

CHAPTER 1: OUR VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

SP1 Conserving and enhancing Kent's environment and ensuring a sustainable pattern of development
Comments on Explanatory Memorandum (no policy reference)

KMSP Deposit Consultation - Policy SP1

ID Number	118	Organisation	Swale Borough Council	Name	Mr Brian Lloyd	Position	Local Plans Manager										
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Consultee Comments																	
Officer Comments	Support noted																
Proposed Change	None																

ID Number	121	Organisation	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Name	Mr Tony Fullwood	Position	Head of Strategy and Development										
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Comment No	D-2453	Proposed Action	No Change	Case Officer	DF												
Consultee Comments																	
Officer Comments	Support noted																
Proposed Change	None																

ID Number	125	Organisation	Kent Association of Parish Councils	Name	Mr Rodney Williamson	Position	Secretary										
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Comment No	D-0998	Proposed Action	No Change	Case Officer	DF												
Consultee Comments																	
Officer Comments	Support noted																
Proposed Change	None																

ID Number	212	Organisation	CPRE Kent	Name	Dr Hilary Newport	Position	Director										
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Consultee Comments Welcomes the Strategy in principle, which is core to the principles and vision of CPRE Kent. However, would welcome the inclusion of a clause into this policy to reinforce the importance of quality of life, dealt with comprehensively elsewhere in the Plan, and the importance of protecting the tranquillity and character of rural areas.
Proposed amendments to Policy SP1: "The primary purpose of Kent's development and environmental strategy will be to protect and enhance the environment and achieve a sustainable pattern and form of development WHICH WILL SEEK TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN KENT". Also add a new bullet: "PROTECTING AND ENHANCING RURAL TRANQUILITY AND DARK SKIES."

Officer Comments Policy SP1 sets some general objectives, and other policies in the Structure Plan deal with specific circumstances and types of development. It is not therefore appropriate to accept the amendments proposed. The policy will intrinsically enhance the quality of life within Kent and it is inherently part of the policy's wider objectives for protecting the countryside and the environment.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	214	Organisation	Kent Wildlife Trust	Name	Mr Richard Moyse	Position	Senior Conservation Officer										
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-Policy SP1	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Support	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-0369	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF				

Consultee Comments Important that this policy sets out primary purpose of Plan as protection and enhancement of environment as part of sustainable development.

Officer Comments Noted

Proposed Change None

Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-Policy SP1	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-0380	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	TM				

Consultee Comments KWT absolutely supports the primary purpose of the Structure Plan (to secure protection and enhancement of the environment as part of sustainable development) but there is a need to modify this policy so that it takes a more consistent approach to environmental enhancement, recognises the importance of wildlife in and around towns, and addresses the impact of climate change on biodiversity.

Thus there should be a reference to

- (a) protecting AND ENHANCING the Kent countryside and its wildlife; and
- (b) protecting and enhancing the wildlife and wildlife habitats of Kent's towns.

Under 'responding to the implications of long term climate change' there should be reference to:

- (a) reversing past habitat fragmentation, and avoiding future fragmentation of wildlife habitats; and
- (b) working to create robust, large-scale ecosystems based on interconnected wildlife habitats.

Officer Comments There is no need to add the phrase 'and enhancing' since the first principle clause of the policy is to 'protect and enhance' the environment and the 4th clause of the policy refers to enhancement in relation to the natural and built environment. The other amendments proposed concern the wildlife of urban areas and the interconnecting nature of wildlife habitats. These matters are best dealt with by the specific policies in chapters four, five and nine of the structure plan which are concerned with protecting the natural environment, quality of life in town and country, and managing natural resources.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	215	Organisation	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)		Name	Ms Alison Giacomelli		Position	Conservation Officer	
Date Received	11/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-3002	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Policy fully welcomed and supported.									
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									
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ID Number	232	Organisation	Southern Water		Name	Mr Chris Kneale		Position	Planning Manager	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1013	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments										
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									
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ID Number	243	Organisation	Ramblers Association		Name	Mr Collins		Position	Countryside Secretary for Kent Area	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-2882	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	One of the Ramblers objectives is to defend the beauty of the countryside.									
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									
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ID Number	692	Organisation	Ward Homes (Chatham) c/o David Lock Associates		Name	Mr Phil Copsey		Position		
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-0712	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	A new bullet should be included in Policy SP1: ACCOMMODATING REGIONAL GROWTH IN ASHFORD AND THAMES GATEWAY. The regional context of growth at Ashford and Thanet Gateway is recognised at para 1.14 and bullets 7 and 8 under "Key Theme: Fostering Prosperity and well-being", but is not recognised in SP1.									
Officer Comments	The Sustainable Communities Plan has recently given particular emphasis to Thames Gateway and Ashford as the locations within Kent which will assist in meeting the Government's view of additional development appropriate in the wider South East region. Spatial strategy and development provisions set out in the structure plan, particularly through policies SS1, SS2, FP1 and HP1 provide the basis for the interpretation of the role of the regional growth areas in Kent. It is therefore not felt appropriate to introduce spatial strategy in Policy SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	712	Organisation	Maidstone Borough Council	Name	Mr Brian Morgan	Position	Planning Manager			
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		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0845	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	The general thrust of Policy SP1 for conserving the environment and ensuring sustainable patterns of development is generally supported. The second and third bullet points of the policy seek to reduce reliance on greenfield sites and make efficient use of brownfield sites. The various policies pursuing the strategy outlined in SP1 are too restrictive and there needs to be flexibility to release some greenfield sites if they are more suitable than brownfield sites.									
Officer Comments	The policy towards the release of greenfield sites and brownfield sites is the subject of detailed national planning policy guidance (PPG3) and this is reflected elsewhere in the structure plan policies SS3 and HP4. It is not felt appropriate to attempt to deal with this question in policy SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	713	Organisation	Sevenoaks District Council	Name	Mr Ian Bailey	Position	Local Plans			
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1526	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	Laudable policy but needs greater cross referencing.									
Officer Comments	It is not felt appropriate to provide cross references to the considerable number of policies which give support to policy SP1. The policies of the Plan need to be read and applied as a whole.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	752	Organisation	Government Office for the South East	Name	Mr Ralph Dickens	Position				
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2066	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	Although protection of best & most versatile land is covered in policy FP8 it needs to be in SP1 too.									
Officer Comments	It is not necessary to repeat the policy for the protection of agricultural land set out in FP8 within SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	919	Organisation	CPRE (Sevenoaks)	Name	Maj. P J M Pellereau	Position	Committee Member			
Date Received	26/09/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-0024	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	The proliferation of collection schemes for recycling is in danger of going too far in rural areas, especially in terms of visual pollution. We are also adjusted to burning whatever we can. A better approach could be to reduce food packaging and junk mail.									
Officer Comments	These are detailed matters relating to waste management policy and practice and are not appropriate to Policy SP1									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	920	Organisation	Boxley Parish Council	Name	Mrs Pauline Bowdery	Position	Clerk			
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0279	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	Supports the need to ensure that any development has adequate infrastructure to ensure that the communities needs for leisure, shopping and public transport are met locally. The policy could be strengthened to ensure that Local Planning Authorities enforce the use of Section 106's.									
Officer Comments	Policy IMP1 deals with developer contributions and hence the use of Section 106 agreements. It is not appropriate for this matter to be introduced into policy SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	992	Organisation	Thames Water Property Services	Name	Ms Georgie Cook	Position				
Date Received	04/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1573	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Wholly support Policy SP1 in 'Fostering balanced and timely provision of .. infrastructure .. to help maintain and develop well functioning settlements' and 'advancing the conservation and prudent use of water'.									
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	1035	Organisation	Canterbury District Chamber of Commerce	Name	Mr J W Cross	Position	Chairman			
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object			
Comment No	D-1638	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	SL		
Consultee Comments	Provision should be made for this policy to be modified where there is a need to meet a strategic objective.									
Officer Comments	Policy SP1 provides a set of considerations to be weighed in considering specific proposals. It would not be helpful to amend policy SP1 to suggest that the principles of the policy may be set aside in the event that other interests or objectives which have not been pre defined , are evident.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	1038	Organisation	Country Land & Business Association (CLA)	Name	Mr E G Barham	Position	Chairman, Kent Branch			
Date Received	01/09/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0043	Proposed Action	Proposed Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Policy SP1 refers to 'sustaining and improving economic health and vitality of Kent's rural communities and helping the rural economy to diversify'. However, the balance favours environmental protection. None of the points in SP1 serve the rural economy's interests.									
Officer Comments	It is agreed that the policy should make reference to fostering a prosperous rural economy.									
Proposed Change	Amplify Policy SP1 by adding new bullet point :									

