



Dover R18 Local Plan consultation



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Dear Ashley,

Dover Local Plan - Regulation 18 Consultation

Having reviewed the draft Local Plan, we have the following comments.

Housing and employment needs

We would observe that the draft Local Plan sets out an approach to meet in full the Dover housing and employment needs within the District Boundary. This is consistent with national policies, the MOU prepared by the East Kent authorities and our emerging Statement of Common Ground.

Transport and Infrastructure

Proposed development sites, including those at Aylesham, close to the CCC/DDC border, will undoubtedly generate the need for supporting community infrastructure and transport measures. If these impacts are not adequately addressed, and at the right time, there is potential for adverse impacts on existing residents, including communities at the eastern periphery of the Canterbury District. It is important that local communities affected by proposed developments are effectively involved in the Local Plan process.

We note that draft Strategic Policy 13 seeks to secure necessary infrastructure improvements to mitigate the impacts of planned growth at the right time.

As set out in our emerging Statement of Common Ground, the delivery of strategic improvements to the A2 corridor, including those within Dover District, are shared priorities.

Environment and Landscape

We note that draft policies for protected ecological sites, the Kent Downs AONB and biodiversity seek to protect and enhance these important assets. This is also consistent with our emerging Statement of Common Ground.

We look forward to continuing working with DDC as our emerging Local Plans progress.

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