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The Selection of Site Allocations for the Regulation 19 Submission Local Plan

The purpose of this Topic Paper is to set out the background to the selection of the proposed housing, gypsy and traveller pitches and employment site allocations for the Regulation 19 Local Plan.

It provides an update to the Topic Paper that was published with the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan (Appendix 1), which set out the reasoning behind the selection of specific site options within the District. It should be read in conjunction with the previous Topic Paper.

Overarching Growth Strategy

As part of the preparation of the Local Plan the Council has identified and appraised a range of growth and spatial options for Dover District through the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process:

- Growth options range of potential scales of housing and economic growth that could be planned for;
- Spatial options range of potential locational distributions for the growth options.

By appraising all the options (known as reasonable alternatives), the SA provides an assessment of how different options perform in environmental, social and economic terms, which helps inform which option should be taken forward for the overall strategy. It should be noted, however, that the SA does not decide which spatial strategy should be adopted. Other factors, such as the views of stakeholders and the public, and other evidence base studies, also help to inform the decision.

The SA identified and appraised five reasonable spatial options for growth (i.e. the pattern and extent of growth in different locations):

- Spatial Option A: Distributing growth to the District's suitable and potentially suitable housing and employment site options (informed by the HELAA and Economic Land Review).
- Spatial Option B: Distributing growth proportionately amongst the District's existing settlements based on their population.
- Spatial Option C: Distributing growth proportionately amongst the District's existing settlements based on the District's defined settlement hierarchy (informed by the Settlement Hierarchy Topic Paper).
- Spatial Option D: Distributing growth in the same way as the adopted Local Plan, focussing most growth in and around Dover.
- Spatial Option E: Distributing growth more equally across the District's settlements: Dover, Deal, Sandwich and Aylesham, as well as the rural villages.

The conclusion of the SA was that Spatial Options C (settlement hierarchy) and D (adopted Core Strategy with Dover focus) generally perform the most strongly against the SA objectives, particularly when delivering the baseline growth scenario.

However, given the environmental constraints that exist around Deal and Sandwich, very few suitable and potentially suitable sites have been identified in these towns. Given this, the council's preferred option for the distribution of housing and economic growth will comprise a combination of options A (HELAA sites), C (settlement hierarchy) and D (Dover focus). The distribution of housing

and economic growth in the District is therefore primarily based on the settlement hierarchy, and influenced by site availability, environmental constraints and factors of delivery.

Sites have therefore been selected in accordance with the preferred option for the distribution of housing and economic growth, based on their suitability, availability, and achievability.

Settlement Hierarchy

To support the consideration of the Growth Options through the Sustainability Appraisal process a review of the Settlement Hierarchy was undertaken.

The purpose of the Settlement Hierarchy Study was to identify those settlements in the District that are the most sustainable, based on the range of facilities and services present. It focuses in particular on the rural settlements of the District, given that the sustainability credentials of the district's three main centres of Dover, Deal and Sandwich are well-established.

The NPPF and NPPG require that Local Planning Authorities promote sustainable development in rural areas to support the vitality of their rural communities. New housing can enable rural communities to retain their existing services and community facilities and help to create a prosperous rural economy. At the same time national policy advises that a balance must be achieved between allowing new housing and the need to protect the character and heritage of the settlements themselves, as well as the surrounding countryside.

The continued national policy emphasis on sustainable development means that housing development should, where possible, be concentrated in the three urban centres of the district, Dover, Deal and Sandwich, with new development in the rural areas limited and focused on villages commensurate with their scale and position in the hierarchy, unless local factors, including flood risk and environmental designations, dictate otherwise. As the Settlement Hierarchy Study and its predecessor have established, Dover District has a large number of smaller settlements distributed across the rural areas of the District, with only a small number of larger villages. The Settlement Hierarchy Study indicates that it is therefore appropriate that the distribution of new housing in the rural areas of the district reflects such a settlement pattern.

The Council has used the Settlement Hierarchy Study to inform the proposed site allocations for the Local Plan and determine how much development an individual settlement should accommodate based on its position in the revised Settlement Hierarchy.

Housing Sites

Identification and Assessment of Housing Sites

The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) identifies a future supply of land in the District which is suitable, available and achievable for housing and economic development uses over the Plan period to 2040. The HELAA has been prepared in accordance with the guidance set out in the Government's Planning Practice Guidance https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment

As part of the HELAA process officers compiled a comprehensive list of housing sites for assessment, based on a call for sites (completed in June 2017) and a desk-based review of existing information. Following this, officers undertook an initial sift of these sites to eliminate sites that were too small; covered by national designations; and/or contrary to the NPPF, which resulted in sites being removed.

The remaining sites were then taken forward for more detailed assessment. The first stage of this process involved a desktop review using GIS to identify any relevant on-site constraints. Following this, sites were then physically surveyed and assessed to determine their suitability and development potential (i.e number of houses that could be delivered on the site) using the following criteria:

- site size, physical characteristics of the site and location;
- land uses and character of surrounding area;
- landscape impact, impacts on landscape views and screening of site;
- potential impact on heritage assets relevant to the site;
- access and highways; and
- environmental constraints.

In addition to this, comments were also sought from key stakeholders (including KCC Highways, DDC Heritage Officer, Landscape Architect, Environment Agency and the Kent Downs AONB Unit) with regards to the suitability of some of the sites.

Ward Councillors were consulted in 2019, following which a series of meetings were held with Town and Parish Councils in February/March 2020. The draft HELAA was published on the Council's website in April 2020. This concluded that there were 126 suitable or potentially suitable and available or potentially available sites, with a capacity to accommodate 12,111 dwellings.

