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Canterbury District's Green Infrastructure Strategy supports the delivery of both Canterbury City Council's adopted Local Plan 2017 and the Corporate Plan, both of which recognise the importance of environmental sustainability and the protection of Canterbury district's outstanding natural assets. It also brings together the objectives and actions of several Canterbury City Council strategies including the Transport Strategy and the Riverside Strategy, as well as others. The strategy fully addresses the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework and also incorporates the green infrastructure priorities of the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan.

The strategy sets out a strategic network of green infrastructure across Canterbury district, along with an assessment of needs and opportunities, strategic priorities and objectives. It takes a multifunctional and cross-boundary approach to green infrastructure planning and considers biodiversity, recreation and active travel, water resources, woodlands, landscape character and health and wellbeing in formulating priorities and actions.

Canterbury City Council's approach to green infrastructure is set out in:

- The Main Report document, which sets out the headline findings and the priorities and actions required to deliver green infrastructure. This is supported by:

- The Evidence Report, which provides the evidence base, which underpins the priorities and objectives;
- **This Action Plan**, which provides further detail on the delivery of the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

This Action Plan covers the period from 2018 – 2023 and includes the projects which are intended to be taken forward during this time period, to deliver green infrastructure objectives. Not all funding has been identified and projects will only proceed providing the funding comes forward.

The Action Plan will be monitored and reviewed annually and updated if required. The actions will be short term (1 – 2 years), medium term (3 – 4 years) and long term (5 years and over).

A series of Objectives are set out in the Main Report for each of the three main urban areas (Whitstable, Herne Bay and the City of Canterbury) and the rural areas of the district and these are included within this Action Plan so that you can check which of the Objectives will be met by which projects. The projects are split between those that Canterbury City Council will lead and those which will require partnership working, or are longer-term aspirations

## Action Plan

Project Name/Description	Project Lead	Partners	Meets GIS Objectives	Timescale for Implementation	Funding Source	Estimated Cost
Riverside Walk interpretation signage project	CCC	Canterbury Riverside Group	CC2, CC6, CC12	Short term - 2018/19	CCC	£10,000
St Mary de Castro grounds improvement	CCC	Friends of Dane John Gardens	CC6, CC7, CC12	Short term - 2018/19	CCC	Not costed
Chestfield Play Area refurbishment	CCC	Parish Council	W4, W11, W13	Short term -By end 2018	S106	£80,000
SAMMS – Thanet Coastal Monitoring Bird and Visitor Survey Carried Out	CCC	Thanet District Council	W2,HB2	Short term – Nov 2018- Feb 2019	S106	£20,000
SAMMS- Swale Coastal monitoring Wardens on site, signage going up	CCC	North Kent SAMMS (5 councils)	W2, HB2	Short term – Oct 2018 – March 2019	S106	£115,000
Herne Bay Coastal Park improvements – Victorian sea shelter project	CCC	Local community group	HB8	Short term -Early 2019	CCC	£35,000
Riverside walking and cycle route, Canterbury phase 1: Asda to Vauxhall Avenue	CCC		CC6, CC7, CC12, CC17	Short term - By March 2019	S106	£140,000
Crab and Winkle Way Whitstable Phase 1 extension of path to Old Bridge Road	CCC	Crab and Winkle line trust	W7, W10, W12, W13, W17	Short term - By March 2019	S106	£140,000

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A2990 Thanet Way – signed cycle route on northern footway	CCC		W7, W13	Short term - By March 2019	CCC	£1,000
Kingsmead Field Welcome and interpretation signage project	CCC	Friends of Kingsmead Field / Canterbury Riverside Group	CC4, CC6, CC12	Short term -2019	CCC	£10,000
Riverside Walk Fingerpost signage improvements	CCC	Canterbury Riverside Group	CC2, CC6, CC12	Short term -2019	CCC	Not costed
Dane John Gardens Play Area replacement/refurbishment	CCC	Historic England / Friends of Dane John Gardens	CC9, CC12	Short term -By end of 2019	CCC	£150,000
Kingsmead Field tree planting and wildflower project	CCC	Friends of Kingsmead Field	CC2, CC6	Short term - 2019/2020	CCC / developer funding	Not costed
Seasalter Marshes project - creation of Wetlands RSPB nature reservation	CCC / RSPB	Swale Borough Council	W1	Short term - By end 2020	RSPB / CCC	£350,000
Reculver Country Park expansion of facilities / camping provision	CCC	Natural England / Historic England	HB10	Short term -End 2020	CCC / External / commercial partners	Over 25 years up to £500,000
Smoke Free Play Areas project	CCC		CC9, CC12, W11, W13, HB11,	Short term -By end 2020	CCC	£15,000

