

Draft Canterbury District Local Plan 2040  
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# **DUTY TO COOPERATE COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

(2024)

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This statement sets out how Canterbury City Council (the council) have worked to comply with the Duty to Cooperate (DtC). The statement demonstrates a history of collaboration and engagement with neighbouring authorities, public bodies and stakeholders in the preparation of the 2040 Local Plan.
- 1.2. The statement sets out how cooperation has maximised the effective shaping of the strategies and policies within the Local Plan, and demonstrates a positive and continuous partnership working on strategic issues that transverse local authority boundaries. It is worth noting that this statement represents a point-in-time position of the council's compliance with the Duty to Cooperate, and the process is ongoing. An updated statement will be issued at subsequent stages of the Local Plan's preparation.
- 1.3. The statement is structured by key policy areas where there has been cooperation and engagement with relevant parties, and highlights the practical policy outcomes that have so far resulted from cooperation.
- 1.4. The statement also reports on how the DtC is being met on an ongoing basis and is continuing through plan implementation and monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report.
- 1.5. As supporting evidence that the DtC has been satisfied, the statement incorporates the latest iterations of the council's Statements of Common Ground (Appendix A), with up-to-date signed statements between the council and Dover District Council, Swale Borough Council, Ashford Borough Council and Folkestone and Hythe District Council.
- 1.6. The statement also incorporates a list of DtC meetings from April 2023 to February 2024 (Appendix B). Earlier lists of meetings can be found in the relevant Authority Monitoring Reports which are published on the council's website.

## 2. Legal and national policy requirements

- 2.1. The DtC stems from the Localism Act 2011, and is highlighted in paragraph 24 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). The Act places a legal duty on local planning authorities (LPAs) and other prescribed bodies to cooperate with each other on strategic cross boundary matters, including throughout the preparation of local plans. Cooperation is an ongoing process, including through implementation.
- 2.2. The LPAs that the council shares boundaries with are listed below, along with their stages of Local Plan process.

Local Planning Authorities (LPAs)	Stage in Local Plan process
Dover District Council	<p>The first draft of the plan went out for public consultation in early 2021. Regulation 19 Local Plan published in October 2022.</p> <p>The Dover District Local Plan was submitted for Examination on 31st March 2023.</p>
Ashford Borough Council	<p>The Ashford Local Plan 2030 was adopted in February 2019.</p> <p>An update to the LDS was adopted in March 2023, with a Regulation 18 consultation expected in late 2024.</p>
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	Core Strategy Review Adopted in March 2022.
Thanet District Council	The Thanet Local Plan was adopted in July 2020.
Swale Borough Council	<p>The Swale Borough Local Plan was adopted in July 2017. Regulation 18 consultation on Issues and Options took place in October and November 2021.</p> <p>A Regulation 19 consultation had been planned to take place in October-December 2022 however in October 2022, SBC decided to postpone formal consultation stages until after the NPPF consultation. In November 2023 Members agreed to continue to postpone the next formal consultation stage of the Local Plan review.</p>

## Prescribed bodies

- 2.3. The council engages with prescribed bodies on relevant strategic issues, varying in frequency and approach dependent on the nature and scale of the issues. Many of these bodies are considered to play a key role in the development of the Local Plan, and therefore cooperation between them and the council is vital to make the Local Plan as effective as possible on various matters, including strategic cross boundary matters.

Prescribed Bodies	Involvement in Local Plan and strategic matters
KCC - Highways, Education, Infrastructure, Minerals and Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement in production of SLAA through advising on potential sites from a transport perspective</li> <li>● Involvement in preparation of the transport strategy, strategic transport modelling and the planning of development allocations to ensure appropriate transport infrastructure, adequate access and sustainable transport links</li> <li>● Involvement in planning for new schools and other community infrastructure, identifying infrastructure requirements and constraints.</li> <li>● Involvement in planning for the management of waste and supply of minerals and location of housing allocations</li> </ul>
Natural England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement in discussions around water quality concerns at Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve which affects the wider catchment area.</li> <li>● Involvement in a wide range of policy, projects and initiatives including some that deliver carbon reduction and climate resilience</li> </ul>
National Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement in strategic transport modelling and mitigation to support development of Local Plan, along with development of RIS and other strategic projects such as Lower Thames Crossing</li> </ul>

	which CCC engages with.
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement in a wide range of policy, projects and initiatives including some that deliver carbon reduction and climate resilience and water supply/treatment and flooding</li> </ul>
South East Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Responsible for water supply in the district. Involved in strategic planning for water infrastructure across the wider area to support growth, development and respond to environmental challenges including climate change.</li> <li>● SEW have identified the delivery of a new reservoir at Broad Oak between 2033 and 2036 to ensure supplies meet growing demand across the wider area within their Water Resources Management Plan, which is also now reflected in Policy R17 of the Local Plan.</li> </ul>
Southern Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Responsible for waste water treatment in the district. Involved in strategic planning for waste water infrastructure across the wider area to support growth, development and respond to environmental challenges including climate change and nutrient neutrality. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Historic England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement in a range of heritage preservation initiatives such as World Heritage Site and Canterbury Conservation Areas. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Mayor of London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Input into Kent regional planning issues. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Network Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Involvement in the delivery of rail infrastructure schemes. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Homes and Communities Agency (Homes England)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ongoing dialogue on affordable housing delivery</li> </ul>

NHS England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration on the issue of health infrastructure including a new hospital in Canterbury. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Office of Rail Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in the delivery of rail infrastructure schemes. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Marine Management Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in marine and coastal matters. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Civil Aviation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in aviation matters. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>
Coal Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in coal mining matters. Ongoing engagement in Local Plan development through consultation.</li> </ul>

- 2.4. The DtC requires on-going constructive and active engagement on the preparation of local plans and other documents, in particular in connection with strategic cross boundary matters.
- 2.5. For the purposes of the DtC, a strategic cross boundary matter is defined as relating to the sustainable development and use of land or infrastructure that has or would have a significant impact on at least two local planning authority areas.
- 2.6. The council has engaged with its neighbouring local authorities to discuss and agree what the relevant cross boundary strategic matters are, and these are summarised in Section 3. These issues vary between each local authority but generally include topics such as housing, the local economy, infrastructure and the environment.

## 3. Structures for cooperation

### Approach to cooperation

#### Regional - Kent wide

- 3.1. Regional cooperation is important to understand issues affecting the wider south east, and the council continues to be involved with, and contribute positively to regional planning such as through the Transport for the South East Transport Strategy, the Network Rail Connectivity Strategy and the National Highways Scheme for the Lower Thames Crossing.
- 3.2. At the Kent level, the council has established structures in place such as the Kent Chief Planners Group and Kent Planning Policy Forum (KPPF), where county-wide issues are discussed and information can be shared. These groups also act as the key point of contact with the Greater London Authority, and the London Plan is a standing item at KPPF. The Kent Nature Partnership (KNP) focuses on protecting the natural environment in Kent and the council works with KNP to formulate environmental strategies and to meet Kent wide environmental targets. Regular meetings with the Kent leaders and Chief Executives are also held to discuss and share information on county-wide issues.
- 3.3. There has been ongoing collaboration with KCC throughout the Local Plan preparation process, identifying the issues that KCC has responsibility for. This has notably involved transport, education planning and minerals and waste management.