The draft HELAA (April 2020) was subsequently updated to take account of:

- Further evidence requested by officers in relation to highways constraints identified on certain sites;
- New availability evidence;
- Viability evidence in respect of achievability;
- Comments made as part of the wider engagement on the HELAA sites;
- Sites which now have planning permission.

December 2020 HELAA

The December 2020 HELAA was then published in January 2021 alongside the Reg 18 draft Local Plan and identified:

- 93 sites as suitable¹;
- 41 sites as potentially suitable²; and

¹ Suitable is defined in the HELAA as: 'site offers a suitable location for development for the use proposed and is compatible with neighbouring uses. There are no known constraints that will significantly limit the development of the site.'

² Potentially suitable is defined in the HELAA as: 'site offers a potentially suitable location for development for the use proposed, but is subject to a policy designation which inhibits development for the defined use and/or constraints that require mitigation. The development plan process will determine the future suitability for the defined use and whether the constraints can be overcome.'

• 197 sites as unsuitable³.

The 134 suitable and potentially sites had capacity to accommodate in the region of 13,654 dwellings based upon assessment carried out at that time.

The availability assessment of the suitable and potentially suitable sites identified:

- 114 sites as available⁴;
- 12 sites as potentially available⁵; and
- 8 sites as unavailable⁶.

Reg 18 Targeted Call for Sites

A targeted call for sites was undertaken alongside the consultation on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan. As part of this exercise the following types of site were requested:

- Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Show-people
- Self-build and Customhouse Building (0.25ha size or 5 units or more)
- Employment Use (500sqm floor space or more)
- Housing sites between 0.25 and 1 hectare in size
- Local Green Space nominations

120 sites were submitted for consideration. These sites were then subject to a stage 1 desk based assessment in accordance with the methodology outlined above, which led to 68 sites being eliminated. The 3 Local Green Spaces submitted as part of the call for sites were sifted out and considered separately.

Of the 49 sites taken forward to Stage 2:

- 36 sites were either housing or self-build sites;
- 5 sites were Gypsy and Traveller sites;
- 6 sites were employment sites; and
- 2 sites (TC4S083 and TC4S100) were submitted for mixed use and have therefore been considered as part of the assessment of housing sites and part of the assessment of employment sites.

Officers then undertook a suitability assessment of the 36 housing/self-build and 2 mixed use sites (TC4S083 and TC4S100) sites taken forward to stage 2 based on the methodology set out above.

³ Unsuitable is defined in the HELAA as: 'site does not offer a suitable location for development for the proposed use and/or there are known constraints which cannot be mitigated. The site is unlikely to be found suitable for the defined use within the next 15-20 years.'

⁴ Available is defined in the HELAA as: 'landowner/ site promoter has confirmed availability within the next 15-20 years and there are no known legal issues or ownership problems.'

⁵ Potentially available is defined in the HELAA as: 'Confirmation has not yet been received from the landowner/ site promoter that the land will be available within the next 15-20 years. Further information is required to provide the Council with certainty that the site is available.'

⁶ Unavailable is defined in the HELAA as: 'The landowner/ site promoter has confirmed that the land is not available for development in the next 15-20 years. The land is subject to known legal issues which are unlikely to be overcome within the next 15-20 years. It has not been possible to make contact with the landowner/ site promoter.'

Further engagement was also undertaken with KCC Highways, The Kent Downs AONB Unit, the Council's Heritage Officer, the EA and Natural England where further clarification was required concerning on or off-site constraints.

The suitability assessment of the sites identified:

- 12 housing sites as suitable;
- 4 housing sites and 1 mixed use site (TC4S083) as potentially suitable for housing; and
- 20 housing sites and 1 mixed use site (TC4S100) as unsuitable for housing.

Sites assessed as being suitable or potentially suitable were then subject to an availability and achievability assessment in accordance with the HELAA methodology. This concluded that the 16 housing sites and 1 mixed use site (TC4S083) were available, 10 housing sites were achievable, 2 housing sites and 1 mixed use site (TC4S083) were marginally achievable and the 4 Dover housing sites were unachievable.

Reg 18 responses to draft Local Plan and HELAA December 2021

As part of the Regulation 18 consultation, representations were also made on both the proposed site allocations identified in the Plan and on existing HELAA sites not proposed as allocations in the draft Local Plan. The Council's response to these comments is reported in the Local Plan Consultation Statement.

Reg 19 HELAA September 2022

The HELAA has been updated to take account of:

- Representations made through the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan;
- Sites which now have planning permission or resolution to grant subject to S106;
- Changes to the capacity of sites;
- Further technical work;
- Further engagement with key stakeholders; and
- Further site assessment work.

Since the HELAA was published in January 2021, 1 site SHE013 has changed from being deleted to being included and this results in 365 sites within the existing HELAA. Of the 365 sites, 46 have gained planning permission or are subject to permission and are awaiting completions of a S106 legal agreement and 5 are allocated in the Ash Neighbourhood Plan made by the Council in September 2021. Of the remaining 314 sites the follow assessments apply:

Suitability Assessment:

- 72 sites are suitable
- 11 sites are potentially suitable
- 223 sites are unsuitable
- 8 sites have mixed suitability

Availability Assessment

Of the 91 sites that are part suitable or suitable and are part potentially suitable or potentially suitable:

- 80 sites are available
- 11 sites are unavailable

Achievability Assessment

Of the 80 sites that were part suitable or suitable and are part potentially suitable or potentially suitable and are available:

- 58 sites achievable
- 8 sites marginally achievable
- 14 sites unachievable

The 14 sites assessed as unachievable are within the Dover urban area. Review of these sites has determined that development would facilitate needed regeneration and by removing the policy requirement for 30% of dwelling to be affordable would allow the sites to become achievable.

Further details of the HELAA process can be found in the Council's HELAA Report September 2022.