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			HB13			
Expansion and improvement of Duncan Down	CCC / Developer	Friends of Duncan Down	W8	Medium term-By 2022	S106	TBC
Wraik Hill land enhancements	CCC	Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)	W1	Medium term -By end 2021	CCC/ HLF grant	£500,000
Riverside walking and cycling route, Canterbury Phase 2: Vauxhall Avenue to Vauxhall Road	CCC		CC6, CC7, CC12, CC17	Medium term - By March 2021	S106	£140,000
Riverside walking and cycling route, Canterbury Widening of existing route: Kingsmead to city centre	CCC		CC2, CC6, CC7, CC12, CC17	Medium term - By March 2021	S106	£100,000
Pigeon Lane to Herne Bay rail station	CCC		HB7, HB13	Medium term -By March 2021	S106	£100,000
Tankerton Football Club – provision of football in Green Gap with biodiversity enhancements to the area	Tankerton FC / CCC	Football Association / Football Foundation	W6, W9, W11, W13, W15, W17	Long term -Phased – up to 5 years	CCC S106 / FA and FF funding / Tankerton FC	Full cost not known.
Alcroft Grange Road cycle link to Broad Oak village	CCC	KCC, UoK	CC6, CC7, CC12, CC14 CC17	Long term - By March 2023	S106	Not costed

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Green Corridor - South Canterbury to city centre as part of Strategic Development Site 1	Not known	Mountfield Park developers	CC6, CC7, CC12, CC17	Long term -By March 2023	S106	Not costed
Cycle links Thanington to city centre as part of Strategic Development Site 11	Not known	Thanington Park developers	CC6, CC7, CC12, CC17	Long term -By March 2023	S106	Not costed
Crab and Winkle Way Whitstable Phase 2 extension of path to Railway Avenue	CCC	Crab and Winkle line trust	W7, W10, W12, W13, W17	Long term - By March 2023	Private funding	Not costed
Whitstable Community College to Invicta Way	Not known		W7, W13	Long term - By March 2023	Not identified	Not costed
Rough Common Road to Boughton cycle route through Blean Woods	Not known		RC4, RC6, RC9, RC10, RC14, RC15	Long term - By March 2023	Not identified	Not costed
Canterbury to Herne Bay cycle route	Not known	Developers	HB7, HB8, HB14, HB15	Long term - By March 2023 and beyond	S106	Not costed

## Whitstable – Objectives (W)

	Whitstable - Canterbury City Council Objectives	Strategic Priorities		Whitstable - Longer Term and Partnership Objectives	Strategic Priorities
W1	Continue positive management of nature conservation sites owned by Canterbury City Council and incorporate biodiversity and ecosystem services enhancements into other council sites.	3, 5	W12	Develop an urban greening project to bring green infrastructure into urban areas, including on green space sites not owned by the council, e.g. playing fields, school grounds, industrial and commercial sites, road verges and pedestrians and cycling routes, working with communities and fostering local action.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
W2	Ensure effective delivery of both the Swale SPA and Thanet Coast SAMM actions with neighbouring local authorities, including wardening and education.	1, 3, 5	W13	Promote the full range of access opportunities, including public rights of way, encourage healthy walking groups and walking to school.	4, 6
W3	Ensure all new development provides sufficient green space to meet adopted standards for the increase in population ('no net loss' of green space) and delivers biodiversity 'net gain'.	1, 2, 3, 4	W14	Consider management options at Long Rock if SAMM measures do not fully address the need to relieve pressure on this sensitive site.	3, 5
W4	Due to limited provision, ensure all green space is high quality and provides a range of facilities, as well as providing biodiversity and ecosystem services benefits.	3, 4	W15	Seek biodiversity improvements in the Biodiversity Opportunity Area which extends into the green gap, to also provide access to address deficits, relieve pressure on sensitive biodiversity sites and improve links to the countryside.	2, 3, 5
W5	Develop new open space in wards with green space deficits, to meet adopted standards and to relieve pressure on sensitive biodiversity sites.	3, 4, 5	W16	Seek improvements to Oyster Coast Brooks watercourses for water quality and biodiversity connectivity, including community engagement and local action to improve those not within the Water Framework Directive.	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
W6	Ensure that a range of benefits for people and wildlife are provided in the delivery of the new junior football pitches, east of Swalecliffe (LP Policy OS4).	2, 3, 4, 5	W17	Develop good infrastructure, interpretation and management at high value biodiversity sites with high recreational use and utilise public rights of way to increase access choices.	3, 4, 5
W7	Implement new cycle routes in accordance with Transport Strategy, seeking green infrastructure gains in implementation.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	W18	Support measures to reduce industrial and domestic water consumption and measures to improve water quality.	1, 2, 3, 5
W8	Improve and expand Duncan Down as part of new development, maximise biodiversity connectivity, protect Gorrell Wood ancient woodland and support community engagement.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6			
W9	New development should retain and, where appropriate plant, trees, hedgerows and woodland of amenity and wildlife value and seek biodiversity 'net gain'.	2, 3, 4, 5			
W10	Protect remaining ancient woodland and 'priority habitat' woodland, seeking to implement sensitive management around these sites and increase connectivity.	2, 3, 5			
W11	Deliver new play facilities and enhancements, deliver new allotment site and new mini and junior football in accordance with the Open Spaces Strategy.	4, 5			