#### Sub-regional and topic based

- 3.4. The council is a member of the East Kent Regeneration Board along with KCC and east Kent LPAs. The Board is a key decision-making body for infrastructure and regeneration schemes, and has developed a set of shared objectives for growth in East Kent, formally through the East Kent Growth Framework in 2017.
- 3.5. As part of the East Kent DtC group, issues concerning East Kent are discussed and information is shared. The East Kent LPAs have formalised this arrangement through a Memorandum of Understanding which formalises the need for cooperation and engagement on strategic infrastructure planning matters.
- 3.6. Topic based groups follow on from key strategic issues, and discussions are centred around key matters. The council has established groups over the relevant geographies to progress specific issues. For example, the Nutrient Neutrality Working Group is made up of Stodmarsh



catchment LPAs and KCC and meets regularly to engage on the nutrient neutrality issue affecting Stodmarsh Special Area of Conservation. The Kent Downs AONB Unit, which the council is a member of along with Ashford Borough Council, Folkestone and Hythe District council and Dover District Council, provides for an appropriately joined-up approach to management of the Kent Downs AONB, which included the production of the AONB Management Plan (2021-2026). The North Kent and East Kent Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategies (SAMMS) groups were established to focus on the joint management of important habitats, namely the North Kent marshes and Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay. Topic based meetings with Kent LPAs, KCC and National Highways enable constructive discussion on strategic issues such as the M2/A2, including updates on transport modelling and topic-specific discussions.

### **Local scale collaboration**

- 3.7. A critical part of the DTC involves the collaboration with the other local authorities in East Kent – Ashford Borough Council, Dover District Council, Thanet District Council and Folkestone and Hythe District Council as well as Swale Borough Council. Informal meetings between individual districts to discuss key strategic cross-boundary issues were key in the formation of Statements of Common Ground.

## **Statements of Common Ground**

- 3.8. Paragraph 27 of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (2023) sets out the requirement for the preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SOCGs) as part of the process of preparing a Local Plan.
- 3.9. As part of the preparation of the new Local Plan, the Council has prepared SOCGs with neighbouring local planning authorities to demonstrate the undertaking of effective and on-going cooperation.
- 3.10. The purpose of the SOCGs is to:
- (1) Define which strategic matters require cooperation;
  - (2) Set out which strategic matters we have an agreed position on; and
  - (3) Set out where further work is required, and the progress to date in addressing these matters.
- 3.11. The following sets out progress and status of the Council's Statements of Common Ground with neighbouring authorities. The council will continue to monitor the statements, looking out for any changes and ensuring that they are kept up to date.

Neighbouring authority	Status
Dover District Council	Agreed February 2024
Swale Borough Council	Agreed February 2024
Ashford Borough Council	Agreed January 2024
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	Agreed January 2024
Thanet District Council	In preparation

## 4. Summary of engagement and outcomes of cooperation on strategic issues

This section outlines the strategic issues which require cross-boundary cooperation, split into the topics of housing, economy, infrastructure and environment. The tables below outline the bodies involved in cooperation and a brief description of each strategic issue as well as the current status of the issue and the next steps. This summarises the current situation that agreement has already been reached on the majority of cross boundary strategic matters, while ongoing cooperation is needed to address those matters which remain currently unresolved.

### Housing

- 4.1. Housing need and distribution is a key area of plan making where cross boundary cooperation can be required. Housing Market Areas (HMAs) do not always follow administrative boundaries and it is important to consider issues of housing need and supply at a wider spatial scale. In line with the NPPF, the council has worked together with neighbouring LPAs at HMA level to consider housing provision strategically and has reached agreement that each LPA plans to meet its own housing needs within its own administrative boundary. Through this process it is also recognised that Gypsy and Traveller accommodation is not currently considered to be a key issue in terms of cross boundary impacts.

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Meeting housing needs	CCC, ABC, DDC, SBC, TDC, FHDC	Agreed	Councils working to their individual housing targets
SOCGs have been agreed between the neighbouring LPAs on the matters of housing market areas and meeting housing needs. All councils have agreed to prepare their own Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and also to meet their housing needs in full within their own administrative area.			

### Economy

- 4.2. As economic market areas often overlap LPA boundaries, it is important to consider issues of employment need and supply at a wider spatial scale. The council has cooperated with LPAs

to plan strategically for employment provision and has reached agreement that each LPA plans to meet its own employment needs within its own administrative boundary. .

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Meeting employment needs	CCC, ABC, DDC, SBC, TDC, FHDC	Agreed	Councils working to meet their own employment needs
SOCGs have been agreed between the neighbouring LPAs on the matters of functional economic market areas and meeting employment needs. All councils have agreed to prepare their own economic assessments and also to meet their employment needs in full within their own administrative area.			

## Infrastructure

- 4.3. The council has cooperated constructively with key infrastructure providers throughout the development of the Local Plan to assess the impacts of planned growth on the delivery of their services, and to identify effective solutions to mitigate impacts or create additional infrastructure capacity. Where the identified need for infrastructure raises cross-boundary issues, the council has worked constructively with neighbouring authorities to address these.

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Highways and transportation: M2/A2	CCC, DDC, SBC, KCC, NH	Ongoing	Continuing discussions on mitigating any impacts of development on the M2/A2.
<p>The A2 is a key strategic link between Canterbury and Dover, and the main route into Swale and onto the M2. As part of the SOCGs, local authorities have agreed that the A2 is a strategic issue, including improvements to its key junctions and interchanges.</p> <p>There has been continuous engagement and consultation with KCC Highways and National Highways to inform the development of the Local Plan. The council is continuing to engage and share information on transport modelling to determine respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary, and progress is outlined in the SOCGs with DDC and SBC.</p>			

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Highways and	CCC, ABC, TDC,	Ongoing	Continuing discussions on

transportation: A28	Highways England		mitigating any impacts of development on the A28
<p>The A28 corridor is the key south-west / north-east strategic link for East Kent, connecting Ashford, Canterbury and Thanet. As part of the SOCGs, local authorities have agreed that parts of this corridor are already at capacity and require upgrades to support growth and economic development.</p> <p>CCC is continuing to engage and share information on transport modelling to determine respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary, and progress is outlined in the SOCGs with ABC and TDC.</p>			

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Highways and transportation: B2068 Stone Street	CCC, FHDC, Highways England	Ongoing	Continuing discussions on mitigating any impacts of development on the B2068
<p>The B2068 Stone Street is the key link between Canterbury and Hythe, and one of the main routes between Canterbury and Folkestone. The council is continuing to engage and share information on transport modelling to determine respective impacts that development may have on the B2068 and connecting roads and discussing mitigation solutions where necessary, and progress is outlined in the SOCG with FHDC.</p>			

#### Progress on strategic transport issues since 2022

A base model for the Canterbury district was agreed with National Highways and KCC in November 2023. The testing of Local Plan growth scenarios is ongoing, as is engagement with relevant parties as the modelling progresses.

The Regulation 22 Dover District Local Plan (2023) recognises the importance of upgrades to the Strategic Highway Network and includes plans for improvements including dualling sections of single carriageway on the A2 north of Dover along Jubilee Way to Whitfield and near Lydden, upgrades to the Whitfield Roundabout and upgrades to the Duke of York Roundabout. This is in line with the A2/M2 SoCG which outlines that “proposals for growth in the Local Plans need to assess the impacts upon this route and where necessary identify deliverable mitigation measures” (see Appendix A).

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
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Secondary education provision	KCC, DDC	Agreed	Councils working to meet their own education needs
It has been agreed that strategic education issues relate to the provision of secondary school education capacity in the Canterbury/north Dover area. However, KCC Education are currently content that both the CCC and DDC Local Plans continue with the approach to accommodate secondary capacity within their own administrative areas.			

Progress on strategic education issues since 2022

The strategic cross-boundary issue relating to Land at Cooting Farm (draft Local Plan 2022 Policy R1) has been removed from the updated Statement of Common Ground with DDC as the site is no longer proposed for allocation. There are no further cross-boundary education issues, and councils will continue working to meet their own education needs.