Site Specific Sustainability Appraisal of Housing Sites

As part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan, site specific Sustainability Appraisal assessments were carried out on the 126 HELAA sites that were assessed as being suitable or potentially suitable and available or potentially available. In addition to this, a further 8 sites were also subjected to SA alongside the other 126 sites on a precautionary basis. These were sites where the Council had been unable to contact the landowners to confirm their availability before the SA work was carried out.

Following the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan further site specific Sustainability Appraisals were carried out on the suitable and potentially suitable sites assessed as part of the targeted call for sites and three HELAA sites that previously hadn't been subject to SA as they were unsuitable.

Each residential site option was appraised using the detailed assessment criteria and associated assumptions set out in the Sustainability Appraisal (see Sustainability Appraisal Report). To ensure that all site options were appraised to the same level of detail in the SA, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site using each sites redline boundary and the Council's most up-to-date evidence base.

The Sustainability Appraisal then organised the sites by settlement, with the strongest site options at the top and the weaker performing site options at the bottom. The stronger performing sites have the fewest adverse effects recorded, in particular potential significant adverse effects, and the potential to generate the most positive effects. Conversely, the weakest performing site options have the greatest potential to generate adverse effects, particularly significant adverse effects, and the least potential for positive effects

Where the status of HELAA sites has changed through the process the SA has been updated to reflect this. Sites which either now have planning permission or are now considered to either be unsuitable or unavailable no longer constitute reasonable alternatives for the Local Plan to consider for site allocation purposes. Sites that had boundary changes and amendments to them were considered as reasonable alternatives were subject to SA. The preferred site boundary alternatives and their reasoning have been set out within Appendix B.

Whilst the SA has informed the site allocation selection, the overall 'score' from the Sustainability Appraisal process was not the only determining factor (see below). This is due to a number of reasons. First, its not possible in the SA to compare scoring in different areas of the District, for example the towns, which score highly on access to services, to sites in rural settlements with more limited access. This inevitable lower score should not in itself mean that a site in a rural location is

not 'suitable' for allocation. Therefore sites with lower scores than other 'reasonable alternatives' in a different settlement may have been allocated. If site score alone was the determining factor in site allocation this would result in allocations in a very limited range of locations.

Second, when considering the cumulative impact of development and the overall distribution of allocations across the District, a site with a positive score in the SA may be located in a rural settlement which already has a number of other highly scoring 'suitable' sites, and the Council considers that it would not be sustainable to allocate all of them in one plan period due to the negative impact of cumulative development on the particular settlement. In another scenario, sites may score more positively than a selected allocation, but the allocation of them would not be in accordance with the overall distribution strategy of the Local Plan set out in SP3.

Third, the site specific Sustainability Appraisal work identified no fundamental constraints at individual site level that would prevent sites from coming forward. On all sites there is considered to be scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the potential significant adverse effects identified through the SA against SA objectives 5 (Air Pollution), 7 and (Flood Risk) and 9 (Biodiversity) through the policies in the Plan.

Site Selection for Allocation

In order to meet the level of identified housing need, the Local Plan is required to allocate sites for housing to meet the residual housing requirement of 4,666 homes over the Plan period to 2040.

In determining the sites to be taken forward as housing allocations in the Local Plan the Council has had regard to:

- HELAA technical evidence and site assessments
- The overarching growth strategy set out in the Local Plan
- Site specific Sustainability Appraisal assessments carried out as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan
- Housing need and supply
- The revised settlement hierarchy
- The planning status of a site
- The availability of a site
- The Whole Plan Viability Study
- The Air Quality Study
- Sequential and Assessment Test of the proposed allocations
- The Local Plan Transport Modelling Work; and
- Representations made by key stakeholders, site promoters and the local community.

Proposed Regulation 18 Housing Allocations

The Regulation 18 Local Plan identified sites to deliver 7,511 new homes over the Plan period, of which 3,690 homes were proposed on strategic sites and 3,821 were proposed on non-strategic housing sites.

Strategic housing allocations included:

- The urban expansion of Whitfield;
- Land to the North of Aylesham;

- Land to the South of Aylesham;
- Land between Elvington and Eythorne

A number of non-strategic allocations were also proposed in Site Allocations Policy 1 of the draft Regulations 18 Local Plan.

The justification for the inclusion of these sites as proposed housing allocations, and conversely the exclusion of others, was set out in Appendix E of the SA of the draft Reg 18 Local Plan and the Site Selection Topic Paper that was published to support the Regulation 18 Local Plan (Appendix A).

The proposed housing allocations were subject to consultation as part of the wider Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. As part of this, further information was also requested from land owners/ site promoters of the proposed allocations to demonstrate the sites deliverability. The Council's response to the comments made at Regulation 18 are reported in the Local Plan Consultation Statement.

Proposed Regulation 19 Housing Allocations

The Strategic and Non-Strategic housing allocations in the Regulation 19 Local Plan have been updated following the Regulation 18 consultation to take into account:

- Representations made through the consultation on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan and the HELAA process.
- Further engagement with key stakeholders on sites and infrastructure requirements;
- Updates to the HELAA and the Targeted Call for Sites to take into account changes to the
 planning status of a site; changes in suitability following re-assessment and changes in
 availability of sites;
- Further site specific SA work;
- New and updated technical work for example the flood risk assessment of the proposed allocations in the plan, for all types of flooding, sequential test of sites and minerals assessment work.

