ensure town centres remain the focus for retail, leisure and other town centre activities, bringing people together in accessible locations to meet their needs. We continue to support a 'town centres first' approach, to ensure town centre uses are conveniently clustered together within defined town centre boundaries, and retail provision is maintained within the primary shopping areas;
- Support town centre developments which include a residential element, to provide customer footfall within the town centre, provided that the residential element is not proposed at ground floor level (within the primary shopping area), other than that which falls under permitted development;
- Consider an Article 4 Direction for Sevenoaks town centre primary shopping area, to restrict the Permitted Development change of use (Class MA0 from Class E to residential);
- Support local centres to provide for the day-to-day needs of the communities which they serve and resist the loss of shops and services where they are serving a local need, particularly where they are considered 'key' sustainable services in the Settlement Hierarchy;
- Where strategic sites are proposed (i.e. approximately 100 units or more), it is expected that new small-scale convenience retail will be included within the site, to promote sustainable services which can be easily accessed on foot or cycle;
- Town centre development, particularly where it includes work within the public realm, will be expected to meet the following criteria, where appropriate:
 - Focus on quality, inclusive design;
 - Development should be accessible, promoting walking/cycling and public transport use, with adequate parking, EV and cycling infrastructure and car clubs;
 - Development should promote health and well-being, including community space/green space;
 - Development should help to deliver the Council's Net Zero, 2030 commitment.
- Development should help to deliver the Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

12 Do you support or have any comments on the specific proposals for the five highlighted centres?

Please select which Town or Local Centre you are commenting on

Please select only one item

- Sevenoaks Town
- Swanley
- Edenbridge
- Westerham
- New Ash Green

Please enter your answer here

13 Do you agree with the proposal to restrict conversion of shops (Class E) to houses at ground floor level in primary shopping areas?

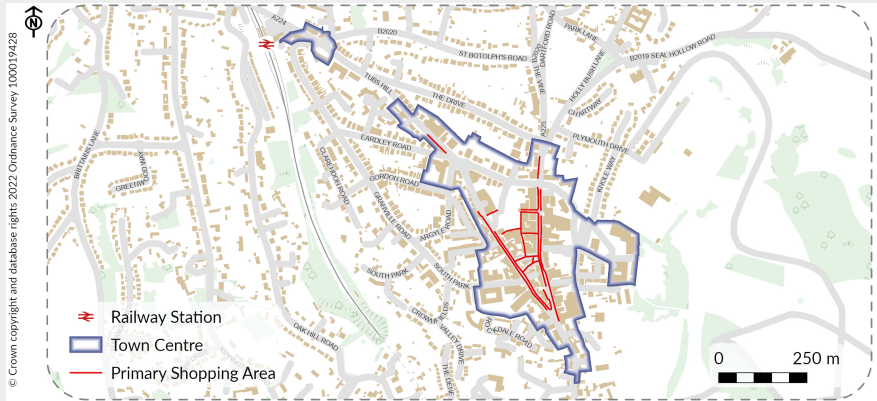
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- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

14 Does the proposed amendment to Sevenoaks Town Centre boundaries look appropriate?

Proposed Amendment to Sevenoaks Town Centre Boundary



Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

15 Do you support a lower Retail Impact Assessment threshold?

Policy TLC2

Policy TLC2

Town Centre Development Management

This policy will:

- Expect developers to demonstrate compliance with the Town Centre's Strategy;
- Ensure new development for town centre uses is located within defined town centre boundaries, and retail provision is maintained within the primary shopping areas;
- Assess any development outside of the defined town centre boundaries, in accordance with the NPPF sequential test, to ensure all sequentially preferable locations are assessed in terms of their suitability and availability;
- Propose an impact assessment for any retail and leisure development with a floorspace of 500sqm gross or above outside of defined town centre boundaries;
- Seek to limit the extent of hot food takeaway, where the number of approved establishments within a ward, equals or exceeds the UK national average, per 100,000 population. The details of numbers and location of existing outlets can be assessed using FEAT (Food Environment Assessment Tool); and

Proposals related to the evening economy should:

- Be consistent with the Council's Town Centre Strategy;
- Complement existing uses in the surrounding area and mitigate/prevent any adverse impacts on the amenity and continued operation of these uses;
- Demonstrate there would not be a significant adverse effect on amenity or function, particularly impacts on residential uses;
- Promote access via sustainable modes of transport and avoid reliance on private vehicular transport, including private hire vehicles; and
- Investigate the potential for allowing daytime uses to activate the space, including on a meanwhile basis, where the use is only intended to operate during evening/night-time hours.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

16 Do you agree with the proposals to manage hot foot takeaway applications?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

17 What additional support do you think the plan could provide for the evening economy in the Sevenoaks District?

Please enter your answer here

18 Do you agree that we should protect, support and encourage tourism businesses, visitor accommodation and visitor attractions, including heritage assets?