'FOSTERING A PROSPEROUS RURAL ECONOMY WHICH RESPECTS THE CHARACTER OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND RURAL SETTLEMENTS.'

ID Number	1049	Organisation	Persimmon Homes (SE) c/o Anna Bloomfield	Name	Ms Anna Bloomfield	Position				
Date Received	06/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-3003	Proposed Action	Proposed Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Fails to strike a fair and reasonable balance between often competing processes of development and conservation. It makes environmental protection the key issue and uses the need to slow down climate change as a reason to restrict all manner of development. There is no reference to meeting peoples needs per se, or to making adequate provision for housing and employment requirements. This broad stance is most clearly demonstrated by the second bullet point of the policy, namely the objective of reducing reliance on greenfield sites to accommodate all forms of built development. Such an approach demonstrates a fundamental lack of understanding as to how economic and regenerative forces work. Not only does it militate against meeting needs where they exist, but it also makes the assumption that previously developed land both exists and is available to meet the requirements within the Plan period. Furthermore, it ignores the fact that urban regeneration and investment can be stimulated by greenfield development. It demonstrated naivety in thinking that urban regeneration can only come about by the development of brownfield land. The Policy should be amended in order to permit the promotion of development within the County in order to provide for the needs of the current and forecast population.

Officer Comments This comment is not a balanced representation of the Structure Plan or Policy SP1. It is clear in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Plan that the county's need for employment and housing land is to be met by the provisions of the Plan. The Policy SP1 refers to 'fostering balanced and timely provision of housing, employment, infrastructure and community services.' The policy refers to 'reducing' (not removing) reliance on greenfield sites' an approach which is wholly consistent with national policy. No relationship is struck within the Plan between slowing down climate change and restricting the level of development although the former clearly has implications for the manner in which development needs are accommodated. To more fully reflect the element of social and community needs in relation to development an amendment to SP1 is proposed.

Proposed Change Amend 7th bullet point of SP1 by inserting after community services 'to meet the social needs of the community and to etc.

ID Number	1076	Organisation	Medway Countryside Forum	Name	Mr David Murr	Position	Chairman			
Date Received	25/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-3355	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Fundamental conflict between major growth on scale proposed and achieving genuine sustainability. This applies to bullet points 1-7. Bullet point 8 is supported. A sustainable approach should place the protection of the natural environment at the centre of policy. Thames Gateway Planning Strategy highlights scope for environmental improvement and economic regeneration to complement each other while emphasising value of natural assets within North Kent.,

Officer Comments A sustainable approach must consider social, economic and heritage considerations in addition to the natural environment, and it is felt that Policy SP1 strikes the appropriate balance for Kent. The thrust of the Thames Gateway Planning Strategy is incorporated in and taken forward by the Structure Plan.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1083	Organisation	.	Name	Mr John Hill	Position				
Date Received	06/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	No		
Comment No	D-2999	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Support the policy in its current form. It is most important that the environment in Kent is conserved and enhanced.

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1099	Organisation	Sevenoaks Town Council		Name			Position		
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date	
06/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know			
Comment No	D-3162	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Strongly support guiding principles. However, it is recommended that this policy is strengthened by greater cross referencing with other more specific policies in the plan.

Officer Comments It would not be appropriate to cross reference policies linked to SP1.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1120	Organisation	Kingsnorth Parish Council		Name	Miss J J Mills		Position	Clerk	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date	
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Comment No	D-1257	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1147	Organisation	Sport England South East		Name	Mr John Feetam		Position	Senior Planning Manager	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date	
07/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know			
Comment No	D-2219	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Not clear in bullet point 7 whether infrastructure and community services would include sport and recreation facilities. In the interests of clarity the word 'recreational' could be usefully inserted to read "infrastructure, and community and recreational services". Alternatively it could be made clear in the 3rd bullet point of the supporting key theme, 'Securing quality, investment and infrastructure for regeneration and development'.

Officer Comments Policy QL12 makes it clear that community services include sport and recreation facilities.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1148	Organisation	Croudace Ltd c/o Charles Planning		Name	Mr Stuart Irvine	Position	Senior Project Manager	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-1612	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments The principles contained in policy SP1 are generally supported. However, it is considered that the thrust of the policy fails to properly recognise the role to be played by the Structure Plan in guiding development in the County and ensuring that sufficient development is delivered to meet the needs of existing and future residents. As the title indicates, the policy deals with matters of primary interest in the context of 'the protection of the countryside and the pattern and form of development'. Although the inclusive 'and' is used the policy places environmental protection above the interests of development. As a consequence, it is considered that this is unduly negative and does not adequately reflect the role of the Structure Plan in promoting and guiding development in the local, national and broader European context. The elements of this policy need to be transposed such that the policy should seek to achieve a sustainable pattern and form of development while achieving the enhancement and where appropriate adequate protection of the environment. The guiding principle of the Structure Plan should be the introduction of development serving the wider public interest without harming environmentally sensitive resources. In this manner, the environmental implications of development proposals are to be weighted according to their relative abundance or scarcity and as to whether they represent a finite or renewable resource. The present policy indicates a prevalent assumption that 'Greenfield' development is to be regarded as unsustainable and this fails to reflect the sequential approach as outlined in present Government Guidance. It is considered that the reference to 'reducing reliance' is too ambiguous, as it does not present a base line for determination as to whether it is being achieved by a particular development proposal. Is this to be considered by reference to the Plan period in contrast to the previous Plan? Or is it based upon the working 5 year period in a rolling review, if so at what level? Alternatively, is this to be co-ordinated through the districts on a year by year analysis of development trends? In any event, a clear wording of the policy is required. In summary the policy should be revised to reflect the following: i) Change the name of the policy to 'Delivering a Sustainable Development Strategy'; ii) Include a specific bullet point that requires LDD's to meet development needs within the plan period; and iii) Replace the term 'reducing reliance on Greenfield sites' to 'meeting development needs through the application of the sequential approach'.