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Safeguarding mineral resources and minerals and waste infrastructure	KCC	Agreed	Ongoing discussions regarding proposed development allocations.
Minerals are finite natural resources which need to be managed and safeguarded appropriately to ensure future availability. Engagement with KCC involved discussions around planning for the future management of waste and supply of minerals in the county, and decisions on how this will affect housing and employment development within the Canterbury district.			
The council has agreed to ensure that KCC policies for minerals and waste infrastructure safeguarding are appropriately implemented through the Local Plan.			

## Environment

- 4.4. The council has cooperated constructively with key statutory bodies throughout the preparation of the Local Plan to assess the impacts of planned growth on the natural and historic environment, and identify effective solutions to mitigate any impacts. Involvement with groups such as the Nutrient Neutrality working group and Birdwise ensure effective engagement on these cross-boundary issues.

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
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Stodmarsh Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	Natural England, DDC, ABC, KCC, EA, Southern Water, Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Ongoing	Continuing discussions
The council continues to cooperate with Natural England, neighbouring authorities and other stakeholders in relation to the water quality concerns at Stodmarsh. The parties are working together to develop a catchment-wide mitigation strategy.			

#### Progress on Stodmarsh mitigation since 2022

Progress has been ongoing regarding the catchment-wide nutrient mitigation strategy, with fortnightly discussions by the Nutrient Neutrality working group which includes neighbouring authorities and key stakeholders. £9.8m was awarded by the government in December 2023 to support the delivery of the emerging catchment strategy.

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Landscape (AONBs)	KCC, ABC, FHDC, DDC	Agreed	Joint management of the Kent Downs AONB
<p>The Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) transverses the boundary between Canterbury, Ashford, Folkestone and Hythe and Dover districts. The councils have a statutory duty to conserve and enhance this protected landscape.</p> <p>The parties agree that the Kent Downs AONB Unit, of which the parties are full members, provides for an appropriately joined-up approach to management of the Kent Downs AONB. The third revision of the AONB Management Plan (2021-2026) was adopted in 2021.</p>			

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
Habitats: East Kent (Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA)	TDC, NE, East Kent SAMMS Board, Bird Wise	Agreed	Joint management of the SPA site
<p>The council engages with TDC quarterly to discuss the implementation and progress on the mitigation strategies for the SPA. This includes engagement with specific projects such as the Bird Wise project. Stakeholders such as RSPB, Natural England and Kent Wildlife Trust also engage in discussions and help to facilitate constructive outcomes. The parties have agreed to continue with the ongoing implementation of the joint strategy.</p>			

Strategic issue	Bodies involved	Status	Next Steps
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Habitats: North Kent (Thames, Medway and Swale Estuaries SPAs and Ramsar sites)	SBC, NE, North Kent SAMMS Board, Bird Wise	Agreed	Joint management of the SPA and Ramsar sites
The council cooperates with SBC quarterly to discuss implementation and progress on mitigation strategies for the protected sites. This includes engagement with specific projects such as the Bird Wise project. Stakeholders such as RSPB, Natural England and Kent Wildlife Trust also engage in discussions and help to facilitate constructive outcomes. The parties have agreed to continue with the ongoing implementation of the joint strategy.			

## 5. Conclusions

- 5.1. This statement demonstrates that the council continues to take a proactive and structured approach to compliance with the DtC throughout the preparation of the draft Local Plan. The Council has undertaken structured discussions and ongoing engagement with neighbouring authorities, infrastructure providers and key stakeholders, and has demonstrated collaborative working on the strategic priorities set out in the NPPF, resulting in tangible outcomes and agreements.
- 5.2. Cooperation is an ongoing process which the council will continue to monitor regularly. An updated Duty to Cooperate statement will be issued at subsequent stages of the Local Plan's preparation.
- 5.3. The cross-boundary strategic matters have been agreed between LPAs and on the vast majority of these we have reached an agreed position. There are currently two matters which remain ongoing and we are continuing to cooperate with the relevant bodies to find solutions that work for all stakeholders, including the possibility of preparing separate SOGCs:
- The nutrient neutrality issue at Stodmarsh is being discussed fortnightly by the Nutrient Neutrality working group and key stakeholders as we work towards a Catchment-wide Mitigation Strategy. The council will look to prepare a SOCG with relevant parties regarding this issue.
  - Transport issues, particularly surrounding the M2/A2, remain ongoing with collaboration between LPAs, KCC and Highways England. A SoCG has been signed by relevant parties regarding this issue.



- 5.4. The Council recognises that the DtC is an ongoing requirement and will continue to monitor and engage with neighbouring LPAs, key infrastructure providers and stakeholders through the development and delivery of the draft Local Plan to keep all issues under review.

# Appendix A: Statements of Common Ground

## Appendix A1: Statement of Common Ground between Canterbury City Council and Dover District Council (February 2024)

### 1. Overview

1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the agreed position between the parties as at March 2024. This is the third iteration of the SoCG prepared between the parties.

1.2 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.

1.3 The geographical relationship between the parties, reflecting local authority boundaries, is represented at Figure 1.

*Figure 1 CCC and DDC boundaries.*



## 2.0 Key strategic matters

2.1 The NPPF defines the topics considered to be strategic matters. The strategic matters relevant to CCC and DDC are:

- **Housing** - housing market area, meeting housing needs;
- **Economy** - economic market area; town centres;
- **Infrastructure** - transport, education; and
- **Environment** - habitats regulations issues, landscape.

Key Strategic Matters	Evidence	Process <sup>1</sup>	Status
<p><b>Housing</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that there is no material overlap between the HMA centred on Canterbury, and the HMA for Dover and Folkestone, and as such our HMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.</p> <p>DDC’s submission Local Plan provides for 611 new homes a year (10,998 over the plan to 2040), meeting its objectively assessed needs for housing over that period.</p> <p>The Local Housing Need figure is currently 1,149dpa.</p> <p>It is <b>agreed</b> that each party will meet its own housing needs.</p> <p>As part of their submission Local Plan, DDC included a site allocation for housing close to the administrative boundary, at South Aylesham (Policy SAP24).</p> <p>Following consultation on the CCC Regulation 18 Local Plan (October 2022) which included draft housing allocations in the Adisham/Aylesham area, these sites are not included in the revised draft CCC Regulation 18 Local Plan (March 2024). Cross boundary matters in relation to these sites therefore no longer need to be addressed.</p> <p>Given these changes, the parties agree that previously agreed modifications<sup>1</sup> to the Dover District Submission Local Plan are no longer required.</p>			

<sup>1</sup> AM51 of Dover District Submission Document (SD06)

Housing Market Area	<p>CCC SHMA (2018).</p> <p>DDC SHMA (2019)</p>	<p>Both parties are involved in the preparation of SHMAs and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs. The parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate HMAs.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> March 2021</p>
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<sup>1</sup> Further information on the governance processes can be found in section 4.

Meeting Housing Needs	<p>CCC SHMA (2018).</p> <p>CCC Housing Needs Assessment (2021)</p> <p>DDC SHMA (2017; Partial update 2019)</p> <p>Both parties annual Housing Information Audit</p>	<p>Both parties are involved in the preparation of SHMAs and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs.</p> <p>Both parties <b>agree</b> we will meet housing needs within our own areas.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> March 2021</p>
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<p>Site allocations with cross-border implications:</p> <p>i) Land to the South of Aylesham</p>	<p>DDC Local Plan Regulation 19 Policy SAP24</p>	<p>Both parties have agreed that no modifications are necessary to address cross boundary issues related to housing allocations close to the administrative boundary.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> March 2024</p>
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**Economy**

The parties **agree** that there is no material overlap between the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) centred on Canterbury, and the FEMA for Dover and Folkestone and as such our FEMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.