Policy TO1

Policy TO1

Tourism and the Visitor Economy

It is expected that development proposals will support, strengthen and protect the existing accommodation and attractions.

It is suggested that the loss of tourist attractions and accommodation will be resisted where possible. Exceptions will be made where equivalent facilities, which are equally accessible to the population, are provided. Alternatively, it should be demonstrated through evidence submitted, that the continued operation of the tourist attraction or accommodation is no longer needed or is financially unviable.

Proposals to provide new sustainable tourism development, including hotels, guesthouses, bed and breakfasts, outdoor accommodation, self-catering accommodation and new visitor attractions, will be supported after consideration of the following criteria:

- Whether the location is readily accessible, by a range of means of transport including walking, cycling and by public transport;
- The anticipated traffic generation by the proposal;
- The impact of the proposal on local and landscape character and amenity;
- The relationship to existing tourism development and whether the proposal is for the upgrading of those facilities; and
- Whether the proposal will contribute to the diversification of tourist attractions in the District.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

19 Do you agree that the loss of tourist attractions and accommodation should only be permitted where a clear justification for their loss is provided?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

Chapter 04 – Climate Change

1 Do you agree that the Local Plan should seek to ensure development mitigates and adapts to climate change?

Policy CC1

Policy CC1

Climate Change

This policy will seek to:

- Ensure all developments recognise and support the Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment for the District to reduce carbon emissions;
- Minimise carbon emissions where possible through effective spatial planning by promoting sustainable development, supporting local services and facilities, and sustainable movement;
- Ensure developments incorporate measures to mitigate the causes of climate change and reduce emissions;
- Support the delivery of appropriate renewable and low carbon energy schemes;
- Ensure developments implement measures to support climate resilience and adaptation including supporting the natural environment, increasing water efficiency, incorporating sustainable drainage systems and avoiding areas at risk of flooding; and
- Maximise opportunities for carbon storage and sequestration.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

2 Are there any other ways the local plan can address climate change?

Please enter your answer here

3 Do you agree with the use of climate impact assessments as a way to ensure developments significantly reduce carbon emissions?

Policy CC2

Policy CC2

Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Development

This policy will seek to ensure development is built to significantly reduce carbon emissions and to be resilient to a changing climate. It will include:

- Scheme layout and design requirements to reduce energy use, make the most of natural heating and cooling and encourage active and low carbon movement;
- Encouragement to use nationally recognised eco building standards such as Passivhaus and BREEAM and to meet the Future Homes standard as a minimum;
- Requirements for low carbon and renewable energy technologies to be included in all new developments to reduce energy use;
- Requirements for adaptation measures to be incorporated into schemes including green spaces, trees, porous surfaces, living roofs and walls, and water harvesting; and
- Climate Impact Assessments to be required for all developments to set out how they are achieving the lowest possible carbon rating, incorporating renewable energy measures and ensuring climate resilience.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

4 Are there any other ways the local plan can ensure low carbon developments?

Please enter your answer here

5 Do you agree with our approach to low carbon and renewable energy generation?

Policy CC3

Policy CC3

Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Generation

This policy will seek to increase the use of low carbon and renewable energy generation:

- Appropriate proposals for low carbon and renewable technology schemes will be supported;
- Schemes will need to ensure that the character of the District and landscape is conserved and, where possible, enhanced.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

6 Do you agree with our approach to flood risk?

Policy W1

Policy W1

Flood Risk

This policy will require:

- No development in areas at risk of flooding and no development taking place in Flood Zones 2 and 3, without agreement from the Environment Agency;
- Any areas in new development schemes, that are created specifically to deal with flooding, to be designed to maximize wildlife and habitat opportunities;
- Development on sites larger than 1ha in Flood Zone 1 to be subject to a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) in accordance with the Council's SFRA, National and Local guidance and the LLFA drainage guidance and policy statements;
- That each FRA should include the requirement for any mitigation measures and, where relevant, the assessment should also address the risk of flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. Where there is evidence that water from these sources ponds or flows over the proposed site, the assessment should state how this will be managed and what the impact on neighbouring sites will be; and
- That measures identified to mitigate the effects of flooding shall be installed and maintained at the applicants' own expense, or put into a management company to ensure their long term retention, maintenance and management.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

7 Do you agree with our approach to sustainable drainage?

Policy W2

Policy W2 Sustainable Drainage

This policy will require that:

- All developments must incorporate natural flood alleviation measures and sustainable drainage provision which mimics natural flows and drainage pathways and ensures that surface water run-off is managed as close to its source as possible.
- Any drainage scheme must manage all sources of surface water, including exceedance flows and surface flows from off-site, provide for emergency ingress and egress and ensure adequate drainage connectivity. It will not be acceptable for surface water run-off to enter the foul water system.
- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) or other appropriate measures must also:
 - Maintain public safety;
 - Provide sufficient attenuation to surface water flows as appropriate;
 - Ensure that there is adequate treatment of surface water flows, such that there is no diminution in quality of any receiving watercourse;
 - Ensure protection of groundwater; and
 - Provide or enhance wetland habitat and biodiversity where possible.
- Approval of the design, phasing, long term management and maintenance of SuDS must be agreed prior to the development commencing.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