Officer Comments Policy SP1 is concerned both with conserving and enhancing Kent's environment and ensuring a sustainable pattern of development. There are conservation objectives which apply regardless of the development quantity, such as preservation of the coast the most protected sites of heritage and ecological interest and safeguarding of areas liable to flood. It is not therefore a question of transposing the priorities within the policy, as the comment suggests - these are parallel aims not an ordering of priorities.

There is a requirement on local plans and, in the future local development documents, to meet the development quantities of the Structure Plan. Policy HP1 makes clear that 'provision will be made' for the dwelling requirements set out. Paragraph 7.6 makes clear that the quantities meet Regional Planning Guidance 9.

Policy SP1 sets out an objective of 'reducing reliance on greenfield sites'. There would be no merit in changing this to a reference to the sequential approach to the release of land which is set out in None

Proposed Change

ID Number	1161	Organisation	English Heritage SE		Name	Mr Steve Williams	Position	Land Use Planner	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2651	Proposed Action	Proposed Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments LATE RESPONSE (received 20:14 10/11/03)
Reference should be to land "AND BUILDINGS" in the 3rd bullet point of Policy SP1.

Officer Comments Agreed. Policy SS3 amplifies the approach to priority for the use of previously developed land and buildings.

Proposed Change Amend 3rd bullet point of Policy SP1 to read : 'Using and re-using land and buildings for development more efficiently'

ID Number	1177	Organisation	Inventures (NHS Estates)	Name	Mr Stephen Harness	Position	Senior Consultant			
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-1035	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	The DHSC, South supports conservation and sustainability and as such welcomes the aims of this policy. In particular the point which seeks the timely provision of "community services" as defined in the Plan to include healthcare facilities.									
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	1235	Organisation	Frindsbury & Wainscott Community Association	Name	Mrs Anne Wade	Position				
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-1191	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Essential policy to protect the environment from pressures of unnecessary and unacceptable development.									
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	1897	Organisation	Dartford Borough Council	Name	Ms Sian Phillips	Position				
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1047	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	The third bullet point should be reworded to read 'ENSURING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS INCLUDE MEASURES TO ADDRESS POTENTIAL FLOOD-RISK.'									
Officer Comments	It is correct for development proposals to include measures to address potential flood risks. However the last clause of Policy SP1 is consistent with current Planning Guidance concerned with flooding. A policy to safeguard areas of potential flood risk from development is appropriate. Areas subject to satisfactory measures to protect development from flood risk e.g. through provision of flood defences would be consistent with the thrust of this clause of SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	1901	Organisation	Countryside Agency	Name	Ms Fiona Fraser-Boulton	Position				
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1946	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	SL		
Consultee Comments	Welcome the approach to sustainable development as set out in Policy SP1. However, whilst support the aim of protecting the Kent countryside, this should not be total protection to the exclusion of any development. This could be reflected in the policy.									
Officer Comments	Policy SP1 and supporting text do not advocate protection to the exclusion of any development. Clause 7 of the Policy refers to "fostering balanced and timely provision of housing, employment and services". Policies SS6, SS7, SS8 and SS9 set out the policies towards development in the countryside and at rural settlements.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2103	Organisation					Name	Cllr Tony Harwood	Position	Borough Councillor for Maidstone North Ward
Date Received	01/10/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0030	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments General prescriptions guiding any future development plan should be the preservation of quality of life of local residents and the preservations and enhancement of landscape and bio-diversity. Strongly supports emphasis on restricting growth of housing and employment sites in Maidstone Borough. High quality landscapes and the proximity of economic development growth areas in neighbouring districts i.e. Ashford, Kings Hill, Medway Towns and Thames Gateway, make this a realistic policy. Concerned that strategic approach is followed to inform the development and conservation of Kent (an element of inward looking chauvinism and 'keeping up with Jones's' can colour the approach within individual District Plans). In those areas where economic development campus style developments are to be progressed in the Borough, large scale landscape and biodiversity enhancement should be built into development briefs i.e. major woodland and wetland creation schemes to provide sylvan wildlife rich settings for economic development. This will aid marketing, increase site and business value and the health and productivity of workers.

Officer Comments The Structure Plan, and the encouragement given to preparation of Briefs for large sites, do reflect the aims of the comments made.
Proposed Change None

ID Number	2117	Organisation	Bidborough Parish Council				Name	Mrs E M Divall	Position	Parish Clerk
Date Received	27/10/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
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Comment No	D-0072	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Developments over the last twenty years have encouraged the need to travel, often independently in private cars, for example to out of town leisure, retail parks.

Officer Comments It is correct that some development in recent decades has encouraged the need to travel and it is the objective of the Structure Plan that future development should be accessible to public transport and reduce the need to travel.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	2138	Organisation	Aylesford Parish Council				Name	Mr Tim Thompson	Position	Clerk to the Council
Date Received	06/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
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Comment No	D-2531	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Agrees that Kent should resist any future plans by Government for development, over and above that set out in the document, in order to restrict the overcrowding and urbanisation of the South-East. Any new development, or expansion of existing areas of housing must provide the necessary physical and community infrastructure. KCC and Medway Council should be pressing Central Government to divert housing quotas to areas with fewer development constraints and encourage industrial and commercial development in those areas of the Country where there is greater need for employment opportunities.

Officer Comments The spatial priorities of the Structure Plan reflect an emphasis on those parts of Kent and Medway with the most pressing need for regeneration and employment diversification. Policies within the Quality of Life Chapter of the Plan address the funding and provision of requirements for new community facilities associated with development wherever it occurs.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	2140	Organisation	Pounsley Road Residents Ltd		Name	Mr Derek Brown		Position	Chairman	
Date Received	06/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-3111	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	SL			
Consultee Comments	Support policy aims. However, when developers put forward proposals which conflict with these criteria, residents expect KCC to adhere to these policies and, when appropriate, back the Local Authority in applying them.									
Officer Comments	Support for the policy is noted, the respondent does not give instances in which KCC has failed to adhere to its policies. Decisions must be in the light of the local and strategic planning policy approved for the area.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2143	Organisation	Kent Association of Parish Councils/Tunbridge Wells		Name	Mr David Coleman		Position	Chairman	
Date Received	06/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-3257	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF			
Consultee Comments										
Officer Comments	Noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2183	Organisation	Mid Kent College c/o John Sharkey & Co		Name	Mr John Sharkey		Position		
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0302	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF			
Consultee Comments	Support.									
Officer Comments	Noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2213	Organisation	Pfizer Ltd c/o Halcrow		Name	Mr Chris Watts		Position	Technical Director	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-1809	Proposed Action	Proposed Change			Case Officer	TM			
Consultee Comments	The policy does not draw out strongly enough the importance of targeted economic development, the role of knowledge based industries like Pfizer, and regeneration areas such as East Kent, as being essential components of a sustainable development framework.									
Officer Comments	Elsewhere in the Structure Plan the importance of regeneration in East Kent and the particular role of industries such as Pfizer are recognised. Notably, Policy SS1 refers to the concentration of development in East Kent, Policy EK2 supports the development of pharmaceuticals to strengthen the economy of Dover, and to development at Sandwich and Richborough. Policy FP3 refers to the priority given to strategic employment sites including Sandwich/Richborough, and Policy FP4 supports the development of technology and knowledge activities including Pfizer at Sandwich. Nevertheless, it is accepted that the well being of the economy is an important part of sustainable development and it is suggested that an additional bullet point be added to Policy SP1									
Proposed Change	Add to Policy SP1: Supporting the retention and growth of Kent's employment and investment in a manner that contributes to a sustainable pattern of development.'									