It is **agreed** that each party will meet its own employment needs.

As part of the CCC draft Local Plan, employment development at Canterbury Business Park is proposed. The parties are working together to address any cross boundary impacts that may arise from this potential site allocation.

**Town Centres**

The parties **agree** that there is some overlap in the Districts’ retail catchments. It is **agreed** that the proposed allocations within the draft Local Plans will have no material impact on the retail catchments or on each others’ retail needs.

Economic Market Area:	<p>CCC EDTS (October 2020)</p> <p>DDC Economic Development Needs Assessment (2017) To be updated in 2021.</p>	<p>Both parties are involved in the preparation of Economic Assessments and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding FEMAs.</p> <p>Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate FEMAs.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> March 2021</p>
Retail Needs	<p>CCC Retail and Leisure Study (2020)</p> <p>Dover Retail and Leisure Needs Assessment 2018</p>	<p>Both parties are involved in the preparation of Retail Assessments and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding catchments.</p> <p>Both parties agree that the proposed allocations within the draft Local Plans will have no material impact on the retail catchments or on each</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> October 2022.</p>

		others' retail needs.	
<p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that strategic transport issues include the A2, the implications of the Lower Thames Crossing and improvements to key junctions and interchanges on the A2 including Brenley Corner, A2 Lydden to Dover dualling, Whitfield Roundabout and Duke of York Roundabout.</p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that strategic education issues relate to the provision of secondary school education capacity in the Canterbury/north Dover area.</p> <p>The parties agree that further cross boundary infrastructure requirements resulting from CCC proposed development at Aylesham/Adisham require further collaborative working between the parties and infrastructure providers and, if necessary, the parties will work constructively together to ensure that any necessary infrastructure can be delivered effectively to support growth.</p>			



<p>Transport</p>	<p>CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>CCC Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2024)</p> <p>CCC Transport Strategy (2017)</p> <p>CCC Draft Transport Strategy (2024)</p> <p>CCC Local Plan 2040 Transport Modelling (in preparation)</p> <p>DDC Infrastructure Delivery Plans V3 July 2023</p> <p>Transport for the South East Transport Strategy (2020)</p> <p>Dover and Deal Transport Model Local Plan Forecasting Reports</p>	<p>The parties will continue to share information and engage on emerging transport modelling, working with KCC and others on evidence for our Local Plans, to determine respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary.</p> <p>The parties have cooperated on input to the Transport for the South East Transport Strategy and on representations to the Lower Thames Crossing.</p> <p>The parties have prepared a separate SoCG on these issues working with other relevant partners</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
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<p>Education</p>	<p>CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>CCC Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2024)</p> <p>DDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan V3 July 2023</p> <p>KCC School Commissioning Plans</p>	<p>It has been agreed that strategic education issues relate to the provision of secondary school education capacity in the Canterbury/north Dover area. However, KCC Education are currently content that both the CCC and DDC Local Plans continue with the approach to accommodate secondary capacity within their own administrative areas.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> February 2024</p>
<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that recreational impacts could have an adverse impact on the species for which the Thanet Coast SPA has been designated.</p>			

<p>Habitats Regulations Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA</li> </ul>	<p>CCC's Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Plan (2014)</p> <p>Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA SAMM March 2023</p>	<p>In developing our mitigation strategies, the parties have engaged on this issue, shared information and have <b>agreed</b> that parties agree that our respective strategies are effective.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> March 2021</p> <p>Work on updates to the strategies as part of new Local Plans <b>ongoing</b></p>
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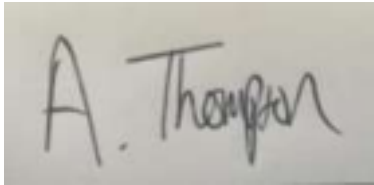
<p><b>Landscape</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that the Kent Downs AONB Unit, of which the parties are full members, provides for an appropriately joined-up approach to management of the AONB.</p>			
<p>AONB</p>	<p>AONB Management Plan</p>	<p>The parties have cooperated on input to the AONB Management Plan.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> March 2021</p>

#### 4 Governance arrangements

- 4.1 This SOCG will be published and kept up-to-date by the parties as a record of where agreement has or has not been reached on strategic issues.
- 4.2 The parties will meet to discuss these issues via the East Kent Duty to Co operate bi-monthly meetings and also via meetings between the two authorities, bringing in other parties where necessary. The SOCG will be updated as changes take place on these strategic issues or where new strategic issues arise.

## 5 Signatories/declaration

Signed on behalf of Canterbury City Council

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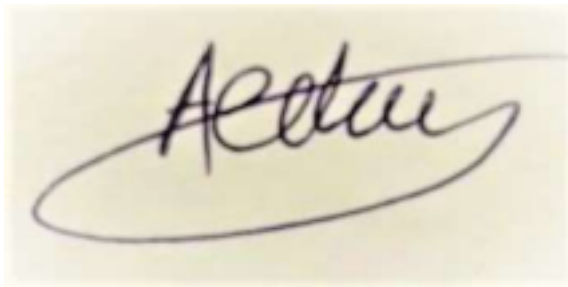
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**Position:**

**Corporate Policy and Strategy  
Manager**

**Date: 21.02.2024**

Signed on behalf of Dover District Council

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**Position:**

**Planning Policy and Projects  
Manager**

**Date: 21.02.2024**

# Appendix A2: Statement of Common Ground between Canterbury City Council and Swale Borough Council (February 2024)

## 1. Overview

1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the agreed position between the parties.

1.2 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.

1.3 The geographical relationship between the parties, reflecting local authority boundaries, is represented at Figure 1.

Figure 1 CCC and SBC boundaries.



## 2.0 Key strategic matters

2.1 The NPPF defines the topics considered to be strategic matters. The strategic matters relevant to CCC and SBC are:

- **Housing** - housing market area, meeting housing needs;

- **Economy** - economic market area;
- **Infrastructure** - transport, education; and
- **Environment** - habitats regulations issues.

Key Strategic Matters	Evidence	Process	Status
<p><b>Housing</b> The parties <b>agree</b> that there is no material overlap between the HMA centred on Canterbury, and the HMA for Swale.</p> <p>The most recently published housing figure for SBC stands at 1,086 new homes a year and would equate to 16,290 over a 15 year Local Plan period 2023 to 2038. The housing need for Swale is unlikely to go beyond this figure as the 40% cap has been reached under Governments Standard method. Potentially this figure may reduce when the next affordability ratios are published in late March 2024 or through emerging evidence demonstrating an exceptional circumstance for a lower housing target in Swale. However, at this stage for either matter a lower figure has not yet been identified.</p> <p>The Local Housing Need figure for CCC is currently 1,149dpa.</p> <p>It is <b>agreed</b> that each party will meet its own housing needs.</p>			
Housing Market Area	CCC Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA 2018).  SBC SHMA (2020)	Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of SHMAs, and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs.  Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate HMAs.	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021
Meeting Housing Needs	CCC SHMA (2018).  CCC Housing Needs Assessment (2021)	Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of SHMAs, and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021