8 Is there anything else that should be incorporated into Policy W2 to support sustainable drainage?

Please enter your answer here

9 Do you agree with our approach to water management including water efficiency measures?

Policy W3

Policy W3

Water Management, Stress and Efficiency

This policy will require that:

- All new schemes will demonstrate that they are designed to promote water efficiency and achieve a mains water consumption target of 110 litres per head, per day;
- Schemes should include appropriate water harvesting measures;
- Development proposals must have regard to the Water Framework Directive, the Thames River Basin Management Plan and management plans for the River Darent and Eden;
- New development must not deteriorate any existing watercourses and should actively enhance the natural function and habitats of watercourses wherever feasible;
- Any necessary crossing points over rivers and watercourses should utilise clear spanning bridges, where possible, to allow natural river processes and wildlife to continue to utilise the river corridor; and
- Major development schemes will undertake a Water Framework Directive Assessment setting out the existing ground and surface water baseline and the potential impact of the new development.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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Chapter 05 – Design

1 What Design Policies do you think would support the successful delivery of the Strategic Objectives?

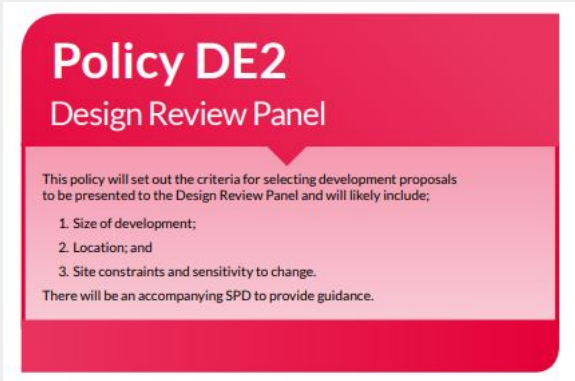
Policy DE1



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2 Do you think this approach will support the delivery of new well-designed spaces within the District?

Policy DE2



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- Yes
- No

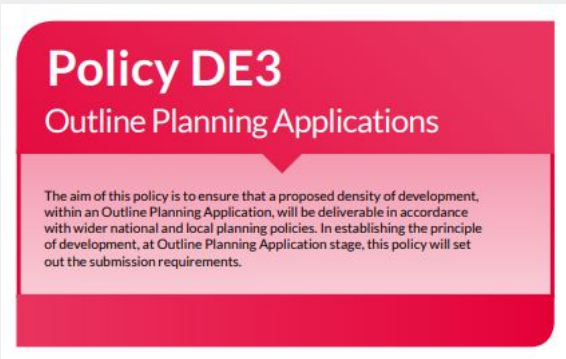
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3 What criteria do you think should be used for presenting schemes to the Design Review Panel?

Please enter your answer here

4 Do you agree that Policy DE3 will help to make optimal use of a potential of a site?

Policy DE3



Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

5 What documents should be required to be submitted at outline application stage to establish that the proposed development will be policy compliant?

Current requirements

[Planning validation checklists | Sevenoaks District Council](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/218/planning_validation_checklists) <https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/218/planning_validation_checklists>

Please enter your answer here

6 Will Policy DE4 help to secure well-designed places?

Policy DE4

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

7 Will Policy DE4 help new development respect local character?*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

8 What size of site should Policy DE4 apply to?

Please enter your answer here

9 Do you think Policy DE5 will support the aim of national planning policy in delivering development that responds to local character and engages with the local community?

Policy DE5



Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

Chapter 06 – Health and Wellbeing

1 Do you agree that Health Impact Assessments (HIA) should be included for certain new developments?

Policy HW1

Policy HW1

Health and Wellbeing

This policy will seek to support healthy living opportunities, promote social inclusion and improve community cohesion To support healthy and safe communities new development should:

- Be located within easy access to services and facilities;
- Create opportunities for better active travel to including provision for safe cycle and pedestrian routes;
- Be designed to minimise threats and improve public safety; and
- Be designed to improve mental health and reduce loneliness and isolation.

Development that reduces health inequalities and social exclusion will be supported.

The policy will set out requirements for HIAs to be submitted on the following new developments, which are expected to have significant impacts:

- All major housing developments of 10 units or more;
- For non-residential developments containing any of the following uses:
 - Education facilities;
 - Health facilities;
 - Leisure or community facilities;
 - Betting shops;
 - Hot food takeaways;
 - Restaurants; and
- For any other uses that could be considered to have a detrimental impact on physical or mental health (e.g. payday loan shops/vapour parlours/nightclubs).

Where unavoidable negative impacts on health, wellbeing and safety are identified, mitigation measures must be incorporated into the proposal.