## Herne Bay Objectives – (HB)

	Herne Bay - Canterbury City Council Objectives	Strategic Priorities		Herne Bay - Longer Term and Partnership Objectives	Strategic Priorities
HB1	Continue positive management of nature conservation sites owned by Canterbury City Council and incorporate biodiversity and ecosystem services enhancements into other council sites.	3, 5	HB12	Develop an urban greening project to bring green infrastructure into urban areas, including on green space sites not owned by the council, e.g. playing fields, school grounds, industrial and commercial sites, road verges and pedestrians and cycling routes, working with communities and fostering local action.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
HB2	Ensure effective delivery of both the Swale SPA and Thanet Coast SAMM actions with neighbouring local authorities, including wardening and education.	1, 3, 5	HB13	Promote the full range of access opportunities, including public rights of way; encourage healthy walking groups and walking to school.	4, 6
HB3	Ensure all new development provides sufficient green space to meet adopted standards for the increase in population ('no net loss' of green space) and delivers biodiversity 'net gain'.	1, 2, 3, 4	HB14	Seek improvements to Oyster Coast Brooks watercourses for water quality and biodiversity connectivity, including community engagement and local action to improve those not within the Water Framework Directive.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
HB4	Due to limited provision, ensure all green space is high quality and provides a range of facilities, as well as providing biodiversity and ecosystem services benefits.	3, 4	HB15	Ensure links into the urban area from the countryside are retained.	2, 3, 5
HB5	Develop new open space in wards with green space deficits, to meet adopted standards and to relieve pressure on sensitive biodiversity sites.	3, 4, 5	HB16	Support measures to reduce industrial and domestic water consumption and measures to improve water quality.	1, 2, 3, 5
HB6	Maximise biodiversity in existing green spaces; implement recommendations in Herne Bay Coastal Park Management Plan and improve biodiversity in Memorial Park.	2, 3, 4, 5	HB17	Develop good infrastructure, interpretation and management at high value biodiversity sites with high recreational use and utilise public rights of way to increase access choices.	3, 4, 5
HB7	Implement new cycle routes in accordance with Transport Strategy, seeking green infrastructure gains in implementation.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5			
HB8	Ensure corridor routes are maintained and enhanced through the strategic allocations around Herne Bay.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5			
HB9	New development should retain and, where appropriate plant, trees, hedgerows and woodland of amenity and wildlife value and seek biodiversity 'net gain'.	2, 3, 4, 5			
HB10	Deliver Reculver Masterplan and longer term ambitions for the country park and surrounding area.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6			
HB11	Deliver new play facilities and enhancements, deliver new allotment site and new mini and junior football in accordance with the Open Spaces Strategy.	4, 5			