ID Number	2217	Organisation	H + H Celcon Ltd c/o Barton Willmore		Name	Mr Alasdair Mackenzie		Position	Senior Planner	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-1770	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	The main thrust of the policy is supported, however provision of the Borough Green bypass with its enabling development will reduce the impacts of traffic at Borough Green facilitating a more sustainable pattern of development. The policy should be amended to make it clear that sustainable development can be achieved through influencing the nature and location of development and appropriate development of greenfield sites may in certain circumstances be acceptable. A more flexible strategic policy should be included that allows for the release of the land outside the built settlement in certain circumstances. Enabling development at Borough Green will enable provision of the bypass and the associated accessibility gains and traffic benefits of the bypass as identified in policy TP7									
Officer Comments	Policy SP1 is not the appropriate place to deal with specific proposals for development or enabling measures. It is open for all established employers to make the case for expansion in discussion with the local authorities. Policy SP1 does not rule out development on greenfield land. The amendment proposed to Policy SP1 that recognises the need to support the retention and growth of Kent's employment and investment is relevant to the point made here. Policy TP7 refers to the Borough Green Bypass as a project to be part funded by development contributions. No further change is needed.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2221	Organisation	Pelham Homes Ltd c/o Jennifer Owen & Assoc. Ltd		Name	Mrs J A Owen		Position		
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-1606	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Policy fails to acknowledge the key role of Kent in the Sustainable Communities Plan. It should be modified to include reference to this role and the need to substantially expand those settlements identified by ODPM.									
Officer Comments	The Sustainable Communities Plan has recently given particular emphasis to Thames Gateway and Ashford as the locations within Kent which will assist in meeting the Government's view of additional development appropriate in the wider South East region. Spatial strategy and development provisions set out in the structure plan, particularly through policies SS1, SS2, FP1 and HP1 provide the basis for the interpretation of the role of the regional growth areas in Kent. It is therefore not felt appropriate to introduce spatial strategy in Policy SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2246	Organisation	CPRE (Maidstone District)		Name	Ms Felicity Simpson		Position	Chairman	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0756	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	Support but with the addition of 'WHICH WILL SEEK TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LOCAL PEOPLE' to the end of the second bullet point.									
Officer Comments	Policy SP1 sets some general criteria, and other policies in the Structure Plan deal with specific circumstances and types of development. It is not therefore appropriate to accept the amendments proposed. The policy will intrinsically enhance the quality of life within Kent and it is inherently part of the policy's wider objectives for protecting the countryside and the environment.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2272	Organisation	Highways Agency		Name	Mr H Moore	Position		
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1155	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Support the aim of reducing the need to travel and encouraging the provision of alternative transport modes to the private car								
Officer Comments	Noted								
Proposed Change	None								

ID Number	2339	Organisation	Kingsley Smith & Co		Name	Mr B Kingsley Smith	Position	Senior Partner	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-2314	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Policy SP1 is supported, particularly the fifth bullet point referring to a reduction in the need to travel. Unfortunately, this is directly contradicted by other policies in the Plan. A paper accompanying the objection entitled 'Revitalising the Kent and Medway Countryside' explains that those living in rural areas are entitled to as much consideration of their quality of life as those already in or likely to come to urban areas. The sustainable objective of Policy SP1 conflicts with each of the following policies: SS2, SS3, SS6, SS7, SS9, SS10, E1, SP1, SP2, SP5, SP6, SP7, TP11 and TP16. On the other hand, the sixth bullet point in Policy TP1 is supported but is obviously not going to be seriously considered in the light of the preponderance of contradictory policies. The provision of well designed modern employment facilities within rural areas is critical to achievement of sustainability objectives.								
Officer Comments	Support for Policy SP1 is noted. The references to policies SP2, SP5 and SP7 is unclear - there are no such policies in the Structure Plan. The emphasis of the strategy is to secure a sustainable pattern and form of development that can contribute to a reduced need to travel. This is pursued through support for the concentration of new development where existing services and employment are focused - at the urban areas and rural service centres. Provision made for business and employment related development at rural service centres pursuant to Policies SS2, SS3, SS6 and FP6 will enhance accessibility to employment from rural areas alongside the larger scale opportunities available across the close network of major/principal urban areas in Kent. Policies SS7 and FP7 allow for appropriate non residential development in rural Kent including support for the diversification of existing farm businesses. The nature of the perceived conflict with Policies TP11 and TP16 is unclear - these are policies to address traffic management in rural areas - it is not accepted that the principles of these policies should be subordinated to larger and more widespread provision for employment related development in rural areas.								
Proposed Change	None								

ID Number	2374	Organisation	Upchurch Parish Council		Name	Mr Gerald Lewin	Position	Chairman	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
26/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-Policy SP1	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-2843	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	LATE RESPONSE								
Officer Comments	Noted								
Proposed Change	None								

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ID Number	121	Organisation	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Name	Mr Tony Fullwood	Position	Head of Strategy and Development										
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Support	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-2452	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF				
Consultee Comments	the four key themes.																
Officer Comments	Support noted																
Proposed Change	none																
ID Number	130	Organisation	Bexley Council	Name	G Bryant	Position											
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Support	Participate in EIP?	Don't Know	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-2419	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	TM				
Consultee Comments	Core principles supported.																
Officer Comments	Support Noted.																
Proposed Change	None																
ID Number	214	Organisation	Kent Wildlife Trust	Name	Mr Richard Moyse	Position	Senior Conservation Officer										
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	1.18	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-0374	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF				
Consultee Comments	Key Theme: Nurturing Kent & Medway's Environment and Resources Agree with principle of minimising greenfield development and making most of previously developed land, but must recognise that many brownfield sites are important for biodiversity conservation, and many greenfield sites(e.g. intensively farmed arable fields) are of almost no value to wildlife. This principle may therefore conflict with aspirations to conserve and enhance biodiversity. We therefore suggest adding (to key theme 1, bullet 1) "WHERE THIS DOES NOT COMPROMISE THE CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF IMPORTANT BIODIVERSITY".																
Officer Comments	The key theme 'Nurturing Kent and Medway's environment and resources' does refer (6th bullet point) to conserving and enhancing Kent's natural habitats and biodiversity. Policy E8 requires an assessment of the biodiversity value of prospective development sites whether greenfield or brownfield.																
Proposed Change	None																

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10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Support	Yes		

Comment No **D-0375** Proposed Action No Change Case Officer DF

Consultee Comments Key Theme: Nurturing Kent & Medway's Environment and Resources
 Support principle of anticipating and reducing impact of future climate change. Plan should make explicit reference to need to mitigate impact on biodiversity by
 (a) avoiding further fragmentation of habitats
 (b) protecting and conserving whole ecosystems to improve robustness of our natural habitats.

Officer Comments Support noted. Reference to prevention of fragmentation of habitats is included in chapter 4 (para 4.26)

Proposed Change None

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Comment No **D-0376** Proposed Action No Change Case Officer DF

Consultee Comments Key Theme: Nurturing Kent & Medway's Environment and Resources
 Support principles of protecting environment and conserving/enhancing natural habitats and biodiversity.

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

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10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Support	Yes		

Comment No **D-0377** Proposed Action No Change Case Officer DF

Consultee Comments Key Theme: Nurturing Kent & Medway's Environment and Resources
 Support wise use of water and other restricted or unrennewable resources, and need for care in use of natural environment.