	SBC SHMA (2020)  Both parties' annual Housing Information Audit	regarding HMAs.  Both parties have <b>agreed</b> we will meet housing needs within our own areas.	
<p><b>Economy</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that there is no material overlap between the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) centred on Canterbury, and the FEMA for Swale, and as such our FEMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.</p> <p>It is <b>agreed</b> that each party will meet its own employment needs.</p>			
Functional Economic Market Area	CCC EDTS (October 2020)  SBC ELR (2018)	Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of Economic Assessments and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding FEMAs.  Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate FEMAs.	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021
<p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that strategic transport issues include the A2, the implications of the Lower Thames Crossing and improvements to key junctions and interchanges on the A2, including Brenley Corner.</p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that strategic education issues relate to the provision of secondary school education capacity in the Canterbury/north Swale area.</p>			
Transport	CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)  CCC Transport Strategy (2017)  CCC Draft	The parties will continue to share information and engage on emerging transport modelling, working with KCC and others on	<b>Ongoing</b>

	<p>Transport Strategy (2024)</p> <p>SBC Local Plan Model Rerun (2020)</p> <p>Transport for South East Transport Strategy (2020)</p>	<p>evidence for our Local Plans, to determine respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary.</p> <p>The parties have cooperated on input to the Transport for the South East Strategy and on representations to the Lower Thames Crossing.</p>	
Education	<p>CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>CCC Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2024)</p> <p>SBC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2021)</p> <p>KCC School Commissioning Plans</p>	<p>The parties will share information and engage on education infrastructure requirements, working with KCC and others, on evidence for our Local Plans.</p>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<p><b>Environment</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that recreational impacts could have an adverse impact on the species for which the Thames, Medway and Swale Estuaries SPAs and Ramsar sites have been designated.</p>			
<p>Habitats Regulations Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thames, Medway and Swale Estuaries SPAs and Ramsar</li> </ul>	<p>Thames, Medway &amp; Swale Estuaries - Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Plan (2014)</p> <p>Bird Wise North Kent Mitigation</p>	<p>In developing the mitigation strategies, the parties have engaged and shared information, including with other parties.</p>	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021



sites	Strategy (2018)  Bird Wise North Kent Business Plan (2017-2022)  Bird Wise North Kent Annual Reports	The parties have <b>agreed</b> to continue with the effective joint strategy.  In developing our respective mitigation strategies, the parties have engaged on this issue, shared information and have <b>agreed</b> that our respective strategies are effective.	
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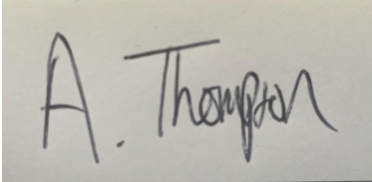
### 3 Governance arrangements

- 3.1 This SOCG will be published and kept up-to-date by the parties as a record of where agreement has or has not been reached on strategic issues.
- 3.2 The parties will meet to discuss these issues via the East Kent Duty to Co-operate bi-monthly meetings and also via meetings between the two authorities, bringing in other parties where necessary. The SOCG will be updated as changes take place on these strategic issues or where new strategic issues arise.

### 4 Signatories/declaration

**Signed on behalf of Canterbury City Council**

Andrew Thompson

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**Position:**  
Corporate Policy and Strategy Manager

**Date: 8th February 2024**

**Signed on behalf of Swale Borough Council**

Stuart Watson

**Position:**  
Interim Planning Policy Manager

**Date: 7th February 2024**

# Appendix A3: Statement of Common Ground between Canterbury City Council and Ashford Borough Council (January 2024)

## 1. Overview

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the agreed position between the parties and builds on the East Kent Memorandum of Understanding.
- 1.2 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.
- 1.3 The geographical relationship between the parties, reflecting local authority boundaries, is represented at Figure 1.

Figure 1 CCC and ABC boundaries.



## 2.0 Key strategic matters

- 2.1 The NPPF defines the topics considered to be strategic matters. The strategic matters relevant to CCC and ABC are:

- **Housing** - housing market area, meeting housing needs;
- **Economy** - economic market area;
- **Infrastructure** - transport; and
- **Environment** - habitats regulations issues.

Key Strategic Matters	Evidence	Process <sup>1</sup>	Status
<p><b>Housing</b>            The parties <b>agree</b> that there is no material overlap between the HMA centred on Canterbury, and the HMA for Ashford, and as such our HMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.</p> <p>Ashford’s Adopted Local Plan identifies a need for 14,934 dwellings to 2030. The Local Housing Need figure for CCC is currently 1,149dpa.</p> <p>It is <b>agreed</b> that each party will meet its own housing needs.</p>			
Housing Market Area	CCC SHMA (2018).  ABC SHMA (2017)	<p>Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of SHMAs, and have agreed with the other parties’ conclusions regarding HMAs.</p> <p>Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate HMAs.</p>	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021

Meeting Housing Needs	<p>CCC SHMA (2018).</p> <p>CCC Housing Needs Assessme (2021)</p> <p>ABC SHMA (2017)</p> <p>Both parties annual housing monitoring</p>	<p>Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of SHMAs, and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs.</p> <p>Both parties <b>agree</b> we will meet housing needs within our own areas.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> May 2021</p>
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<sup>1</sup>Further information on the governance processes can be found in section 3.

**Economy**

The parties **agree** that there is no material overlap between the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) centred on Canterbury, and the FEMA for Ashford, and as such our FEMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.

It is **agreed** that each party will meet its own employment needs.

<p>Functional Economic Market Area:</p>	<p>CCC EDTS (October 2020)</p> <p>ABC SHELAA (2017)</p>	<p>Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of Economic Assessments and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding FEMAs.</p> <p>Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate FEMAs.</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> May 2021</p>
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### Infrastructure

The parties **agree** that strategic transport issues include the A28 corridor which is the key south-west / north-east strategic link for East Kent, connecting Ashford, Canterbury and Thanet. Parts of this corridor are already at capacity and will require upgrades to support growth.

	<p>Transport CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>CCC Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2024)</p> <p>CCC Transport Strategy (2017)</p> <p>CCC Draft Transport Strategy (2024)</p> <p>ABC Infrastructure Delivery Pan (2017)</p> <p>Transport for the South East Transport Strategy (2020)</p> <p>East Kent Growth Framework (2017)</p>	<p>The parties will continue to share information and engage on emerging transport modelling, working with KCC and others on evidence for our Local Plans, to determine respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary and work together to lobby and promote improvements.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>
<p><b>Environment</b></p>			

Stodmarsh European protected site	NE Advice Note (2020) and subsequent updates  HRA Addendum: Nutrient Neutrality (2020)  CCC            Draft Nutrient Mitigation Strategy (2024)	The parties will continue to work together on the development and delivery of nutrient neutrality mitigation.	<b>Ongoing</b>
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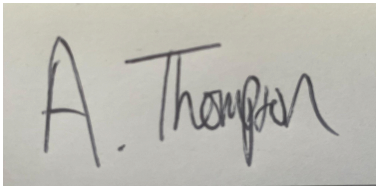
**3 Governance arrangements**

- 3.1 This SOCG will be published and kept up-to-date by the parties as a record of where agreement has or has not been reached on strategic issues.
- 3.2 The parties will meet to discuss these issues via the East Kent Strategic Planning Group bi-monthly meetings and also via meetings between the two authorities, bringing in other parties where necessary. The SOCG will be updated as changes take place on these strategic issues or where new strategic issues arise.

**4 Signatories/declaration**

**Signed on behalf of Canterbury City Council**

Andrew Thompson





**Position:**  
Corporate Policy and Strategy Manager

**Date: 2nd January 2024**

**Signed on behalf of Ashford  
Borough Council**

*Lauren Bailey*

**Position:**  
Team Leader Plan Making and  
Infrastructure

**Date: 25th January 2024**

# Appendix A4: Statement of Common Ground between Canterbury City Council and Folkestone and Hythe District Council (January 2024)

## 1. Overview

1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the agreed position between the parties.