Proposals will be encouraged to include green and community spaces to support social prescribing for both mental and physical wellbeing.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

2 How else can the Local Plan support healthy, inclusive and safe communities?

Please enter your answer here

3 Do you agree that all new developments should have a neutral or positive impact on air quality?

Policy AQ1

Policy AQ1

Air Quality

This policy will seek to:

- Ensure that new development does not have an unacceptable impact on air quality for new residents, the existing surrounding area and other areas connected to the development;
- Ensure that onsite and offsite air quality issues are included when assessing the environmental impact of proposals;
- Ensure that development which may have an adverse impact on air quality will be required to incorporate measures to reduce the impact to an acceptable level;
- Ensure that suitable onsite and offsite mitigation measures should be incorporated into the scheme, including a financial contribution to strategic air quality improvement measures, if appropriate, such that future air quality is either improved or sustained at a level that would be achieved without the development; and
- Require the design and location of new development to take account of the need to improve air quality, in accordance with the District's Air Quality Action Plan.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

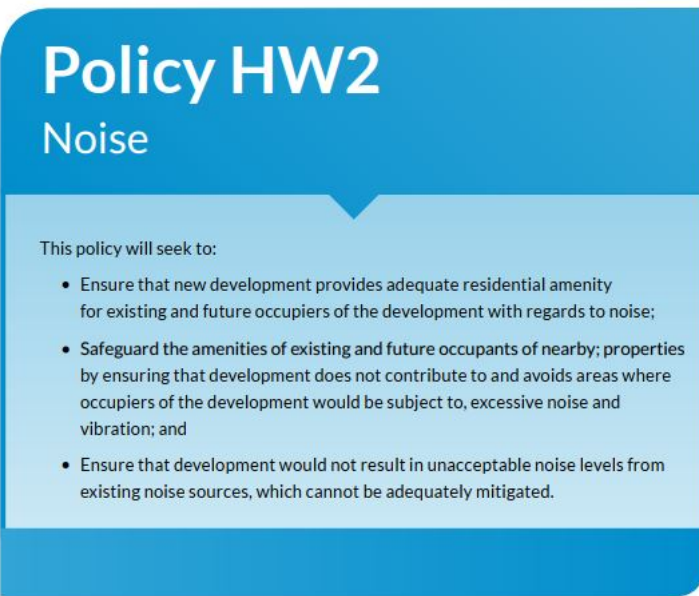
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4 What other measures could be included to improve air quality in the District?

Please enter your answer here

5 Do you agree with the policy approach to noise in new developments?

Policy HW2



Policy HW2
Noise

This policy will seek to:

- Ensure that new development provides adequate residential amenity for existing and future occupiers of the development with regards to noise;
- Safeguard the amenities of existing and future occupants of nearby; properties by ensuring that development does not contribute to and avoids areas where occupiers of the development would be subject to, excessive noise and vibration; and
- Ensure that development would not result in unacceptable noise levels from existing noise sources, which cannot be adequately mitigated.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
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Chapter 07 – Historic Environment

1 Do you think Policy HEN1 meets the Strategic Objectives for Historic Environment?

Policy HEN1



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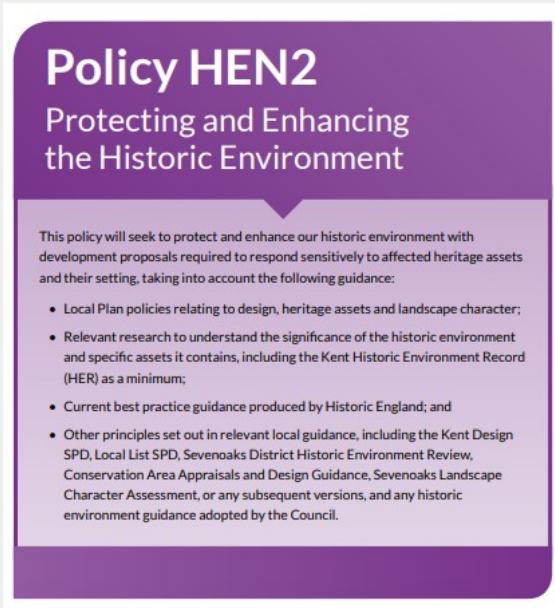
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2 Do you think Policy HEN2 will support development that protects and enhances the historic environment?

Policy HEN2



Policy HEN2
Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment

This policy will seek to protect and enhance our historic environment with development proposals required to respond sensitively to affected heritage assets and their setting, taking into account the following guidance:

- Local Plan policies relating to design, heritage assets and landscape character;
- Relevant research to understand the significance of the historic environment and specific assets it contains, including the Kent Historic Environment Record (HER) as a minimum;
- Current best practice guidance produced by Historic England; and
- Other principles set out in relevant local guidance, including the Kent Design SPD, Local List SPD, Sevenoaks District Historic Environment Review, Conservation Area Appraisals and Design Guidance, Sevenoaks Landscape Character Assessment, or any subsequent versions, and any historic environment guidance adopted by the Council.

