



**DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ADOPTION STATEMENT FOR  
DOVER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN TO 2040  
Date of Adoption: 16 October 2024**

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)  
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)  
Localism Act 2011**

In accordance with Regulation 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Dover District Council adopted the Dover District Local Plan to 2040 (the Local Plan) on 16 October 2024.

The Local Plan replaces the Dover District Core Strategy (2010), Dover District Land Allocations Local Plan (2015) and the saved policies within Dover District Local Plan (2002). The development plan for Dover District now consists of the Dover District Local Plan to 2040, the Worth Neighbourhood Plan (2015), the Ash Neighbourhood Plan (2021), the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-2030 (as amended by Early Partial Review) (2020) and the Kent Mineral Sites Plan (2020).

The Local Plan was the subject of an independent examination conducted by Matthew Birkinshaw BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI and Clive Coyne BA (Hons) DipTP MRTPI, Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. In their report published on 20 September 2024 the Inspectors confirmed, subject to a number of Main Modifications, that the Plan was sound and legally compliant.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Adopted Dover District Local Plan to 2040 incorporates the Inspectors' Main Modifications as well as additional modifications made by the Council which (taken together) do not materially affect the policies of the Local Plan.

**Any person aggrieved by the Dover District Local Plan to 2040 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Act on the grounds that:**

- **the Dover District Local Plan to 2040 is not within the appropriate power of the local planning authority conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; and/or**
- **a procedural requirement of the Act or its associated Regulations has not been complied with.**

**Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the date of the adoption of the Plan.**

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), this Adoption Statement, along with the following documents have been made available to view on the Council website [www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk](http://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk)

- The Dover District Local Plan to 2040
- Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement
- The Inspectors' Report

Paper copies of the documents can also be viewed at the following locations during their opening hours:

- **Council Offices**, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, CT16 3PJ (9am-4pm)
- **Ash Library**, Ash Village Hall, 10 Queen's Road, Ash, CT3 2BG
- **Aylesham Library**, Aylesham Community Centre, Aylesham, CT3 3AJ
- **Deal Library**, Broad Street, Deal, CT14 6ER
- **Dover Library**, Dover Gateway, 69-71 Castle Street, Dover CT16 1PD
- **Sandwich Library**, 13 Market Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DA
- **St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Library**, 16 Kingsdown Road, St Margaret's at Cliffe, CT15 6AZ

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For further information or assistance please contact us via:

Tel: 01304 872244; email: [localplan@dover.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@dover.gov.uk) or post: Planning Policy and Projects, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, CT16 3PJ.

Dated: **17 October 2024**