This has resulted in the following sites being removed from the Regulation 19 Local Plan:

- AYL004 North Aylesham. Site proposed for 500 homes. Removed due to concerns in relation to the cumulative impact upon the highways network. The AYL003 site is considered to be the best option to deliver the further expansion to Aylesham due to its relationship with the existing settlement, proximity to transport connections and services and facilities, and the development is considered to have a lesser impact on the amenity of existing residents, in addition to a lesser landscape and visual impact.
- DOV012 Farthingloe. Site proposed for 100 homes. Site removed due to objections from AONB unit and Natural England. No clear mitigation or justification has been provided for major development in the AONB.
- DOV025 Land off Wycherley Crescent Dover. Site proposed for 10 homes. Previous Local Plan allocation. Site is a designated Local Wildlife Site and has been removed as impact cannot be mitigated.
- EASO12 Lower Gore Field Eastry. Site proposed for 35 homes. Site is no longer available for housing.
- EYT019 Land to east of Adelaide Road, Eythorne. Site proposed for 6 homes. Removed as it will form part of the access to the strategic allocation in Elvington.

- SHE003 Land to the north of Westcourt Lane, Shepherdswell. Site proposed for 100 homes. Removed due to highway safety concerns raised by KCC highways and significant objections to scale and impact of development at Regulation 18 stage.
- WHI006 Former Guide Hut, Whitfield. Site proposed for 10 homes. Site removed as no longer available for housing.
- EYT001 Land at Monkton Court Lane. Site proposed for 20 units. Site covered by a surface water flow path which constrains development here.

The following sites have also been removed as they are now subject to planning permission or resolution to grant. These sites still contribute to meeting the Plan's housing requirement, being part of the extant supply.

- ASH010
- AYL002
- DEA018
- DEA020
- DEA021
- DOV009
- EAS011
- GUS002
- NOR005
- SAN015
- SHO004
- SHO002 (part of the site has planning permission, the remainder of the site is unsuitable as therefore not considered for allocation)
- STA009
- WOO002

All the site allocations in Ash have been removed from Regulation 19 Local Plan as they are covered by the Ash Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted in September 2021, which includes these site allocations. This includes ASH003, ASH004, ASH011, ASH014, ASH015.

The following sites remain as allocations in the Regulation 19 Local Plan, however their capacity has been amended to take into account comments made at Regulation 18 stage and updated site assessments and evidence.

Site Reference	Address	Reg 18 Housing Number	Reg 19 Housing Number	Reason for Change
CAP011	Land known as the former Archway Filling Station, New Dover Road, Capel- le-Ferne	18	10	To mitigate the impact upon the AONB
CAP013	Land at Cauldham Lane, Capel-le-Ferne	15	5	To mitigate the impact upon the AONB
WAL002	Land at Rays Bottom between Liverpool Road and Hawksdown	100	75	To enable a scheme to come forward which reflects the character of the surrounding area, and enable sufficient landscaping to be provided

DOV017	Dover Waterfront	200	263	To reflect the current	
DOV022B	Land including gas holder, Coombe Valley, Dover	40	80	masterplan for the site To reflect the landowners aspirations for the site, and additional adjoining land	
DOV022E	Land in Coombe Valley, Dover	220	150	To mitigate visual and landscape impacts	
DOV023	Buckland Mill, Dover	124	135	To reflect current planning application for the site	
DOV026	Westmount College, Folkestone Road, Dover	100	60	To reflect the landowners aspirations for the site	
EYT003/009/012	Land between Eythorne and Elvington	350	300	To reduce the cumulative impact on the highways network	
KIN002	Land at Woodhill Farm, Ringwould Road, Kingsdown	90	50	To mitigate visual and landscape impact on the AONB.	
LYD003	Land adjacent to Lydden Court Farm, Church Lane, Lydden	65	30	To take into account the area of the site at risk from surface water flooding	
PRE003	Apple Tree Farm, Stourmouth Road	12	5		
PRE016	Site north of Discovery Drive, Preston	35	20	To reflect the landowners	
PRE017	Site north-west of Appletree Farm, Stourmouth Road, Preston	75	40	aspirations for the site	
SAN007	Land known as Poplar Meadow, Adjacent to 10 Dover Road, Sandwich	80	35	To reflect the landowners aspirations for the site	
SAN013	Land adjacent to Sandwich Technology School, Deal Road, Sandwich	60	40	To take into account the area of site at risk from surface water flooding	
SAN023	Land at Archers Low Farm, St George's Rd	40	35	To mitigate the impact on adjacent trees and wider landscape	
SHE006	Land west of Coxhill Road, Shepherdswell	20	10	To take into account the area of site at risk from surface water flooding	
WIN014	Footpath Field, Staple Rd, Wingham	50	75	Following further assessment of potential site capacity	
WOR009	Land to the East of former Bisley Nursery, The Street, Worth	20	15	To reflect the landowners aspirations for the site	

The following sites have been added as new housing allocations in the Regulation 19 Local Plan, following the Targeted Call for Sites undertaken at Regulation 18 and the review of existing HELAA sites based on comments made at Regulation 18.

Site Reference	Address	Settlement	Capacity	Reason for Allocation
DOV017	Bench Street, Dover Town Centre	Dover	100	Site forms part of the current Dover Waterfront site allocation in the Land Allocations Local Plan (2015). Site identified in the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan as a development opportunity in the Dover Town Centre policy. A site allocation policy is however required to take forward the regeneration of this site.
SAN004	Land south of Stonar Lake and to north and east of Stonar Gardens, Stonar Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	40	Site accords with the Local Plan growth strategy and will contribute to meeting the District's housing need over the Plan period. Where criteria are set out in the site allocations policies these will need to be addressed as part of the planning application process. Development of the site provides the opportunity to enhance the Scheduled Monument. There is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA in relation to the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay. This mitigation should be delivered in accordance with the relevant policies in the Plan.
STM010	Land located between Salisbury Road and The Droveway, St Margarets-at- Cliffe	St Margaret's	10	Site accords with the Local Plan growth strategy and will contribute to meeting the District's housing need over the Plan period. Where key considerations are set out in the site allocations policies these will need to be addressed as part of the planning application process. There is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA.