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- Yes
- No

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3 Are there any additional policies that would protect and enhance the historic environment in new development?

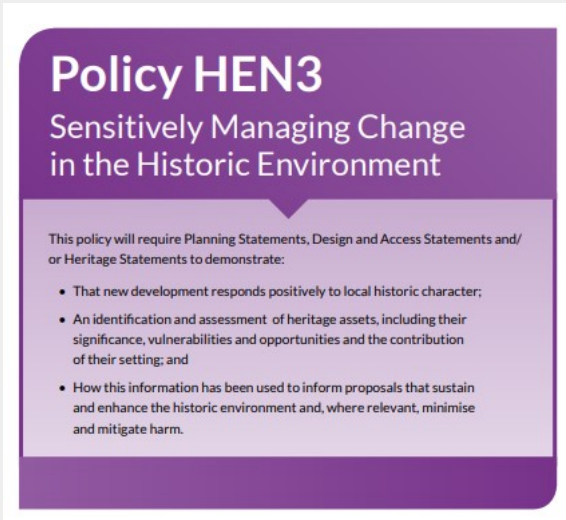
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4 Do you think that Policy HEN3 will support sensitively managed change within the historic environment?

Policy HEN3



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- Yes
- No

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5 Are there any additional policies that would support sensitively managed change in the historic environment?

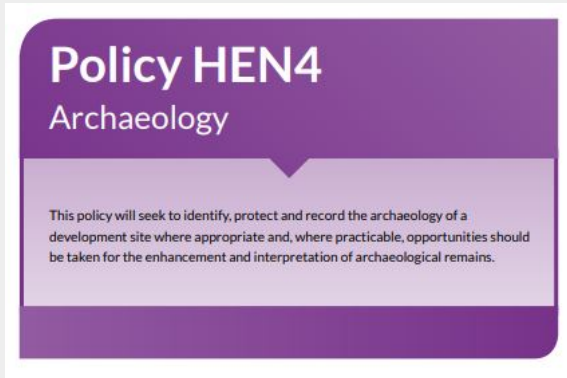
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6 Do you consider that Policy HEN4 will adequately support the protections of non-designated archaeological sites?

Policy HEN4



Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

7 Are there any additional policies that would support the protection of non-designated archaeological sites?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

8 Do you think the Local List should be expanded to the wider District?

Policy HEN5

Policy HEN5

Locally Listed Buildings

This policy will seek to reaffirm the Council's recognition of the contribution the Local List makes in valuing and defining local distinctiveness and their status as non-designated heritage assets as a material planning consideration. It will also consider the expansion of the Local List to the wider District.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

9 Do you think Policy HEN6 will support a sensitive and successful approach to responding to climate changes and energy efficiency in the historic environment?

Policy HEN6

Policy HEN6

Responding to Climate Change in the Historic Environment

This policy will seek to ensure a sensitive and tailored approach to the design and specification of energy conservation measures is taken which recognises modern and historic buildings function differently. The Council will encourage creative design approaches to the upgrading of historic buildings where they enhance their significance. The 'whole building approach' will be promoted which seeks to save energy, sustain heritage significance, and maintain a healthy indoor environment through understanding the building in its context.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

10 Are there any additional policies that would support a sensitive and successful approach to responding to climate change and energy efficiency in the historic environment?

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

11 Do you think Policy HEN7 will recognise the value of historic shop fronts and ensure appropriate replacements in historic contexts?

Policy HEN7



Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

12 Listed buildings with shopfronts already have statutory protection. Do you think this policy should apply outside conservation areas?

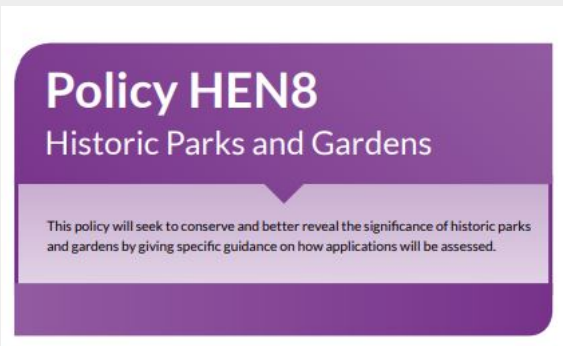
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- Yes
- No

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13 Do you think that Policy HEN8 will support the conservation and enhancement of historic park and gardens in new development?

Policy HEN8



Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

14 Are there any additional polices that would support the conservation and enhancement of historic parks and gardens in the development proposals?