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

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10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Object	Yes		

Comment No **D-0378** Proposed Action Proposed Change Case Officer DF

Consultee Comments Key Theme: Fostering Prosperity and Well Being
 Principles included under this key theme all concern economic matters: none specifically addresses social or environmental well-being. This gives the entirely erroneous impression that the well-being of society is solely linked to economic prosperity, an idea which does not accord with the government's own guidance on sustainable development. Either the term well-being should be dropped from the title of the theme, or it should be added to those themes dealing with environmental or social themes.

Officer Comments It is accepted 'wellbeing' embraces considerations in addition to economic prosperity. Chapter Five of the structure plan is concerned with the 'promoting quality of life in town and country' and in view of this it would be appropriate to delete the phrase 'wellbeing' from the second key theme in chapter one of the structure plan.

Proposed Change Delete the phrase 'wellbeing' from the second key theme in Chapter one of the structure plan.

Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-0379	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Key Theme: Fostering Prosperity and Well Being
5th bullet point refers to 'sustainable growth', a phrase whose meaning is not entirely clear. It is assumed that, in keeping with the Plan's other principles, this is intended to mean 'growth which is environmentally sustainable'. If this is the case, then it should be more clearly stated.

Officer Comments It is evident from policy SP1 that the achievement of 'sustainable development' or growth, is achieved by the pursuit of environmental and other objectives. It would not be appropriate to introduce a definition of sustainable growth based solely upon environmental considerations to the exclusion of matters such as the re-use of developed land, high quality design and well served development.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	215	Organisation	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	Name	Ms Alison Giacomelli	Position	Conservation Officer
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Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
11/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2988	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments First Key Theme:

First bullet point: Previously developed land may have existing recreational or ecological value. The word APPROPRIATE should be added between "reusing" and "previously developed land".

Second bullet point: building ever higher sea defences is not always the most financially justifiable, environmentally sustainable or effective long term means of dealing with sea level rise. The emphasis should be on risk management. Replace "stronger protection" with MORE EFFECTIVE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT.

Third Key Theme:

Fifth bullet point suggesting challenging standards for water, energy and other resource efficiency from new development is supported. However should also refer to reduction in resource use as a mainstay of sustainable development.

Officer Comments The recreation or ecological value of any site, whether or not it be previously developed land, will be assessed before planning permission is granted by virtue of the policies in the structure plan (e.g E8) and local plans. The first key theme second bullet includes 'stronger protection and management for areas of potential flood risk', and this includes areas subject to river flooding as opposed to those at risk from high sea levels. The fifth bullet point of the third key theme already refers to 'high quality design that uses land, water - more efficiently'. It is not felt that the three amendments to the first and third key theme are necessary.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	245	Organisation	The London Green Belt Council	Name	Mr LG Holt	Position	Hon. Secretary
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Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
16/09/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	No		
Comment No	D-0006	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments With its importance in Chapter 2 and elsewhere in the Plan, should a references to Green Belt be included in Chapter 1 as a Key Theme?

Officer Comments The commitment of the Plan to the Green Belt is acknowledged and is addressed through the final bullet point of the third Key Theme (page 10) .

Proposed Change None

ID Number	333	Organisation	Dover District Chamber of Commerce	Name	Mr Ray Haines	Position	Chief Executive										
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Don't Know	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-1350	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	TM				
Consultee Comments	This chapter could lay out some of the principles involved in finding a correct balance between policies that are in conflict with each other and give guidance for considering situations where policy conflict occurs. We are pleased that the Plan gives attention to 'Fostering Prosperity' but wonder how balance will be struck between economic growth and environmental considerations. Balance held over recent years needs to be changed in favour of economic benefit - we do not believe the desired emphasis and re-balancing comes through in the Structure Plan.																
Officer Comments	Considerable emphasis is given to improving the economy in Kent in the strategic policies of Chapter two, the area policies of Chapter three and the policies specifically for economic development in Chapter six. Elsewhere support is given to minerals, transport and the port industry. It is felt that overall the structure plan strikes the correct balance between economic and environmental considerations.																
Proposed Change	None																

ID Number	393	Organisation	Church Commissioners	Name	Mr Andrew Male	Position	Management Planning										
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Support	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-0895	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF				
Consultee Comments																	
Officer Comments	Support noted																
Proposed Change	None																

ID Number	715	Organisation	Thanet District Council	Name	Mr Colin Fitt	Position	Local Plans Manager										
Date Received	28/10/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-0504	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF				
Consultee Comments	The Vision and Guiding Principles are generally supported. However, while acknowledging the wider sub-regional roles of the Thames Gateway and Ashford, Thanet District should be identified as the priority area in Kent where infrastructure investment and job-creating development should first be focused and directed given the social and economic misfortunes of the area. The Deposit Plan states that East Kent should benefit economically from the planned growth at Ashford, however unless available resources and mobile development are, as priority, directed at Thanet the potential for Ashford to suck these in will undermine the substantial efforts and progress already made towards sustainable regeneration. Therefore the guiding principles should go much further by supporting the need for the establishment of a delivery mechanism to be overseen by the local authorities involved and the County Council, in order to regulate the distribution of resources and development between Thanet and Ashford in order that Ashford's growth will not undermine the regeneration agenda for Thanet and East Kent Priority Area for Regeneration (PAER). Such a delivery mechanism could also be used in the wider context of affording first priority to Thanet in support of the aim of redistributing development and investment from the west of the County.																
Officer Comments	The structure plan recognises the particular economic development and social needs of Thanet through the quantities of employment land that have been provided, the approach to new retail development, recognition of the potential of the airport and port sector and strong support for improving access by road and rail. Given national and regional policies towards development in the Thames Gateway and in Ashford, and the legitimate case for economic development at other urban areas in the county, it is not appropriate to identify Thanet as the first location to focus infrastructure and economic development over all other areas. The needs of Thanet continue to be recognised in the strategy of the Structure Plan taking into account that it is part of a wider arc of coastal towns in East Kent recognised regionally as a priority area for regeneration and that Kent has also to respond to the investment and development agenda for the regional growth areas identified as of national and regional importance through RPG9 and the Sustainable Communities Plan. Thanet has benefited, and continues to benefit from the priority attached to East Kent in terms of transport and other infrastructure investment.																
Proposed Change	None																