## Canterbury City Objectives (CC)

	Canterbury City - Canterbury City Council Objectives	Strategic Priorities		Canterbury City - Longer Term and Partnership Objectives	Strategic Priorities
CC1	Continue positive management of nature conservation sites owned by Canterbury City Council and incorporate biodiversity and ecosystem services enhancements into other council sites.	3, 5	CC11	Develop an urban greening project to bring green infrastructure into urban areas, including on green space sites not owned by the council, e.g. playing fields, school grounds, industrial and commercial sites, road verges and pedestrians and cycling routes, working with communities and fostering local action.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
CC2	Implement actions for wildlife and access in the Riverside Strategy to improve and strengthen the river corridor through the city centre.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	CC12	Promote the full range of access opportunities, including public rights of way; encourage healthy walking groups and walking to school.	4, 6
CC3	Ensure all new development provides sufficient green space to meet adopted standards for the increase in population ('no net loss' of green space) and delivers biodiversity 'net gain'.	1, 2, 3, 4	CC13	Work with partners to maximise the range of public and wildlife benefits for the area around Old Park.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
CC4	Where there is limited provision, ensure all green space is high quality and provides a range of facilities, as well as providing biodiversity and ecosystem services benefits.	3, 4	CC14	Ensure wildlife and access corridor links into the urban area from the countryside are maintained and enhanced.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
CC5	Develop new open space in wards with green space deficits, to meet adopted standards and to relieve pressure on sensitive biodiversity sites.	3, 4, 5	CC15	Support measures to reduce industrial and domestic water consumption and measures to improve water quality.	1, 2, 3, 5
CC6	Ensure that the wider countryside is linked to the city centre through strategic allocations and that corridor linkages across and into the city are retained in the future.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	CC16	Expand and connect woodlands, seeking to implement sensitive management around these sites, connect and protect woodlands at the University of Kent and around the urban area and promote increased woodland management.	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
CC7	Implement new cycle routes in accordance with Transport Strategy, seeking green infrastructure gains in implementation.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	CC17	Continue to develop a strategic active travel network to accommodate future increases in population.	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
CC8	New development should retain and, where appropriate plant, trees, hedgerows and woodland of amenity and wildlife value and seek biodiversity 'net gain'.	2, 3, 4, 5	CC18	Promote SUDS schemes, support measures to naturalise the River Stour, reduce water consumption and encourage local communities to take an active role in improving watercourses.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
CC9	Deliver new play facilities and enhancements, deliver new allotment site and new mini and junior football in accordance with the Open Spaces Strategy.	4, 5			
CC10	Protect ancient woodland and 'priority habitat' woodland, seeking to implement sensitive management around these sites and increase connectivity.				

## Rural Canterbury Objectives (RC)

	Rural Canterbury District - Canterbury City Council Objectives	Strategic Priorities		Rural Canterbury District - Longer Term and Partnership Objectives	Strategic Priorities
RC1	Continue cross-boundary working with neighbouring districts to further nature conservation across the landscape.	2, 3, 5	RC11	Support delivery of Biodiversity Opportunity Area* targets and the delivery of the Kent Biodiversity Strategy and encourage a 'more, bigger, better and joined' approach for nature conservation, taking a landscape-scale and cross-boundary approach (*East Kent Woodlands and Downs, Thanet Cliffs and Shore, Lower Stour Wetlands, The Blean, North Kent Marshes).	2, 3, 5,
RC2	Support community initiatives to improve nature conservation sites.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	RC12	Supporting partnerships in developing and gaining funding for more ambitious landscape-scale projects for nature conservation and for strategic access routes.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
RC3	Take forward landscape and conservation projects in partnership with the Kent Downs AONB Unit and support delivery of the Kent Downs AONB Management Plan.	2, 3, 5	RC13	Protect, connect and implement sensitive management around ancient woodland and 'priority habitat' woodland and promote the need for woodland management.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
RC4	Ensure that the countryside is linked to the city centre through strategic allocations and that corridor linkages across and into the city are retained in the future.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	RC14	Continue to seek new strategic routes to link town and country, e.g. from east of the City of Canterbury.	1, 2, 3, 5
RC5	Continue to ensure those sites managed by Canterbury City Council are in good condition for wildlife and access.	2, 3, 5	RC15	Support promotion of the public rights of way network for health and wellbeing and tourism benefits.	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
RC6	Implement new cycle routes in accordance with Transport Strategy, seeking green infrastructure gains in implementation.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	RC16	Support measures to improve water resources, as set out in the Waterbody Improvement Plans, encouraging communities to take an active role in improving watercourses and supporting reductions in water use and improvements in water quality.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
RC7	New development should retain and, where appropriate plant, trees, hedgerows and woodland of amenity and wildlife value and seek biodiversity 'net gain'.	2, 3, 4, 5			
RC8	Deliver new play facilities and enhancements, deliver new allotment site and new mini and junior football in accordance with the Open Spaces Strategy.	4, 5			
RC9	Ensure that the countryside is linked to urban areas.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5			
RC10	Continue to work in partnership to deliver cross-boundary projects for The Blean and Seasalter.	2, 3, 5, 6			