Please select only one item

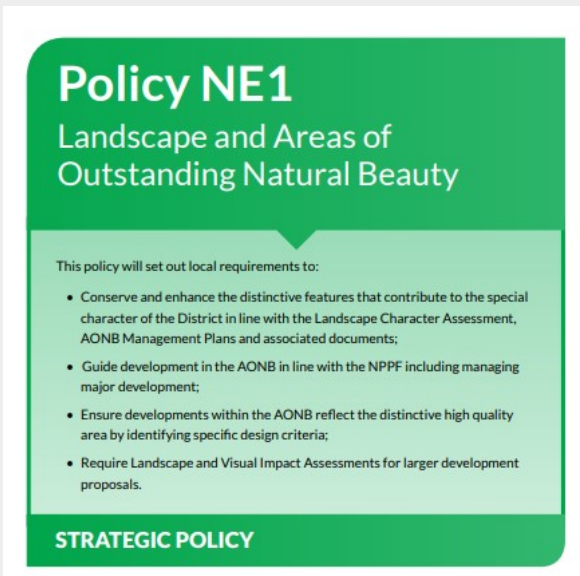
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Chapter 08 – Natural Environment

1 What could be included in Policy NE1 and design criteria for developments in the AONB?

Policy NE1



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2 Do you agree that Landscape and Visual Impact Assessments (LVIA) should be required for all new large developments?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

3 Is there anything else that should be identified as part of the District's natural landscape (blue green infrastructure network)?

Policy BW1

Policy BW1
Safeguarding Places
for Wildlife and Nature

This policy will seek to:

- Protect the blue green infrastructure network;
- Designate biodiversity areas that are not already protected through legislation such as Local Wildlife Sites;
- Support schemes and projects to enhance the blue green infrastructure network.

Please enter your answer here

4 Do you agree with Policy BW1 that locally designated sites should generally be protected from development?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

5 Do you agree with the approach to protecting the Ashdown Forest?

Policy AF1

Policy AF1

Ashdown Forest

This policy will require:

- Any residential development in the 7km zone to provide a strategic access management and monitoring (SAMMs) contribution to address visitor impact on Ashdown Forest, in line with the SAMM strategy;
- Major development within or adjacent to the 7km boundary to be assessed on a case by case basis to determine any additional mitigation measures.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

6 Is the 20% biodiversity net gain target appropriate for Sevenoaks District?

Policy BW2

Policy BW2
Biodiversity in
New Development

This policy will seek to:

- Achieve 20% biodiversity net gain from new development;
- Ensure proposals incorporate natural environment measures that help to support biodiversity, mitigate climate change and integrate climate resilience.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

1 Should we consider anything else to deliver infrastructure?

Policy IN1

Policy IN1

Infrastructure Delivery

This policy will seek to:

- Co-ordinate the appropriate delivery of new infrastructure to support development and growth within our District. We will work with providers to retain, improve and provide new infrastructure to support development and help to ensure a high quality of life for residents of all ages;
- Ensure that new development makes a contribution towards infrastructure needs arising from development, facilitating necessary infrastructure on or off site or where necessary retaining land for essential educational, community, health, movement, flood defences and Blue Green Infrastructure to support the development; and
- Work with stakeholders to address barriers that prevent infrastructure from being provided including funding.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

2 We are considering identifying what specific infrastructure will be needed to support large developments. This may prioritise infrastructure types. Do you think this is the right approach?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

3 If we are looking to prioritise infrastructure, what do you consider are the most important types to support growth?

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Highways & Transport e.g. junctions, sustainable transport <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Utilities e.g. gas, water, sewerage <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communications e.g. telecommunications and broadband <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Facilities e.g. libraries, leisure centres, sports venues <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education e.g. pre-school and nursery schools, primary and secondary education <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health and Social Care Facilities e.g. GP surgeries, mental health services <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Blue-Green Infrastructure e.g. parks, lakes <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4 Do you agree that new developments should include open spaces?

Policy OS1

Policy OS1

Open Space and Recreation

This policy will encourage:

- The retention of the District's designated open spaces shown for the current use and open space type unless it can be demonstrated that the tests set out in National Policy have been met;
- The retention of all other open spaces of value to the local community, either because of use or contribution to local character. Local Green Spaces as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework will be designated through Neighbourhood Plans; and
- The inclusion of Open Space in new development from the earliest design stage alongside onsite blue green infrastructure and biodiversity features. All new open space must include arrangements for long term maintenance and management.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

5 What else can we include to improve open space and recreation in the District?

Please enter your answer here

6 Do you agree with our approach to Children and Young People Space?

Policy OS2

Policy OS2

Children and Young People Play Space

This policy will encourage:

- Housing developments to include children and young people play space and apply, as a minimum, the following Fields in Trust requirements for the inclusion of equipped play space:

Size of Development	Local Area for Play (LAP)	Locally Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)	Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP)
5 - 10 dwellings	✓	N/A	N/A
11 - 200 dwellings	✓	✓	N/A
201 - 500 dwellings	✓	✓	Considered
500+ dwellings	✓	✓	✓

Where it has been clearly demonstrated that this is not feasible or viable, a lower level of provision must be provided as agreed by the Council:

- New and high quality children's and young people play space including multiple pieces of attractive and engaging equipment, suitable to the location and serve the local community;
- The creation of new children's and young people play space with accessible and inclusive equipment so that children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities can also use the space; and
- The improvement and expansion of existing facilities directly adjacent or very close to a smaller development site if they cannot be delivered onsite. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis for smaller developments at the Council's discretion.