ID Number	1035	Organisation	Canterbury District Chamber of Commerce	Name	Mr J W Cross	Position	Chairman											
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	1.10	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn		Date
Comment No	D-1629	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF					
Consultee Comments	The statement 'there are still significant economic problems and disparities... the area does not compare well with the rest of the South East' needs to be more focussed to include the disparities within Kent. Canterbury District relies too heavily on retailing, tourism and the public sector. Plan does not adequately address these issues.																	
Officer Comments	Chapter six of the structure plan and policies FP1 and FP3 in particular, make provision for new business development in Canterbury District. An amendment to policy FP1 for additional provision of business space at Canterbury is also proposed.																	
Proposed Change	None within Chapter 1 but amendment proposed to Policy FP1 (Chapter 6) relating to Canterbury.																	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	1.15	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn		Date
Comment No	D-1634	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	TM					
Consultee Comments	The commitment to regeneration should include the whole of Canterbury district, not just the coastal towns and former East Kent coalfield.																	
Officer Comments	Needs and circumstances within Canterbury District vary with the coastal towns and the former coalfield area included within the regional priority area for economic regeneration identified within regional planning guidance (RPG9). Paragraph 1.15 maintains support for the Kent coast and coalfield, which is appropriate to regional policies and the needs of other areas. Amendments are proposed to policy FP1 to strengthen support for the economy of the Canterbury City itself																	
Proposed Change	None																	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn		Date
Comment No	D-1636	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	DF					
Consultee Comments	Key Theme - Fostering Prosperity - The commitment to reducing economic disparities within Kent excludes Canterbury.																	
Officer Comments	Needs and circumstances within Canterbury District vary with the coastal towns and the former coalfield area included within the regional priority area for economic regeneration identified within regional planning guidance (RPG9). However the principle addressed within this Theme of supporting high valued added activities and enhancing the competitiveness of existing businesses is of direct relevance to Canterbury and the policies of the Structure Plan that apply to it e.g FP1 (as proposed for amendment) and FP4.																	
Proposed Change	None																	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Deposit	Chapter	D01	Policy Number	D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number	---	Map/Table Diagram	---	Supp/Obj	Object	Participate in EIP?	Yes	Withdrawn		Date
Comment No	D-1637	Proposed Action	No Change									Case Officer	MS					
Consultee Comments	'Promoting and investing in efficient transport that will secure future needs, tackle congestion, avoid unacceptable damage to the environment and make the best use of the existing road and rail infrastructure.' This is a laudable theme but the Plan does not make any specific provision to achieve these objectives in Canterbury other than to improve rail journey times to London. Changes need to be made to infrastructure to enable residents of the district and of East Kent generally to access the improved rail service. Specifically provision should be made for a parkway station at Canterbury associated with a new park and ride facility and improved junction with A2. Operating a high-speed rail service to the existing Canterbury West station will either lead to a substantial increase in congestion and pollution or an under-utilised service.																	
Officer Comments	The Canterbury Parkway proposal and linkage between the two lines crossing to the west of Canterbury could be attractive to motorists currently using the A2. However, proposals have been looked at by the Highways Agency and there are no prospects that either the Highways Agency or the Strategic Rail Authority is willing to fund this proposal.																	
Proposed Change	None																	

ID Number	1088	Organisation	The Dover Society	Name	Mr Terry Sutton MBE	Position				
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0893	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	An additional SP policy is required to be mirrored in Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks, whereby a formula is devised requiring a contribution from builders on newly allocated sites based on numbers It would have to be a single figure for the individual planning district as a whole, having regard to the particular amount of infrastructure required. As with infrastructure charges imposed by services authorities, KCC and Local Planning Authorities would need to be collaborated on the appropriate figure for each area, and these would differ slightly from district to district. Developers and landowners would then be able to take them into account when preparing development appraisals and land valuations.									
Officer Comments	Policy IMP1 addresses the issue of developer contributions . The approach to this is currently under review nationally including the potential role of a planning charge upon developers .									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	1130	Organisation	Southeast (Sandwich) Action Group for the Environment (SAGE)	Name	Mr Phil Scott	Position	Vice Chair & Secretary			
Date Received	14/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.3	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-2693	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	LATE RESPONSE 3rd sentence of para 1.3 - very impressive sentiments, but what does it mean? Suspect very little as much of the development that the Plan talks of will damage and further degrade the already overstretched and overly full Kentish environment. It is unfortunate that large sections of this document contain this type of greenwashed, overly positive statement, whilst some policies and strategies, to which there are clearly more positive, affordable and sustainable alternatives will deepen environmental and social problems within the county. Suggest: more honesty, less spin, or policies that live up to the grand claims that this document makes!									
Officer Comments	The Structure Plan is a genuine attempt to balance the environmental and economic interests at play in Kent through the quantity and location of development and other policies. Local Authorities must work within the framework of powers and funding provided to them. Kent County Council and Medway Council consistently seek the means by which to strengthen their ability to implement policies within the Plan, and to apply them consistently to develop the proposals as they come forward.									
Proposed Change	None									

Date Received	14/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.14	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-2694	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	LATE RESPONSE Para 1.14 - allowing for expansion under the Sustainable Communities Plan, we find that many facilities needed to cope with this expansion will be located in the immediate area, yet others, that are not quite as glamorous as multiplex cinemas and bowling alleys, will be situated in the East Kent Triangle. This is simply not acceptable - this type of cherry picking should have no place in developing so called sustainable communities. All development required to support such massive expansion should be located within the expanding community.									
Officer Comments	This comment appears to be based on a misunderstanding. The Sustainable Community's Plan identifies North Kent, as part of the Thames Gateway, and Ashford as locations for growth. The services needed to support that expansion will also be located within those areas. Policy QL13 establishes the principle that development should be supported by necessary services throughout the County.									
Proposed Change	None									

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Comment No	D-2695	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments LATE RESPONSE

Overall this section looks good with many positive and grand comments made. Whilst it is recognised that there will always be conflict between the need for development and protection of the human and natural environment, it is not agreed that Kent needs to build and develop its way to prosperity. This appears to be part of a struggle to achieve higher ratings in the competition that seems to be underway between elements of KCC and staff in surrounding counties. The priority should be to improve, consolidate and stabilise our county before we launch into another round of playing catch up. This section is little more than an upbeat, yet vague mission statement, it seems to say, get ready for more of the same.

Officer Comments Regional Planning Guidance sets out the quantum of housing development to be accommodated in Kent. Kent County Council and Medway Council feel that it is a priority to provide sufficient employment for the residents of the County. The Structure Plan proposes consolidation in that the existing major commitments to employment land are to be given priority for implementation. There is a considerable emphasis in the plan upon the use of previously developed sites before greenfield land, and to protecting the environment of the County and improving the standard of new development.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1147	Organisation	Sport England South East	Name	Mr John Feetam	Position	Senior Planning Manager
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Date Received 07/11/2003	Stage Deposit	Chapter D01	Policy Number D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number ---	Map/Table Diagram ---	Supp/Obj Support	Participate in EIP? Don't Know	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-2215	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments Page 10, "Nurturing Kent and Medway's Environment and Resources". Support 11th bullet point 'Securing quality, investment and infrastructure for regeneration and development'. Support 3rd bullet point, 1st sentence, on the assumption that this is a reference to the need to make provision for sport and recreational facilities in conjunction with new development to ensure that the demands of new residents and businesses can be met either by enhanced existing or new facilities.

Page 11, 'Enhancing choice, opportunity and accessibility'. Support the 4th bullet point that mixed use developments are "planned to meet social, culturalneeds". For similar reasons to the above.

Officer Comments It is the aim of the Structure Plan that sport and recreation facilities should be provided in conjunction with new development, and Policies QL13, QL15-16 & 17 address this matter.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	1161	Organisation	English Heritage SE	Name	Mr Steve Williams	Position	Land Use Planner
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Date Received 10/11/2003	Stage Deposit	Chapter D01	Policy Number D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number ---	Map/Table Diagram ---	Supp/Obj Support	Participate in EIP? Don't Know	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-2647	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments LATE RESPONSE (received 20:14 10/11/03)

welcomes the emphasis in Chapter 1 on the importance of retaining and strengthening the distinctive character of the area; the contribution of the built environment and heritage to that distinctiveness; and recognition of the significance of such qualities as a driver for investment and community pride. These are themes interwoven throughout the Plan and we welcome their inclusion.