RIN002	Land at Ringwould Alpines, Dover Road, Ringwould	Ringwould	5	Site accords with the Local Plan growth strategy and will contribute to meeting the District's housing need over the Plan period. Where key considerations are set out in the site allocations policies these will need to be addressed as part of the planning application process. There is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA.
TC4S008	Bridleway Riding School, Station Road Deal	Deal	25	Site accords with the Local Plan growth strategy and will contribute to meeting the District's housing need over the Plan period. Where key considerations are set out in the site allocations policies these will need to be addressed as part of the planning application process. There is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA.
SHE013	Land around Coldred	Dover	5	Small site. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S074	Land adjacent Courtlands, Kingsdown	Kingsdown	5	Small site. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S082	Land Adjacent Mill House, Shepherdswell	Shepherdswell	10	Small site. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S023	Land adjacent to Cross Farm, Eastry, Near Sandwich	Eastry	10	Small site. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S027	Roosevelt Road, Dover	Dover	10	Small site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to

				accommodate at least 10% of the
				Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S047	104 Northwall Road, Deal	Deal	8	Small brownfield site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S039	Chapel Hill, Eythorne	Eythorne	5	Small brownfield site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S030	Colton Crescent, Dover	Dover	10	Small brownfield site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S028	Peverell Road, Dover	Dover	6	Small brownfield site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
TC4S026	Military Road, Dover	Dover	9	Small brownfield site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.
Part of DOV012	Western Heights	Dover	100	Regeneration of site is needed to secure the future of this important heritage asset. Site would deliver a mix of uses including housing. Site covered by the Western Heights SPD.
TC4S032	Ethelbert Road garages, Deal	Deal	5	Small brownfield site in the urban area. Accords with growth strategy. Allocated to meet the NPPF requirement to accommodate at least 10% of the Council's housing requirement on sites no larger than 1ha.

Sites that have been selected for allocation in the Local Plan from the HELAA and TC4S are considered to be the most suitable sites to deliver the Council's housing growth strategy. Furthermore, where constraints have been identified on sites identified for allocation, it is considered that these can be mitigated through the Local Plan and planning application process. Conversely, where sites have been identified as suitable/ potentially suitable and available in the HELAA/TC4S but have not been selected as Local Plan allocations, this is because the site is considered not to be in accordance with the Council's growth strategy at this time, in conflict with SP4 of the Local Plan and/or be subject to other constraints that would prevent them from being brought forward at this time.

The final list of sites included as housing allocations for the Regulation 19 Local Plan is set out below. The proposed allocations amount to 5,592 dwellings in total.

HELAA Reference	Location	Settlement	Agreed Housing Number
ALK003	Land at Short Lane, Alkham	Alkham	10
AYL001	Land at Dorman Avenue	Aylesham	9
AYL003	Land to the south of Spinney Lane, Aylesham	Aylesham	640
CAP006	Land to the east of Great Cauldham Farm, Capel-le-Ferne	Capel-le-Ferne	70
CAP009	Longships, Cauldham Lane, Capel-le-Ferne	Capel-le-Ferne	10
CAP011	Land known as the former Archway Filling Station, New Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne	Capel-le-Ferne	10
CAP013	Land at Cauldham Lane, Capel-le-Ferne	Capel-le-Ferne	5
DEA008	Land off Cross Road, Deal	Deal	100
WAL002	Land at Rays Bottom between Liverpool Road and Hawksdown	Deal	75
TC4S008	Bridleway Riding School, Station Road, Deal	Deal	25
TC4S032	Ethelbert Road garages, Deal	Deal	5
TC4S047	104 Northwall Road, Deal	Deal	8
GTM003	Land to the east of Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham	Great Mongeham	10
DOV006	Land at Dundedin Drive (south), Dover	Dover	8
DOV008	Land adjoining 455 Folkestone Road, Dover	Dover	5

HELAA Reference	Location	Settlement	Agreed Housing Number
DOV017	Dover Waterfront and Bench Street	Dover	363
DOV018	Mid Town	Dover	100
DOV019	Albany Place Car Park, Dover	Dover	15
DOV022B	Land in Coombe Valley, Dover	Dover	80
DOV022C	Land in Coombe Valley, Dover	Dover	20
DOV022E	Land in Coombe Valley, Dover	Dover	150
DOV023	Buckland Mill, Dover	Dover	135
DOV026	Westmount College, Folkestone Road, Dover	Dover	60
DOV028	Charlton Shopping Centre, High Street, Dover	Dover	100
DOV030	Land at Durham Hill, Dover	Dover	10
WHI001	Urban Extension to Whitfield	Whitfield	2200
TC4S026	Land at Military Road, Dover	Dover	9
TC4S027	Land at Roosevelt Road, Dover	Dover	10
TC4S028	Land at Peverell Road, Dover	Dover	6
TC4S030	Land at Colton Crescent, Dover	Dover	10
Part of DOV012	Western Heights, Dover	Dover	100
EAS002	Land at Buttsole Pond, Lower Street, Eastry	Eastry	80
EAS009	Eastry Court Farm, Eastry	Eastry	5
TC4S023	Land adjacent to Cross Farm, Eastry	Eastry	10
EYT003	Land adjoining Terrace Road, Elvington	Elvington	125
EYT008	Land on the south eastern side of Roman Way, Elvington	Elvington	50
EYT009	Land to the east of Terrace Road, Elvington	Elvington	125
EYT012	Sweetbriar Lane, Elvington	Elvington	50
TC4S039	Land at Chapel Hill, Eythorne	Eythorne	5