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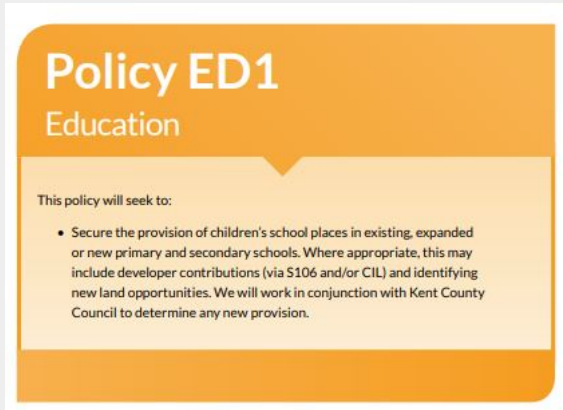
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7 Are there any other criteria we should include for Children and Young People Play Spaces?

Please enter your answer here

8 Do you agree with our approach to enhancing and increasing education provisions?

Policy ED1



Policy ED1
Education

This policy will seek to:

- Secure the provision of children's school places in existing, expanded or new primary and secondary schools. Where appropriate, this may include developer contributions (via S106 and/or CIL) and identifying new land opportunities. We will work in conjunction with Kent County Council to determine any new provision.

Please select only one item

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

9 Are there any other priorities we should include in Policy ED1?

Please enter your answer here

10 Do you agree with our approach to Sports and Leisure Facilities?

Policy SL1

Policy SL1

Sports and Leisure Facilities

This policy will encourage:

- The retention of the existing sport and leisure provision within the District unless it can be reprovided, taking account of local needs and improvement to quality. This includes:
 - All indoor sports facilities including swimming pools;
 - All sports pitches identified in the Playing Pitch Strategy;
 - Golf courses;
 - Multi-use games areas;
 - Outdoor gyms; and
 - Playing fields and sites on education establishments.
- Any redevelopment of sports and leisure provision to prioritise other sport and leisure uses in the first instance, then by other non-residential employment generating uses before a wholly residential scheme;
- Proposals to improve the quality of the District's existing leisure provision including playing pitches, indoor sports provision as well as informal sports areas to provide facilities and access for all;
- New playing pitches to be full size, be appropriately surfaced and capable of competition use unless not technically feasible;
- Proposals increasing pay and play provision and/or community access;
- New educational establishments to include community use facilities and be subject to formal community use agreements;
- Proposals increasing the number of indoor or outdoor fitness stations;
- Proposals for new playing pitches in accordance with the Playing Pitch Strategy recommendations;
- The ancillary use of sport or recreational facilities in developments where appropriate.

Please select only one item

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

11 What else should we include to encourage sports and leisure facilities in the District?

Please enter your answer here

12 Do you agree with our approach to protecting community uses?

Policy COM1

Policy COM1

Protection of Community Uses

This policy will seek to:

- Protect the loss of service uses where they are serving a local need. Exceptions will be made where equivalent replacement facilities equally accessible to the population served are provided, or where it is demonstrated, through evidence submitted that the continued operation of the service or facility is no longer needed or financially viable; and
- Prioritise the reuse of redundant school and community buildings, where there is no requirement for an alternative educational use or the existing community use, to address local need for community facilities. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment for alternative non-community uses will only be considered if it is demonstrated by the applicant that there is no identified community need that can be facilitated through the site, or that community facilities that meet the identified need are incorporated into a wider mixed-use scheme.

Please select only one item

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

13 What else can we include to protect community uses?

Please enter your answer here

14 Are there other areas of the District which have water capacity issues?

Policy IN2

Policy IN2

Water Infrastructure

This policy will:

- Require developers to ensure any necessary water or wastewater upgrades are in place before a development's occupation in order to avoid adverse impacts such as sewer flooding, pollution or issues of low/no water pressure. This can be addressed through the use of planning conditions;
- Encourage the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) in development. This can have multiple benefits including assisting the prevention of water pollution, decreasing surface water run-off, reducing risk of flooding and creating green spaces; and
- Support the inclusion of positive pumped devices in any basement development that is connected to the drainage network in order to protect the development from risks of sewer flooding.

Please enter your answer here

15 Do you agree with our approach to water infrastructure?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

16 What else can we include to successfully manage the District's water infrastructure?

Please enter your answer here

Chapter 10 – Transport

1 Do you agree with our approach to a sustainable movement network?

Policy T1

Policy T1

Sustainable Movement Network

This policy will:

- Ensure that new development is located near public transport infrastructure, services and facilities to enhance sustainable places;
- Support the incorporation, enhancement and creation of cycling and walking routes and provisions within a new development that is connected to the wider transport network;
- Create and strengthen interchanges between different transport modes (such as rail, bus, walking, cycling) to improve access and support first and last mile journeys by active travel;
- Place cycling parking facilities at transport interchanges;
- Support the improvement of the public electric vehicle-charging network in accessible and strategic locations to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles.