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

Date Received 10/11/2003	Stage Deposit	Chapter D01	Policy Number D-No Policy Ref	Paragraph Number 1.6	Map/Table Diagram ---	Supp/Obj Support	Participate in EIP? Don't Know	Withdrawn	Date
Comment No	D-2648	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments LATE RESPONSE (received 20:14 10/11/03)

Concur with the analysis at para 1.6 that there is a need to protect the best of what there is and also to revitalise those communities and areas in greatest need. The need for sensitive farm diversification benefiting rural landscapes and economy is supported, as is the recognition of the role of service centres.

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

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10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	---		Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2650	Proposed Action	Proposed Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	LATE RESPONSE (received 20:14 10/11/03) The four Key Themes and 32 Core principles provide a sound and comprehensive framework to guide policies and proposals in the Plan in a sustainable way, although suggests that the reference should be to land "AND BUILDINGS" in the first bullet point to the Environment & Resources Key Theme.								
Officer Comments	Agreed. Policy SS3 amplifies the approach to priority for the use of previously developed land and buildings.								
Proposed Change	Page 9 : Key Theme : Nurturing Kent and Medway's Environment and Resources . In first bullet point insert and 'previously used buildings after 'previously developed land								
ID Number	1167	Organisation	Lend Lease c/o Drivers Jonas		Name	Mr Michael Davies		Position	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
04/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-1387	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Supports the overall vision. The development of the St Clement's Valley site is central to the regeneration and development of North Kent area and will provide a range of local employment opportunities for existing and new communities.								
Officer Comments	Support for the overall vision noted . This Chapter does not address the role of specific development locations.								
Proposed Change	None								
ID Number	1194	Organisation	Church Commissioners c/o Cluttons		Name	Mr Haydn Payne		Position	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-1901	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	LS		
Consultee Comments	The overall strategy and key themes of the Structure Plan are supported, particularly the need to foster prosperity and well being by sustaining and improving the economic health and vitality of Kent's rural communities and helping the rural economy to diversify.								
Officer Comments	Support noted								
Proposed Change	None								
ID Number	1246	Organisation	.		Name	Ms Hazel McCabe		Position	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
07/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support			
Comment No	D-1477	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	A good, clearly set out document.								
Officer Comments	Support noted								
Proposed Change	None								

ID Number	1293	Organisation	Holdfast Consortium	Name	Mr Michael Parkes	Position				
Date Received	05/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2326	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments (Holdfast Consortium have been selected as conditional preferred Bidders to partner the Royal School of Military Engineering and will be responsible for dealing with the surplus land of the RSME, including in the Chatham area. One identified surplus site is the Chattenden Estate.)
welcome and support the Key Themes and Spatial Strategy.

Officer Comments Support noted
Proposed Change None

ID Number	1897	Organisation	Dartford Borough Council	Name	Ms Sian Phillips	Position				
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1048	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Bullet points 8 & 11 of the Key Themes should be reworded.
Officer Comments The nature of the objection to the Key Themes and proposed rewording is not specified
Proposed Change None

Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1049	Proposed Action	Proposed Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments A new policy on energy conservation should be included.
Officer Comments It is agreed that this area of policy should be strengthened and a new policy is proposed for inclusion in Chapter 9
Proposed Change New policy NRx to be included in Chapter 9 as follows:
NRx : Development and the Prudent Use of Natural Resources
Proposals for development should demonstrate that their design and layout contributes to:
(a) the conservation and prudent use of energy, water and other natural resources; and
(b) a reduction in CO2 emissions through re-use, or the more efficient use, of resources

ID Number	1901	Organisation	Countryside Agency	Name	Ms Fiona Fraser-Boulton	Position				
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1945	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments The Agency supports this part of the Plan. The Plan's four key themes are broadly supported. Page 9 Nurturing Kent and Medway's environment and resources: Support the principle of protecting the countryside and minimising greenfield development, but object that this should not mean protection of the countryside to the exclusion of all development. (1st bullet). The principle of promoting sensitive and comprehensive approaches to the assessment and protection of the countryside, that reflects its character and biodiversity as well as its natural beauty is supported. (7th bullet). Page 10 Fostering prosperity and well being. The principle of sustaining and improving the economic health and vitality of Kent's rural communities and helping the rural economy to diversify is supported. (6th bullet). Securing quality, investment and infrastructure for regeneration and development. The principle of monitoring, maintaining the character and separation of settlements through retention of Green Belt and definition of strategic gaps is supported. (6th bullet).

Officer Comments Elements of support noted. The objectives of the Plan are to reduce the call upon greenfield development but it is acknowledged throughout the plan that greenfield development will continue and indeed will be essential if the scale of strategic development requirements are to be accommodated.

Proposed Change None

ID Number	2122	Organisation	Friends of the Earth (Shepway)	Name	Ms Rhona Hodges	Position				
Date Received	01/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0938	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Applaud and endorse that the strategy of building sustainable communities, awareness of the potential effects of climate change and the key themes of nurturing the environment and resources were well to the fore in the guiding principles of the Plan.

Officer Comments Support noted

Proposed Change None

ID Number	2123	Organisation	Blueco Ltd c/o Drivers Jonas	Name	Mr Jeff Pyrah	Position				
Date Received	03/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-1002	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Supports the overall vision. As the regional shopping centre in the area, and being centrally placed in the Thames Gateway Regional Growth Area and Kent Thameside, it is considered that Bluewater can continue to perform an important role as a catalyst for the regeneration and development of Kent.

Officer Comments Noted

Proposed Change None

ID Number	2143	Organisation	Kent Association of Parish Councils/Tunbridge Wells		Name	Mr David Coleman	Position	Chairman		
Date Received	06/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-3255	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	pages 9 to 11. 4 key themes.									
Officer Comments	Noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2149	Organisation			Name	Mr David Murr	Position			
Date Received	27/10/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-0497	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	Agrees with the objectives set out in the foreword but the reality of what is happening presents a very different picture. Conflict between the desire to achieve to sustainability while at the same time supporting the totally unsustainable levels of new building imposed on Kent and Medway by central government. Destruction of habitats, natural features, rural character, tranquillity and even communities has occurred across the county in recent decades as a result of over-development. This has resulted in road construction on a scale out of all proportion. To take one example. The area between Maidstone and the Medway conurbation's has experienced large scale road programmes since the 1950s changing whole landscapes in the process. As a result the two planning areas are now merging and spreading vastly into the countryside. Village communities are merging and are now experiencing urban pressures such as crime, vandalism and despoliation. If present government regional strategies are pursued without some restraint, the present situation is only a precursor to even more severe environmental impacts. What Kent and particularly North Kent urgently needs is a recognition that policies are required which moderate growth and protect the battered environment as was stated in the Medway Local Plan just five years ago. Kent and Medway should be sending clearer message to the government that there are limits to how much development we can absorb in order to meet principles of sustainable development especially in the Thames Gateway area.									
Officer Comments	The impact of road construction referred to between Maidstone and Medway is over emphasised in these comments. It is agreed that there should be limits to the quantity of development to be absorbed and the KCC and Medway Council will continue to make this clear to regional and central government. It is felt that the Structure Plan development quantities can be absorbed, and that the Plan proposes the best distribution of development in the interests of sustainability. The Plan applies a strategic gap policy to the area between Maidstone and the Medway Towns and its primary purpose is to maintain separation between these urban areas.									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2183	Organisation	Mid Kent College c/o John Sharkey & Co		Name	Mr John Sharkey	Position			
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0293	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Thames Gateway as a nationally and regionally important area for economic regeneration.									
Officer Comments	Noted									
Proposed Change	None									

Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0295	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Key themes (p.9) - support "Protecting the countryside, minimising greenfield development... substantial communities"

Officer Comments Noted

Proposed Change None

Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0296	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Key themes (p.10) - support "Making the most of the Thames Gateway"

Officer Comments Noted

Proposed Change None

Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0297	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Key Theme: Securing Quality. Support: regenerating principal urban areas, balancing homes/jobs/community services, high quality design, maintaining settlement character and separation.