1.2 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.

1.3 The geographical relationship between the parties, reflecting local authority boundaries, is represented at Figure 1.

*Figure 1 CCC and FHDC boundaries.*



1.4 This SOCG follows on from the SOCG agreed between Canterbury City Council (CCC) and Folkestone & Hythe District Council (F&HDC) in November 2019, prepared to inform F&HDC’s Core Strategy Review.<sup>1</sup>

1.5 At the time of preparing this SOCG the status of the councils’ development plans is as follows:

- **Canterbury City Council:**
  - New Local Plan (2040) – in preparation;
- **Folkestone & Hythe District Council:**
  - Places & Policies Local Plan – adopted September 2020;
  - Core Strategy Review – adopted March 2022; and
  - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule – adopted March 2023.

## 2.0 Key Strategic Matters

2.1 The NPPF defines the topics considered to be strategic matters. The strategic matters relevant to CCC and F&HDC are:

- **Housing** - housing market area, meeting housing needs;
- **Economy** - economic market area;
- **Infrastructure** - transport; and
- **Environment** - habitats regulations issues, landscape.

Key Strategic Matters	Evidence	Process	Status
<p><b>Housing</b>            The parties <b>agree</b> that there is no material overlap between the HMA centred on Canterbury, and the HMA for Dover and Folkestone, and as such our HMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.</p> <p>The housing figure for F&amp;HDC, in the adopted Core Strategy Review is an average of 738 dwellings per annum (dpa); this is split into four phases in a stepped trajectory: phase one: 2019/20-2023/24 – 622 dpa; phase two: 2024/25-2028/29 – 885 dpa; phase three: 2029/30-2033/34 – 730 dpa; 2034/35-2036/37 - 700 dpa.</p> <p>The Local Housing Need figure for CCC is currently 1,149dpa.</p> <p>It is <b>agreed</b> that each party will meet its own housing needs.</p>			
Housing Market Area	CCC Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA 2018).  F&HDC SHMA (Part 1, 2017; Part 2, 2026)	Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of SHMAs, and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs.  Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate HMAs.	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021
Meeting Housing Needs	CCC SHMA (2018).  CCC Housing Needs Assessment (2021)  F&HDC SHMA	Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of SHMAs, and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021

	(Part 1, 2017; Part 2, 2026)  Both parties' annual Housing Information Audit	regarding HMAs.  Both parties have <b>agreed</b> we will meet housing needs within our own areas.	
<p><b>Economy</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that there is no material overlap between the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) centred on Canterbury, and the FEMA for Dover and Folkestone, and as such our FEMAs are fully contained within our district areas for the purposes of plan making.</p> <p>It is <b>agreed</b> that each party will meet its own employment needs.</p>			
Functional Economic Market Area	CCC EDTS (October 2020)  F&HDC Employment Land Review (2017)  Otterpool Park Employment Land Needs Assessment (2018)	Both parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of Economic Assessments and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding FEMAs.  Both parties have <b>agreed</b> to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate FEMAs.	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021
<p><b>Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The parties <b>agree</b> that strategic transport issues include the impacts of development on the B2068 Stone Street and connecting roads to the Canterbury Urban Area.</p>			
Transport	CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)  CCC Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2024)  CCC Transport Strategy (2017)	The parties will continue to share information and engage on emerging transport modelling, working with KCC and others on evidence for our Local Plans, to determine respective impacts and mitigation	<b>Ongoing</b>

	<p>CCC Draft Transport Strategy (2024)</p> <p>F&amp;HDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>F&amp;HDC CIL Infrastructure Schedule 2022</p> <p>Kent County Council Local Transport Plan 4 2016-2031</p> <p>Kent County Council Local Transport Plan 5 (draft) (June 2023)</p> <p>Transport for the South East Transport Strategy (2020)</p>	<p>solutions where necessary and work together to lobby and promote improvements.</p>	
<b>Environment</b>			
<p>Stodmarsh European Protected Site</p>	<p>NE Advice Note (2020)</p> <p>HRA Addendum: Nutrient Neutrality (2020)</p> <p>Folkestone &amp; Hythe Local Plan Nutrient Budget (2020)</p> <p>F&amp;HDC Otterpool Park Framework Masterplan - Nutrient Neutrality Mitigation Proposals (2020)</p>	<p>The parties will continue to work together on the development and delivery of nutrient neutrality mitigation including through the catchment wide strategy.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>

	CCC Nutrient Mitigation Strategy (2024)		
<p><b>Landscape</b></p> <p>The parties agree that the Kent Downs AONB Unit, of which the parties are full members, provides for an appropriately joined-up approach to management of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The third revision of the AONB Management Plan (2021-2026) was adopted in 2021 by the twelve local authorities whose administrative areas include land within the Kent Downs AONB.</p>			
AONB	AONB Management Plan (2021-2026)	The parties have cooperated on inputs to the AONB Management Plan (2021-2026).	<b>Agreed</b> May 2021

### 3 Governance Arrangements

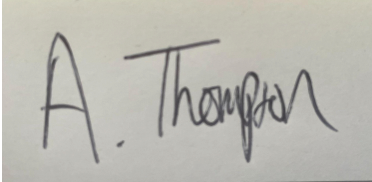
3.1 This SOCG will be published and kept up-to-date by the parties as a record of where agreement has or has not been reached on strategic issues.

3.2 The parties will meet to discuss these issues via the East Kent Duty to Co operate bi-monthly meetings and also via meetings between the two authorities, bringing in other parties where necessary. The SOCG will be updated as changes take place on these strategic issues or where new strategic issues arise.

### 4 Signatories/declaration

**Signed on behalf of Canterbury City Council**

Andrew Thompson

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**Position:**  
Corporate Policy and Strategy Manager

**Date: 18th January 2024**

**Signed on behalf of  
Folkestone & Hythe District  
Council**

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Adrian Tofts

**Position:** Strategy, Policy &  
Performance Lead Specialist

**Date:** 18 January 2024



## Appendix A5: Statement of Common Ground in relation to Strategic Highways (A2/M2 corridor)

**Main Parties:** Dover District Council (DDC), Canterbury City Council (CCC), Swale Borough Council (SBC)

**Other signatories:** Kent County Council Highways and Transportation (KCC), National Highways (NH)

### Purpose

To set out the strategic joint working that has taken place in relation to considering the impact of development upon the A2/M2 corridor in the preparation of the Local Plans of DDC, CCC and SBC, and how any impacts will be mitigated. This statement will be set out in three stages to cover:

- Stage 1 – Methodology
- Stage 2 – Modelling outputs
- Stage 3 – Agreed mitigation

### Context and Background

The A2/M2 corridor runs from Port of Dover, in Dover District, to London, passing through Canterbury District and Swale Borough. Key junctions on this route are known to be at or nearing capacity. Proposals for growth in the Local Plans need to assess the impacts upon this route and where necessary identify deliverable mitigation measures.

The key junctions identified are:

- M2 Junction 6 (Swale Borough)
- M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner (Swale Borough)
- A2 Whitfield Roundabout (Dover District)
- A2 Duke of York Roundabout (Dover District)
- A2 Harbledown, Thanington and Bridge junctions (Canterbury District)

Improvements to the A2 corridor are also identified in KCC's Local Transport Plan 4, with the priorities remaining delivering the bifurcation of Port Traffic between the M20/A20 and M2/A2 routes. M2 Junction 7 (Brenley Corner) and A2 Lydden to Dover are identified as projects within National Highways' Road Infrastructure Strategy (RIS) as pipeline projects for RIS3. It should be noted that as decisions from central government remain outstanding on the

RIS3 projects they have not been included in the Local Plan modelling work.