HELAA Reference	Location	Settlement	Agreed Housing Number
GOO006	Land adjacent to Short Street, Chillenden	Chillenden	5
KIN002	Land at Woodhill Farm, Ringwould Road, Kingsdown	Kingsdown	50
TC4S074	Land adjacent to Courtlands, Kingsdown	Kingsdown	5
LAN003	Land adjacent Langdon Court Bungalow, The Street, East Langdon	East Langdon	40
LYD003	Land adjacent to Lydden Court Farm, Church Lane, Lydden	Lydden	30
NON006	Prima Windows, Easole Street/Sandwich Road, Nonington	Nonington	35
PRE003	Apple Tree Farm, Stourmouth Road	Preston	5
PRE016	Site north of Discovery Drive, Preston	Preston	20
PRE017	Site north-west of Appletree Farm, Stourmouth Road, Preston	Preston	40
RIN004	Ringwould Alpines, Dover Road, Ringwould	Ringwould	5
RIN002	Ringwould Alpines, Dover Road, Ringwould	Ringwould	5
SAN004	Land south of Stonar Lake and to north and east of Stonar Gardens, Stonar Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	40
SAN006	Sandwich Highway Depot/Chippies Way, Ash Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	32
SAN007	Land known as Poplar Meadow, Adjacent to 10 Dover Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	35
SAN008	Woods' Yard, rear of 17 Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	35
SAN013	Land adjacent to Sandwich Technology School, Deal Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	40
SAN019	Sydney Nursery, Dover Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	10
SAN023	Land at Archers Low Farm, St George's Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	35
SHE004	Land at Shepherswell between St Andrew's Gardens, Mill Lane and Meadow View Road	Shepherdswell	40
SHE006	Land west of Coxhill Road, Shepherdswell	Shepherdswell	10

HELAA Reference	Location	Settlement	Agreed Housing Number
SHE008	Land off Mill Lane, Shepherdswell	Shepherdswell	10
TC4S082	Land Adjacent to Mill House, Shepherdswell	Shepherdswell	10
SHE013	Land opposite the Conifers Coldred	Coldred	5
STA004	Land at Durlock Road, Staple	Staple	3
STM003	Land adjacent to Reach Road bordering Reach Court Farm and rear of properties on Roman Way	St Margaret's at Cliffe	40
STM006	Land at New Townsend Farm, Station Road, St Margarets	St Margaret's	10
STM007	Land to the west of Townsend Farm Road, St Margarets (Site B)	St Margaret's	18
STM008	Land to the west of Townsend Farm Road, St Margarets at Cliffe (site A)	St Margaret's	18
STM010	Land located between Salisbury Road and The Droveway, St Margarets-at-Cliffe	St Margaret's	10
WIN003	Land adjacent to Staple Road	Wingham	20
WIN004	Land adjacent to White Lodge, Preston Hill	Wingham	8
WIN014	Footpath Field, Staple Road, Wingham,	Wingham	75
WOO005	Beacon Lane Nursery, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough	Woodnesborough	5
WOO006	Land south of Sandwich Road, Woodnesborough	Woodnesborough	10
WOR006	Land to the east of Jubilee Road	Worth	10
WOR009	Land to the East of former Bisley Nursery, The Street, Worth	Worth	15

The Regulation 19 Local Plan groups the site allocation policies by settlement to reflect the agreed settlement hierarchy.

The strategic housing sites are covered by Strategic Policies: this includes the Whitfield Urban Expansion, South Aylesham and Eythorne and Elvington.

Housing sites over 30 dwellings are covered by Non-Strategic Policies. This includes:

- DOV017 (Dover Waterfront and Bench Street)
- DOV018
- DOV022B

- DOV022E
- DOV023
- DOV026
- DOV028
- TC4S083
- DEA008
- WAL002
- SAN004
- SAN006
- SAN007
- SAN008
- SAN013
- SAN023
- EAS002
- EYT008
- SHE004 and TC4S082 covered by one policy
- STM003
- STM007 and STM008 covered by one policy
- WIN014
- CAP006
- KIN002
- LAN003
- LYD003
- PRE003, PRE016 and PRE017 covered by one policy
- NON006

The remaining sites, under 30 dwellings, are covered by a small sites policy for each settlement. The small sites policies take the form of a table that sets out the key considerations for each site.

Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Identification and Assessment of Gypsy and Traveller Sites

The NPPF requires Local Plans to include provision for the needs of Gypsy and Travellers. This is informed by a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment which has been carried out for Dover District Council by consultants arc4.

The Council's Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) update prepared by arc4 in 2020 identified a need for 42 pitches over the Plan period. The assessment identified capacity for 10 pitches through turnover on existing sites in the District, and 19 potential pitches on existing sites, resulting in a residual need to identify 13 pitches. Three site options were identified for assessment:

- Land to the south of Alkham Valley Road, Alkham;
- Land to the North of Snowdown Caravan Site; and,
- Land East of Kestrels Fen and South of Ash Road.

The assessment drew on site analysis undertaken by arc4, feedback from key stakeholders and assessment of land constraints, including landscape and highway surveys.

The site South of Ash Road was discounted as unsuitable due to the site being located in flood zone 2 and 3, the need for significant highways and water mains connections work and its distance from schools, health and local services.

The land to the south of Alkham Valley Road, Alkham was assessed as being suitable and the land to the North of Snowdown Caravan Site was assessed as being potentially suitable.

In addition to potential new sites, the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) site review update January 2020 identified and assessed 5 existing Gypsy and Traveller sites for the potential to intensify the number of pitches on them. The findings of the assessment were published in the GTAA Final report published in March 2020.

A targeted call for sites was carried out alongside the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. Five Gypsy and Traveller sites were submitted in response to this. Following the HELAA methodology outlined above, one site was assessed as being suitable and four sites were assessed as unsuitable.

