Proposed Revisions to draft Local Plan (preferred options)
January 2017
What is the new Local Plan?

The plan will set out policies and proposals that will guide decisions and investment on growth, development and regeneration over the period to 2031. It will set out how and where the homes, jobs, community facilities, shops and infrastructure will be delivered and the type of places and environments we want to create. It will also identify land to be protected from development, such as open space. The plan will form the local statutory planning framework for determining planning applications.

What do the proposed revisions say?

• These revisions only relate to specific parts of the draft plan. There will be an opportunity to comment on the whole draft plan before it is submitted for examination later this year.

• The housing provision over the plan period is 17,140 homes – about 7,800 either already built, with planning permission, empty homes or “windfalls” – the draft Plan only needs to find 9,300 additional homes.

• The airport site is proposed as a site for mixed-use development – housing, employment and leisure, together with new local facilities and infrastructure.

• Other new housing allocations are proposed at Westwood (with mixed leisure uses) and Shottendane.

• Identification of key road schemes to be provided to create a new “Inner Circuit” to relieve pressure on the existing road network

• To invite proposals for sites to be considered as Local Green Space within the Local Plan

• Amended location for the proposed Thanet Parkway station

• Proposals for adopting new national technical standards in relation to water efficiency; internal space standards and accessible and adaptable accommodation
The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 17 March 2017. Please ensure you have submitted your comments to us by this time.

As well as the draft Local Plan, you can also comment on the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan, or put forward areas for consideration as Local Green Space.

The quickest and easiest way for you to respond is through our online consultation portal. You will need to register to comment. If you have already registered during a previous consultation simply enter your username and password.

To comment this way go to [https://consult.thanet.gov.uk](https://consult.thanet.gov.uk)

You can also download the draft plan or you can view a paper copy of the consultation document at Thanet’s Gateway Plus, Cecil Street, Margate, and at public libraries in the district.

If you are not able to respond through the consultation portal, you can download the comments form and send it to us.

If you require a paper copy of the comments form please contact Strategic Planning on 01843 577591 or local.plans@thanet.gov.uk

Please send completed comment forms to local.plans@thanet.gov.uk or Strategic Planning, Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ.

Please be advised that comments submitted to us will be made public along with your name and the name of the organisation you are representing (if relevant). Your address and any other personal details you provide to us will remain confidential.
The process for adopting a Local Plan is set out below. Following on from the 2015 preferred options consultation in 2015 we are now asking you to let us know your views on the revisions we have made.

### 2015 consultation

- **Preferred Options consultation**
  - Public consultation of draft plan based upon our preferred strategy.
  - Proposed site allocations for development and detailed policies.

### What happened next?

We considered all of the representations received as part of this consultation. Further work was carried out on the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. The council sought an indemnity partner for the CPO of the airport. A report was commissioned on airport viability to establish a way forward for the Local Plan.

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- **This consultation - Proposed Revisions to the Draft Local Plan**
  - Focused consultation on new site allocations to meet the housing need including a mixed use policy for the former airport site.
  - Consultation also includes infrastructure matters, the Sustainability Appraisal and Local Green Space.

### What happens next?

- Draft the final Plan for submission.
- Pre-submission consultation
- Submission to Secretary of State.
- **Examination** - Where an inspector will consider whether the plan has been positively prepared, and that its policies are justified, effective, pass the legal tests and are in conformity with government guidance.

### Adoption of the Plan

Following the examination the Inspector may recommend changes to the plan. At this stage a further consultation will be carried out.

The council will then adopt the Thanet Local Plan which will become the statutory plan for Thanet to 2031.
The Strategic Planning Team is here to help you understand the plan and facilitate the consultation. Additional information can be found on the Local Plan pages of the council’s website and the team will be available to talk to you by telephone and email.

We are also holding a number of public engagement sessions throughout January and February where you can meet the team and ask questions.

The sessions will be taking place on:

- **Saturday 28 January: 9am to 12pm**
  - The Thanet Gateway
  - Cecil Street
  - Margate, CT9 1RE

- **Friday 3 February: 9am to 12pm**
  - The Kent Innovation Centre
  - Thanet Reach Business Park, Millennium Way, Broadstairs, CT10 2QQ

- **Monday 6 February: 9am to 12pm & Tuesday 14 February: 1pm to 4.30pm**
  - Custom House,
  - Harbour Parade,
  - Ramsgate, CT11 8LP

- **Wednesday 15 February: 9am to 12pm**
  - King Ethelbert’s School
  - Canterbury Rd,
  - Birchington, CT7 9BL

- **Friday 17 February: 1pm to 5pm**
  - The Kent Innovation Centre

- **Thursday 23 February: 5pm to 8pm**
  - The Thanet Gateway

Further information

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