Each LPA is in the process of developing transport evidence to support their respective plans, the methodology of which has been agreed with KCC and NH on an individual authority basis as summarised below.

## **STAGE 1 - METHODOLOGY**

### **Transport modelling evidence**

#### *Dover District Council*

DDC has a VISUM Dover and Deal Transport Model (DDTM) which has been developed and agreed in conjunction with KCC and NH. The details of this are set out in the DDTM Modelling Appraisal Specification Report. The VISUM model extends to the A2 Lydden junction, with the Coxhill and Adisham Road junctions being covered by an excel modelling process.

<https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/wsp-dover-and-deal-transport-model-specification-report-2018.pdf>

As part of the preparation of the Reg 18 draft Local Plan, a Do minimum (DM) (2020 baseline) (Reg 18 DM) was developed, as well as two Do Something scenarios considering the impacts of different growth options. Two Regulation 19 Do Something scenarios have now also been tested. One with partial build out at Whitfield Urban Expansion and one with full build out of Whitfield Urban Expansion. These have been compared to an updated DM (2021 baseline)

As well as committed development in the District, DM scenarios include the following:

- Car Background Growth – provided by National Trip End Model (NTEM) 7.2 growth factors, with committed development housing and employment in the District removed to avoid double counting;
- 2018 National Road Traffic Forecasts (RTF) – inform the Light Goods Vehicle (LGV) and Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) forecast growth
- Port of Dover Growth – Growth levels agreed with Port of Dover

The forecasting work identified that in both scenarios the A2 junctions of Whitfield roundabout and Duke of York roundabout are detrimentally affected in the future by the growth in traffic in the area. DDC has been working to identify mitigation measures at the junctions to mitigate local plan growth. A mitigation solution has been agreed in principle with NH and KCC for Duke of York roundabout, and more recently for Whitfield roundabout (position 25.5.22). The congestion at these junctions is causing rat running on alternative routes, it was therefore agreed with KCC and NH that assessment of the impacts on the wider network should be looked at once the mitigation at two junctions was agreed. This has now taken place. The results are published in the Regulation 19 Forecasting Report:

<https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/regulation-19-transport-modelling-forecasting-main-report.pdf>  
<https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/regulation-19-transport-modelling-forecast-report-appendices.pdf>

In order to fund the delivery of the mitigation needed at the Whitfield and Duke of York roundabouts, a proportionate contribution approach is being proposed. This is set out in Policy SP12 of the Reg 19 Local Plan, and the supporting Infrastructure Delivery Plan (pages 20-23)

#### *Swale Borough Council*

SBC has a SATURN Swale Highway Model (SHM) which has been developed and agreed in conjunction with KCC and NH. The details of this are set out in the Swale Base Local Model Validation Report.

As part of the Local Plan preparation, in addition to the base (2017) model, a number of development options have been completed along with a Do Minimum (Reference Case 2027 & 2038) model, which included trip rates and the committed development and schemes only, as pre-agreed with KCC and NH.

Should any material changes be promoted by SBC to the current preferred spatial strategy that has been assessed, the development option modelling will be reviewed by KCC and NH to agree whether refinement of the model is required to support this.

The Swale models assume improvements at M2 J5 as being currently progressed and the existing junction at Brenley Corner plus the committed Mountfield Park lane widening scheme.

The model extends to include the Harbledown Junction within Canterbury. Local Plan evidence modelling will include the same assumptions except where trip rates for specific development have been agreed by KCC and NH.

#### *Canterbury City Council*

CCC has a cordoned version of the KCC Countywide VISSUM Highway Model (CCHM) which has been developed and agreed in conjunction with KCC and NH. The details of this are set out in the Canterbury Forecast (2040) Base Local Model Validation Report (2022). Originally completed in 2020 this was updated to include data requested by NH in 2022.

As part of the Local Plan preparation, in addition to the Forecast base (2040) model, a number of development options have been completed and in 2022 a Reg 18 Preferred option scenario (2045) was developed that included trip rates as pre-agreed with KCC & NH.

The Canterbury Forecast base model assumes improvements at the Bridge and Thanington junctions as committed schemes only. The preferred option scenario includes additional schemes at Thanington and Harbledown.

The model extends to include junction 6 of the M2 and to the Aylesham junction of the A2 as agreed with NH on 19 November 2021.

Local Plan evidence modelling will include the same assumptions except where trip rates for specific development have been agreed by KCC and NH.

NH are engaging with CCC and various allocation/ other site promoters to ensure proportionate production, assessment and agreement relating to the Strategic Road Network related transport evidence base.

District	Base	Reg 18 Reference Case	Reg 19 Reference Case	Forecast Scenarios
Dover	2015 Agreed KCC/NH	2040 RC Agreed KCC/NH	2021 Do Minimum Agreed KCC/NH	Reg 19 2040 Scenarios 1 and 2 Agreed KCC/NH
Swale	2017 Agreed KCC/NH	2038 RC Agreed KCC/NH	N/A	N/A
Canterbury	2020 Agreed KCC/NH	2045 RC Agreed KCC/NH	N/A	N/A

### Agreed position March 2023:

In principle it is agreed that development mitigation at Whitfield and Duke of York roundabouts will be addressed through the Dover District Local Plan and funded by development within the District. Development mitigation at Brenley Corner will be addressed by the Swale Borough Local Plan and funded by development in the District. Mitigation required for the Harbledown junction, Thanington and Bridge junctions will be addressed through the Canterbury Local Plan and funded by development within the District.

There is potential that development proposed in respective Local Plans will have impacts upon the Strategic Road Network outside of each District, and that these need to be understood and considered through the plan making process. TEMPRO growth has been used in each respective model to assess development outside of Districts. Transport modelling is still in progress for all three

authorities, so the evidence in terms of impacts is not yet available to consider.

**Agreed next steps March 2023:**

Transport modelling to assess the following:

Compare TEMPRO growth outside of District’s used in DM scenarios, with actual growth proposed in Local Plans to ensure broad consistency.

Modelling work for the chosen Reg 19 Local Plan options and an accompanying reference case at the end of LP year using the predetermined and agreed methodologies.

This statement will be updated once this work has been completed.

**STAGE 1 Methodology Agreed by all parties March 2023**

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## Appendix B - List of DtC meetings (April 2023 - February 2024)

Date	Purpose	Attendees / Groups	Outcome	Relevant Local Plan documents	Location	Meeting format
03/04/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	National Highways and KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
04/04/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/04/2023	Monthly Infrastructure Delivery Plan catch-up	KCC	Information sharing on latest infrastructure issues and implications for new Local Plan	IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/04/2023	KCC/CCC Electric Vehicle Charge Point quarterly catch up	KCC Network innovation s team	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, Air Quality action plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/04/2023	World Heritage Site Management Committee	World Heritage Site Management Committee	To discuss next steps for adoption of new management plan		Kings School	Informal meeting
18/04/2023	Transportation Strategy	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
19/04/2023	Health infrastructure issues and implications for Local Plan	CCC/ NHS Integrated Care Board	Information sharing and updates	IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
20/04/2023	Discuss the Natural	Natural England	Information sharing and discussion about	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

	England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan		Natural England's Reg 18 representation			
21/04/2023	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
26/04/2023	Management of East Kent SAMMS Scheme	TDC, Birdwise	Information sharing and updates	HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
02/05/2023	Health infrastructure issues and implications for Local Plan	NHS and Medway ICB	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
02/05/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
05/05/2023	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
09/05/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
10/05/2023	Local Bus Focus meeting	KCC/CCC/Stagecoach	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Hybrid Meeting	Informal meeting