Sustainability Appraisal of Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Gypsy and traveller site options assessed as being either suitable or potentially suitable in the HELAA have been appraised through the Sustainability Appraisal (4 sites in total).

- Land to the south of Alkham Valley Road, Alkham;
- Land to the North of Snowdown Caravan Site; and,
- Land East of Kestrels Fen and South of Ash Road.
- Half Acres, Halfacres, Short Lane, Alkham.⁷

The Sustainability Appraisal identified no fundamental constraints at individual site level that would prevent sites from coming forward.

The five intensification sites identified in the GTAA 2020 were not appraised through the Sustainability Appraisal due to their existing established use and that they were small sites below the HELAA site threshold.

Site Allocation Selection

In determining the sites to be taken forward as gypsy and traveller allocations in the Local Plan the Council has had regard to:

- The overarching growth strategy;
- The requirement to meet the level of need identified in the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment;
- The availability of sites for gypsies and travellers;
- The suitability of the identified sites for gypsies and travellers; and
- Representations made by key stakeholders and site promoters.

⁷ This site has subsequently being granted planning permission for 1 pitch and has therefore become a site for intensification.

Regulation 18 Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Allocations

The draft Reg 18 Local Plan proposed to meet the identified need for 42 gypsy and traveller pitches in the District over the Plan period in the following way:

- 10 pitches available through vacancies due to turnover on existing sites.
- 9 pitches provided through suitable intensification of existing sites.
- Through the allocation of both the site in Alkham for 10 pitches and the site in Aylesham for 10 pitches.

The justification for the inclusion of these sites as proposed gypsy and traveller allocations, was set out in the Reg 18 Site Selection Topic Paper (Appendix A).

The proposed gypsy and traveller allocations were subject to consultation as part of the wider Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. The Council's response to the comments made at Regulation 18 are reported in the Local Plan Consultation Statement.

Regulation 19 Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Allocations

The Council's strategy for meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the Regulation 19 Local Plan has been updated following the Regulation 18 consultation to take into account:

- Representations made through the consultation on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan and the HELAA process, including concerns raised by the Kent Downs AONB Unit regarding sites located in the AONB;
- Further engagement with key stakeholders on sites and infrastructure requirements;
- Updates to the HELAA and the Targeted Call for Sites;
- New and updated technical work for example the flood risk assessment of the proposed allocations in the plan, for all types of flooding;
- Planning permissions, including the granting of 10 additional pitches on the site in Alkham, and 6 pitches at Strawberry Fields Hay Hill, thereby delivering these draft allocations;
- Further site assessment work, including site visits to sites previously identified in the Gypsy and Traveller site options investigation study (2020);
- The site promoter for the land to the South of Aylesham confirming that the site wasn't available for the delivery of gypsy and traveller pitches.
- 1 pitch at Half Acres, Alkham allowed at appeal, changing the site status from a proposed allocation to an intensification site.

Given this, the need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches is planned to be met by the following:

- Planning permission has been granted for 18 pitches since the GTAA update in 2020, meeting the need for pitches up to 2028.
- Turnover on existing sites The GTAA identified 10 pitches that were vacant and available for occupation. A survey carried out in August 2021 confirmed that 5 of these previously vacant pitches are now occupied and 5 pitches remain vacant.
- 5 pitches are to be provided through suitable intensification of existing sites, including the one site identified as suitable through the targeted call for sites. These are identified in policy H3 of the Local Plan.
- Windfall sites The Local Plan enables the Council to determine planning applications for Gypsy and Traveller sites on a site-by-site basis, subject to individual circumstances and need – see Policy H4.

The strategy proposed identifies specific sites to meet 16 years need from 2020, providing for the majority of the plan period need within the short to medium term, with a 5-year supply of sites. All sites identified for intensification are existing gypsy and traveller sites. Policy H3 of the Local Plan sets out a number of considerations for the intensification of the identified gypsy and traveller sites that will need to be addressed as part of the planning process.

Employment Sites

Identification and Assessment of Employment Sites

The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) also considered sites for economic development uses.

As part of stage 1 of the HELAA process officers compiled a comprehensive list of 43 employment sites for assessment, based on a call for sites (completed in June 2017) and a desk-based review of existing information. Following this, officers undertook an initial sift of these sites to eliminate sites that were too small; covered by national designations; and/or contrary to the NPPF, which resulted in 20 sites being removed.

The remaining 23 sites were then assessed to determine their suitability and development potential based on:

- site size, physical characteristics of the site and location;
- land uses and character of surrounding area;
- landscape impact, impacts on landscape views and screening of site;
- potential impact on heritage assets relevant to the site;
- access and highways; and
- environmental constraints.

Sites were then classified as being either: suitable (green), potentially suitable (amber) or unsuitable (red). The findings of the HELAA were then published as part of the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan and representations were invited.

A targeted call for sites was also undertaken alongside the consultation on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan. In total 120 sites were submitted, of which 6 were employment sites and 2 were mixed use including employment. Officers undertook a suitability assessment of these sites based on the HELAA methodology outlined above. In summary, of the 8 sites submitted:

- 3 employment sites as suitable;
- 2 employment sites and 1 mixed use site as potentially suitable; and
- 2 employment sites as unsuitable.

As part of the Regulation 18 consultation, representations were also made on both the proposed employment site allocations identified in the Plan and on existing HELAA sites, not proposed as allocations in the draft Local Plan. The Council's response to these comments is reported in the Local Plan Consultation Statement.

The HELAA has subsequently been updated to take account of:

- Updated technical evidence
- Representations made through the consultation on the Reg 18 Draft Local Plan
- Changes in the planning status of sites.
- Changes in the estimated development potential of sites.
- Further engagement with key stakeholders; and
- Further site assessment work.