Officer Comments Noted

Proposed Change None

Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.18	- - -	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0301	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		

Consultee Comments Key theme: Choice, Opportunity, Accessibility. Support concentrating development at principal urban areas.

Officer Comments Noted

Proposed Change None

ID Number	2210	Organisation	Environment Agency	Name	Mr Paul Hoppen	Position	Team Leader - Planning Liaison
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Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	- - -	- - -	Support			
Comment No	D-1525	Proposed Action	Proposed Change			Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments The EA supports the Plan's commitment to bring more land into sustainable use, particularly by concentrating development on brownfield sites. Though the use of previously developed land is promoted to protect greenfield sites, the Plan unfortunately has limited text referring to potentially contaminated sites, the opportunity to remediate these sites, and any other risks surrounding brownfield redevelopment. It may be helpful to expand on this (EA Position Statement on Brownfield Land Redevelopment may help).

Officer Comments Possible site contamination is considered through evaluation of planning applications, and suitable planning conditions will be applied to ensure remediation is carried out. However it is agreed that it would be appropriate to emphasise this in paragraph 2.17 which introduces Policy SS3.

Proposed Change Page 16 .Paragraph 2.17 to state:
"In developing brownfield land in particular the local planning authorities will ensure that there is remediation of any contamination on the sites to an accepted standard."

ID Number	2227	Organisation	Berkeley Group Plc		Name	Mr Jon Lambert		Position	Development Planner
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.1	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0298	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments									
Officer Comments Support noted									
Proposed Change None									

ID Number	2256	Organisation	Eythorne Parish Council		Name	Mrs Helen Glover		Position	Clerk
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
08/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.9	---	Support	Yes		
Comment No	D-0445	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments The Parish Council firmly supports the principle that the character of smaller villages and Hamlets such as ours be maintained and protected from inappropriate development.									
Officer Comments Support noted									
Proposed Change None									

ID Number	2259	Organisation	Cobham Manor Riding Centre		Name	Mr J Brumer		Position	
Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
10/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	1.8	---	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-0513	Proposed Action	Proposed Change			Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments Para 1.8 refers to FARM DIVERSIFICATION. Would like to see the words APPROPRIATE LAND BASED INDUSTRY instead.									
Officer Comments Agreed that a reference to land based activity would be appropriate									
Proposed Change Paragraph 1.8: After 'farm diversification' add 'and development of appropriate land based activity'									

ID Number	2261	Organisation	Lyminge Parish Council		Name	J Bayley		Position	Clerk	
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	p08 Map	Object	Yes		
Comment No	D-0572	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Object to the extent and delineation of the PAER designation on the diagram that accompanies Para 1.15. The area encompasses the small district settlements of Seabrook, Sandgate and Saltwood as well as the rural town of Hythe and all the open countryside between the sea and the motorway. The majority of such countryside lies within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural beauty.									
Officer Comments	The diagram is indicative only and not 'map based'. The PAER and related text and policies relate to the coastal towns in East Kent including Folkestone and Hythe (see RPG9 para 12.23).									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2272	Organisation	Highways Agency		Name	Mr H Moore		Position		
Date Received	10/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	p07 Map - Traffic Flows	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1154	Proposed Action	Proposed Change				Case Officer	SL		
Consultee Comments	The A2070 between Brenzett and Ashford has now been trunked. It should therefore be included in the map and table on p7. There is the intention to detrunk the A259 between Brenzett and Folkestone so it might be appropriate to delete this from the map and table although there may be delays over the transfer of that section of road to the County Council.									
Officer Comments	This point is noted and agreed.									
Proposed Change	The map on page 7 and maps TP1, TP2 and TP3 on pages 127, 128 and 129 to be amended accordingly.									

ID Number	2279	Organisation	Shepway District Council		Name	Ms C Elliott		Position	Planning Officer	
Date Received	14/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Support	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-1311	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	DF		
Consultee Comments	Key Themes - concentrating development in North and East Kent (including Shepway) is supported.									
Officer Comments	Support noted									
Proposed Change	None									

ID Number	2353	Organisation	Canterbury 4 Business		Name	Mr M J Head		Position	Chairman	
Date Received	07/11/2003	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
		Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---	Object	Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2634	Proposed Action	No Change				Case Officer	TM		
Consultee Comments	The Key Themes contain some very laudable objectives. The need to pursue these themes, particularly in Canterbury, is very timely and relevant to our current circumstances. There are serious structural issues facing the economy - low business formation, low wage levels and overall decreasing numbers of businesses within Canterbury. Therefore need a strong lead from the strategic authority to reverse these trends and to put in place a framework which allows others to work effectively. The link between the Key Themes and detailed proposals seems very weak indeed.									
Officer Comments	This comment is noted and a response, including proposed policy changes, is given to the concerns of Canterbury 4 business in the context of their additional comments on the Fostering Prosperity Chapter and Policy SP1.									
Proposed Change	None									

Date Received	Stage	Chapter	Policy Number	Paragraph Number	Map/Table Diagram	Supp/Obj Object	Participate in EIP?	Withdrawn	Date
07/11/2003	Deposit	D01	D-No Policy Ref	---	---		Don't Know		
Comment No	D-2635	Proposed Action	No Change			Case Officer	TM		

Consultee Comments To give a real chance to the delivery of the Key Themes, need a focus on the provision of sites for business and the infrastructure needed to serve these sites. The provision of sites is very inadequate and the references to infrastructure are at best vague. This is particularly disappointing when considering other strategies which are being promoted which would all point to a need to make the Structure Plan much more explicit in its proposals. 'Kent What Price Growth' and 'Kent Prospects' both point to a need to provide clear and unequivocal support to the regeneration of our economy. Other strategies which are being pursued such as the laudable one of reducing reliance on the benefit culture would also point to a need to fostering new economic opportunities. On the wider front is SEEDA - their 'Regional Economic Strategy for the SE 2002-2012' has many laudable goals but will only be achieved with a more practical framework in place which begins in terms of land use planning with the county strategy.

Officer Comments The importance of providing infrastructure to implement employment land allocations is recognised. Specific attention is given to the comments of Canterbury 4 Business and others with regard to the historic city of Canterbury, and this is dealt with under Chapter 6 Fostering Prosperity. It is recognised that there are particular difficulties in providing for the needs of small firms in many parts of the County. There is pressure on the existing employment sites within the urban areas which Planning Policy Guidance 3 may exacerbate by encouraging their redevelopment with housing. There are also parts of Kent in which the expected return on the development of new premises for manufacture, wholesale etc. is not judged to be commercially sufficient to warrant the investment. Policy FP5 of the Structure Plan therefore encourages the provision of premises for smaller firms in a variety of development situations.

Proposed Change None