11/05/2023	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
16/05/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on local highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
23/05/2023	Health infrastructure issues and implications for Local Plan	NHS and Medway ICB	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
25/05/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
25/05/2023	East Kent wide Local Plan and policy matters	East Kent DtC Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
30/05/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
25/05/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps and update on Broad Oak reservoir proposals	South East Water, CCC	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP		
07/06/2023	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
09/06/2023	Kent Conservation Officers Group	Represent atives from all local planning	To discuss best practice and current issues around conservation		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting



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09/06/2023	Bridge Neighbourhood Plan	Bridge Parish Council	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/06/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	National Highways and KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/06/2023	Bridge Neighbourhood Plan	Bridge Parish Council	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/06/2023	Chartham Neighbourhood Plan	Chartham Parish Council	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
15/06/2023	KCC Local Transport Plan	KCC Transport	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
21/06/2023	Health infrastructure issues and implications for Local Plan	NHS and Medway ICB	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
22/06/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
03/07/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps	Network Rail, CCC	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
05/07/2023	KCC/CCC Electric Vehicle Charge Point quarterly catch up	KCC Network innovations team	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, Air Quality action plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

12/07/2023	Nutrient neutrality - retrofitting	KCC, ABC, CCC	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/07/2023	Kent Chief Planners	Kent and Medway LPAs	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
26/07/2023	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
26/07/2023	SFRA and Reg 18 reps	EA	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
27/07/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing, update following local elections, and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
31/07/2023	Transportation Strategy	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/08/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps	Network Rail, CCC	Information sharing and updates	IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/08/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps	Environment Agency, CCC	Information sharing to update LP policies	Local Plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/08/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	National Highways and KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
15/08/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps	National Grid, CCC	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
16/08/2023	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
16/08/2023	Health infrastructure issues and implications for Local Plan	NHS and Medway ICB	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

18/08/2023	World Heritage Site Committee	World Heritage Site Management Committee	To discuss next steps for adoption of new management plan		Kings School	Informal meeting
22/08/2023	To discuss concerns relating to KCC active life travel scheme within canterbury	CCC, KCC and CHDF	Changes to the scheme	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
24/08/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing, updates, and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation and links to HRA	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
25/08/2023	Heritage lighting columns in Canterbury	CCC and KCC	Agree a way forward corporately in regards to heritage lighting columns		Canterbury City Council Offices	Informal meeting
25/08/2023	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
30/08/2023	Management of North Kent Marshes SAMMS Scheme	RSPB, Natural England, Swale Borough Council, Medway City Council, Kent Wildlife Trust, Gravesham Borough Council, KCC	Project management and updates including update on ranger recruitment	HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

30/08/2023	Discuss environmental issues concerning the North Kent Local Authorities	North Kent Environmental Planning Group	Information sharing, and update on Local Nature Recovery Strategies and Biodiversity net Gain	Natural Environment and Open Space Topic Paper	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
31/08/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps	KCC Minerals and Waste, CCC	Information sharing to update LP policies	Local Plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
01/09/2023	SEND provision in Whitstable	KCC Education	Information sharing	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
07/09/2023	Catch up on Reg18 reps and update on Broad Oak reservoir proposals	South East Water, CCC	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP		
13/09/2023	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
20/09/2023	Local Bus Focus meeting	KCC/CCC/Stagecoach	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Hybrid Meeting Military Road	Informal meeting
22/19/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
04/10/2023	Enhanced Partnership Schemes Monitoring Group - East Kent	KCC/ EK bus operators/ EK district councils	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
05/10/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing, updates, and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation and links to HRA	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

06/10/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
09/10/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	National Highways and KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
11/10/2023	Discuss health infrastructure	EKHFT, KCC	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
11/10/2023	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/10/2023	Management of East Kent SAMMS Scheme	TDC, Birdwise	Information sharing and updates	HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
18/10/2023	Health infrastructure issues and implications for Local Plan	NHS and Medway ICB	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
19/10/2023	CCC/KCC Liaison Meeting	KCC depts	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
20/10/2023	Kent Chief Planners	Kent and Medway LPAs	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
26/10/2023	Discuss the Natural England Regulation 18 Local Plan, and environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing, updates, and discussion about Natural England's Reg 18 representation and links to HRA	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
01/11/2023	Discussion on power supply for site	UK Power Networks	Links and further engagement provided by UKPN	Climate Change Action Plan	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

	allocations and decarbonisation scheme.					
02/11/2023	Local Authority Design Coding Network: Launch Event	Various LPAs	Plans to form a design coding network		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
03/11/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
07/11/2023	Local Plan Housing Strategy Workshop - focus on affordable housing	Developers and Homes England	Feedback from developers and homes England on affordable housing provision within the district and issues with delivery. Used to inform the Housing Need Assessment and Housing Strategy.	Housing Need Assessment and Housing Strategy	In person	Workshop
10/11/2023	Health infrastructure Local Plan and IDP opportunities	East Kent Hospital University Foundation Trust	Discussed opportunity for land and funding contributions, EKHUFT will come back with potential schemes	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
14/11/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on local highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
16/11/2023	Launch of consultation on KCC LCWIP	KCC Active travel team and members of public	Public exhibition	Local Plan, transport strategy	The Guildhall	Manned exhibition
17/11/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

21/11/2023	To discuss emerging Transport Strategy	KCC	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
22/11/2023	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
24/11/2023	World Heritage Site Committee	World Heritage Site Committee	To discuss next steps for adoption of new management plan	World Heritage Site Management Plan	CCU	Informal meeting
28/11/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on local highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
01/12/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
08/12/2023	Kent Chief Planners	Kent and Medway LPAs	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
11/12/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on strategic highway network	National Highways and KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

12/12/2023	Discuss the environmental impacts of the draft Local Plan	Natural England	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/12/2023	Discuss implications of the local plan on local highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/12/2023	Nutrient Neutrality	ABC, MBC	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
15/12/2024	Stodmarsh catch up	Nutrient Neutrality	Information sharing and		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting

		Working Group	updates			
04/01/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	ABC	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
08/01/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
09/01/2024	Management of East Kent SAMMS Scheme	TDC, Birdwise	Information sharing and updates	HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
09/01/2024	Discuss implications of the local plan on local highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
11/01/2024	Discuss emerging ICB Estates Strategy	ICB	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
12/01/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
16/01/2024	Enhanced Partnership Schemes Monitoring Group - East Kent	KCC/ EK bus operators/ EK district councils	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
17/01/2024	Nutrient Neutrality	ABC	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
18/01/2024	Management of North Kent Marshes SAMMS Scheme	RSPB, Natural England, Swale Borough Council, Medway City Council, Kent Wildlife Trust, Gravesham	Project management and updates including initial discussions on a refresh of the SAMMS Strategy	HRA	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting



		Borough Council, KCC				
18/01/2024	Discuss environmental issues concerning the North Kent Local Authorities	North Kent Environmental Planning Group	Information sharing and updates	Natural Environment and Open Space Topic Paper	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
23/01/2024	Discuss implications of the local plan on local highway network	KCC Highways	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, transport strategy	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
26/01/2024	Kent wide Local Plan and policy matters	Kent Planning Policy Forum	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
26/01/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	Kent Nutrient Neutrality Working Group	Information sharing and updates		Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting
30/01/2024	Discuss emerging catchment strategy for nutrient neutrality	ABC	Information sharing and updates		Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre	Hybrid meeting
01/02/2024	Local Plan Educational need	KCC Education	Information sharing and updates	Local Plan, IDP	Virtual Meeting	Informal meeting