

**Kent and Medway Structure Plan**  
**mapping out the future**

**Proposed Modifications**

Including:  
Response to Panel Recommendations, Proposed  
Modifications, Full Policy List, and Response Form

September 2005



Town and Country Planning Act 1990  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT AND OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO  
PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A STRUCTURE PLAN

## Kent and Medway Structure Plan

The examination in public into these proposals has been held and the report of the persons holding the examination in public has been considered by Kent and Medway Councils. Kent and Medway Councils propose to modify these proposals.

A list of the proposed modifications (other than modifications which the authority are satisfied will not materially affect the content of the proposals), with the authorities' reasons for proposing them, are available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours between Thursday 15 September and Thursday 27 October 2005 at: Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX and Medway Council, Compass Centre, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YH, as well as all main district council offices in the county and all libraries in Kent and Medway. The proposals can also be viewed on the website at [www.kmsp.org.uk](http://www.kmsp.org.uk). Also available for inspection are:

- Copies of the proposals;
- The report of the person who held the examination in public and the authorities' statement of decisions and reasons in the light of the report.

The authorities do not intend to accept all of the recommendations in the report. A list of the recommendations which the authorities do not intend to accept is available for inspection with the above documents.

**Objections to, and representations in respect of, the proposed modifications and the intention not to modify the proposals in accordance with certain of the recommendations in the report, should be sent in writing to: *KMSP, Strategy Division, Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX, before 5:00pm on Thursday 27 October 2005.*** Objections and representations should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made. They may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the withdrawal, adoption, approval or rejection of the proposals.

*Notice of Intention to Adopt Proposals*

If no objections are received during the period given for making objections, Kent and Medway Councils intend to adopt the proposals on expiry of that period.

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# **KENT AND MEDWAY STRUCTURE PLAN: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

## **Incorporating:**

- **Formal Public Notice**
- **Document 1: Kent & Medway Councils' Response to the Recommendations of the Examination in Public Panel**
- **Document 2: Proposed Modifications**
- **Document 3: Full Policy List Including Proposed Modifications**
- **Response Form**

## **Background**

The *Kent and Medway Structure Plan Deposit Plan* was placed on deposit in September 2003. "*Proposed Pre-Examination in Public Changes*" were published for comment in June 2004. The key issues were discussed and tested at an Examination in Public (EIP) for a four week period in September 2004. In addition, a "*Schedule of Further Amendments Proposed by Kent and Medway Councils at the Examination in Public*" was published on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2004.

## **Panel Recommendations**

The "*Kent and Medway Structure Plan Examination in Public Panel Report*" was published in February 2005. It summarises the main issues discussed at the EIP and sets out the Panel's conclusions and recommendations.

Kent and Medway Councils have accepted, in whole or in part, the majority of the Panel's recommendations. Some recommendations have not been accepted. **Document 1** sets out the Councils' joint response to the Panel's Recommendations and is in two parts:

- Schedule 1: Summary of the Panel's Recommendations and the Council's Response (including those recommendations which the Councils do not intend to accept).
- Schedule 2: The Panel's Recommendations in Full and the Councils' Actions and Reasons.

## **Proposed Modifications**

Formal Proposed Modifications to the policies and key diagram only of the Kent and Medway Structure Plan are set out in **Document 2**. These modifications arise from a number of sources, including:

- Those recommendations of the EIP Panel which the Councils propose to accept;
- The Councils' responses to objections and representations on the Deposit Plan originally made in late 2003;
- Formal incorporation into the Structure Plan of the Pre-Examination in Public Proposed Changes to the Plan (originally published in June 2004) which the Councils propose to take forward in light of the Panel recommendations, and as a result of representations received from the consultation in mid-2004;
- Formal incorporation into the Structure Plan of the Further Amendments proposed by the Councils at the Examination in Public, which the Councils propose to take forward, taking account of the Panel Report; and
- Factual updating as appropriate.

The Explanatory Memorandum (the text which accompanies the policies) is not part of the Statutory Plan and is therefore not the subject of any proposed modifications.

## **Full Policy List**

**Document 3** provides a complete list of all the Structure Plan policies containing the proposed modifications. This is for information only.

## **Making Representations**

**Any representations should be made within the formal deposit period which is between Thursday 15 September and Thursday 27 October 2005.**

A **response form** is provided at the back of this booklet and can be photocopied, or alternatively downloaded from the web at [www.kmsp.org.uk](http://www.kmsp.org.uk). Filling in the official comments form is the preferred way to register a representation of support for or objection to a Proposed Modification or to object to the lack of a modification recommended by the Panel.

**At this stage of the Structure Plan process, comments can only be made on the Proposed Modifications, or the fact that the Councils have not proposed a modification recommended by the Panel. Comments cannot be made on the contents of the original Deposit Plan.** It should be noted that the Explanatory Memorandum (the text which accompanies the policies) is not part of the statutory plan and is therefore not the subject of any proposed modifications - the accompanying text will be revised as necessary, when the Plan is finally adopted and published.

Duly made representations (those received within the formal consultation dates) will be acknowledged in due course. The representations will be summarised and analysed to help us decide if the plan should be changed.

## **What Happens Next?**

Once the formal consultation period has closed, the Councils will consider the responses received and decide whether further modifications are required or whether the Structure Plan should proceed to adoption. It is hoped that the Councils will be in a position to formally adopt the Plan by the end of 2005.

**Further copies of this document and all other documents which have been produced during the Structure Plan preparation process, can be found on the website at [www.kmsp.org.uk](http://www.kmsp.org.uk).**

### **Note:**

For Documents 2 and 3:

**Bold, underlined** text is new text

**~~Bold, strikeout~~** text is deleted text