STRATEGIC POLICY

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree or disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

2 Is there anything else to facilitate the sustainable movement network we should include in Policy T1?

Policy T1

Policy T1

Sustainable Movement Network

This policy will:

- Ensure that new development is located near public transport infrastructure, services and facilities to enhance sustainable places;
- Support the incorporation, enhancement and creation of cycling and walking routes and provisions within a new development that is connected to the wider transport network;
- Create and strengthen interchanges between different transport modes (such as rail, bus, walking, cycling) to improve access and support first and last mile journeys by active travel;
- Place cycling parking facilities at transport interchanges;
- Support the improvement of the public electric vehicle-charging network in accessible and strategic locations to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles.

STRATEGIC POLICY

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

3 Is it appropriate for walking and cycling to be in the same policy or is it better for them to be in separate policies?

Policy T2

Policy T2

Cycling and Walking

This policy will:

- Encourage new, safe and appealing cycling and walking routes to key locations and transport interchanges;
- Enhance the existing cycling and walking routes, including Public Rights of Way (PRoW) routes, and improve the existing cycle and walking network within the development's vicinity, particularly connecting services and facilities;
- Support the adequate amount of cycle storage that is accessible, secure and weatherproof within new development;
- Integrate new pedestrian and cycle routes with the PRoW and wider travel network;
- Support the implementation of identified routes in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans;
- Create safe and continuous routes for pedestrians and cyclists that align with desire lines and integrate into the wider network;
- Prioritise pedestrians and cyclists needs within the development's design e.g. traffic calming measures, limiting traffic speeds, appropriate materials and landscaping;
- Create new routes to fill existing gaps thereby enhancing PRoW network connectivity.

Please select only one item

- Separate Policies
- Joint Policy

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

4 Do you agree with our approach to cycling and walking?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

5 Should we consider anything further to encourage cycling and walking?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

6 Should we provide less car parking in developments situated in sustainable locations, for example, town centres?

Policy T3

Policy T3 Vehicle Parking

This policy will encourage:

- Compliance with the current KCC vehicle parking standards in Interim Guidance Note 3 to the Kent Design Guide (or any subsequent replacement);
- Vehicle parking to be conveniently located to and overseen by the development;
- Developments to be well screened and integrate soft landscaping improving visual amenity;
- For residential developments with unallocated parking spaces, sufficient space provided for electric vehicle charging points;
- For non-residential developments, sufficient space within the site for the parking, unloading, loading of goods and manoeuvring of vehicles delivering and collecting goods;
- Bicycle parking to meet minimum standards with greater provision where feasible.

Notwithstanding the above, the Council may depart from the established maxima or minima standards in order to:

- Consider specific local circumstances including the development's accessibility to public transport, shops and services, highway safety concerns and local on-street parking problems;
- Ensure the successful restoration, refurbishment and re-use of listed buildings or buildings affecting the character of a Conservation Area;
- Allow the appropriate re-use of the upper floors of buildings in town centres or above shop units;
- Consider the existing parking provision (whether on or off-site) for the building's existing use for redevelopment or change of use proposals and for the use of existing public car parks outside of normal working/trading hours by restaurants and leisure uses;
- Consider a proposal's inventive parking design justifying less than the minimum provision.

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

7 Do you agree with our approach to vehicle parking?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

8 Should we consider anything further to manage vehicle parking?

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

9 Do you agree with our approach to electric charging vehicle points?

Policy T4

Policy T4**Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

This policy will require:

- All non-residential developments with car parking to include electric vehicle charging points for employees or customers use. All proposals should include publically accessible rapid electric vehicle charging points where possible and appropriate. The number of points will be at the discretion of the Council and will be determined by:
 - The size and type of the new development;
 - The number of expected employees, customers or car parking spaces;
 - The accessibility of the location;
 - The expected length of stay.
- Within new residential developments, all new houses with a garage or off street parking must include an external electrical socket with suitable voltage and wiring for the safe charging of electrical vehicles;
- Schemes for new apartments and houses with separate parking areas must include a scheme for communal charging points. The number of housing units will determine the number of points required;
- All new developments must have sufficient infrastructure to provide additional charging points to meet future demand;
- Management arrangements should be in place for all publically available or communal electric vehicle charging points to ensure charging points are working and readily available. This may include:
 - Regular maintenance to ensure points are not faulty;
 - Ensuring any faulty points are fixed quickly;
 - Maximum charge times and sanctions for users who block access to a point for other users.

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you wish to explain your answer further, please use this space

10 Are there any other priorities we should include in Policy T4?

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Please enter your answer here

Any other comments?

1 If you have any further comments for the Plan 2040 consultation, please use the space below