The HELAA September 2022 (including the targeted for sites) review concluded that of the 29 sites assessed:

- 21 are suitable
- 7 are potentially suitable
- 1 site (Betteshanger Colliery) now has planning permission for predominantly housing

Sustainability Appraisal of Employment Sites

Employment site options assessed as being either suitable or potentially suitable in the HELAA have been appraised through the Sustainability Appraisal (29 sites in total).

The Sustainability Appraisal concluded that no single settlement's employment sites perform particularly better than any other and identified no fundamental constraints at individual site level that would prevent sites from coming forward. On all sites there is considered to be scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the potential significant adverse effects identified through the SA.

Site Allocation Selection

The HELAA is a technical piece of evidence to support the Local Plan making process and is a requirement of the NPPF. It should however be noted that the HELAA does not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for development, that is the role of the Local Plan.

In determining the sites to be taken forward as employment allocations in the Local Plan the Council has also therefore had regard to:

- The overarching growth strategy set out in the Local Plan
- Site specific Sustainability Appraisal assessments carried out as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan
- The Economic Growth Strategy
- The level of employment need identified in the Economic Development Needs Assessment
- Supply of employment floorspace identified in the AMR
- The development potential of the sites (some sites identified as suitable or potentially suitable are existing employment sites with limited capacity for new floorspace, development would be limited to some intensification or redevelopment.
- The revised settlement hierarchy
- The evidence base that supports the Local Plan; and
- Representations made by key stakeholders and site promoters

Proposed Regulation 18 Employment Allocations

To deliver the Council's economic growth strategy a number of strategic employment allocations were proposed in the draft Local Plan. These include:

• Whitecliffs Business Park, Whitfield

- Aylesham Development Area, Aylesham
- Sandwich Industrial Estate, Sandwich
- Discovery Park, Sandwich
- Ramsgate Road, Sandwich
- Dover Waterfront

The justification for the inclusion of these sites as proposed employment allocations, and conversely the exclusion of others, was set out in the draft Reg 18 Local Plan Site Selection Topic Paper (Appendix A) that was published to support the Regulation 18 Local Plan.

The proposed employment allocations were subject to consultation as part of the wider Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. The Council's response to the comments made at Regulation 18 are reported in the Local Plan Consultation Statement.

Proposed Regulation 19 Employment Allocations

The employment allocations in the Regulation 19 Local Plan have been updated following the Regulation 18 consultation to take into account:

- The updated Economic Development Needs Assessment 2021
- Representations made through the consultation on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan and the HELAA process.
- Further engagement with key stakeholders on sites and infrastructure requirements;
- Updates to the HELAA and the Targeted Call for Sites;
- The development potential of the sites (some sites identified as suitable or potentially suitable are existing employment sites with limited capacity for new floorspace, development would be limited to some intensification or redevelopment.
- Further site specific SA work;
- New and updated technical work for example the flood risk assessment of the proposed allocations in the plan, for all types of flooding, and LVIA of specific sites.

This has resulted in the following sites being removed as allocations from the Regulation 19 Local Plan:

- Sandwich Industrial Estate Site was allocated for further intensification. This is now covered by policy E1 and E2.
- Ramsgate Road. Sandwich Site was allocated for further intensification. This is now covered by policy E1 and E2.

The following sites are existing allocations that have been rolled forward as employment allocations in the Regulation 19 Local Plan:

- White Cliffs Business Park Phases 1, 2 and 3, Whitfield
- Discovery Park, Sandwich
- Aylesham Development Area, Aylesham
- Dover Waterfront

The following sites have been added as new employment allocations in the Regulation 19 Local Plan, following the Targeted Call for Sites undertaken at Regulation 18 and the review of existing HELAA sites based on comments made at Regulation 18.

Site Ref	Address	Settlement	Proposed Use	Reason for Allocation
TC4S076	Statenborough	Eastry	B1/B2 and retail	Existing employment site in the
	Farm, Eastry			rural area, that would be suitable
				for further employment
				development to meet the continued
				demand for rural employment space
				in the District.
TC4S083	The Citadel,	Dover	Mixed Use	Regeneration of brownfield site to
	Dover			secure the future of this important
				heritage asset. Site would deliver
				flexible employment uses, to
				achieve a higher level of job growth
				and help provide additional
				flexibility and choice to the market
				over the Plan period. Site covered
				by the Western Heights SPD.
TC4S092	Fort Burgoyne,	Dover	Mixed Use	Regeneration of this site would
	Dover			secure the future of this important
				heritage asset. Site would deliver
				flexible employment uses, to
				achieve a higher level of job growth
				and help provide additional
				flexibility and choice to the market
				over the Plan period.
TC4S120	White Cliffs	Dover		Due to the need for further light
	Business Park			industrial floorspace (now covered
	Phase 4			by Class E(g)(iii)) in the District and
				the uncertainty regarding the
				availability and deliverability of part
				of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of WCBP, it
				is proposed to identify additional
				land adjoining White Cliffs Business
				Park (known as Phase 4) to meet
				this need and ensure there is choice
				and flexibility in this location.
AYL005	Former	Aylesham	Mixed Use	The regeneration of this site would
	Snowdown			secure the future of the heritage
	Colliery			asset on the site. Site would deliver
				flexible employment uses, to
				achieve a higher level of job growth
				and help provide additional
				flexibility and choice to the market
				over the Plan period. The
				development of this site would also
				support the rural economy.

Sites have been selected for allocation in the Local Plan in accordance with the economic strategy set out in the Local Plan. The intensification of existing employment sites will be supported through Policies E1 and E2 of the Local Plan.

The final list of employment site allocations for the Regulation 19 Local Plan is as follows:

- White Cliffs Business Park Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4, Whitfield
- Discovery Park, Sandwich
- Aylesham Development Area, Aylesham
- Statenborough Farm, Eastry
- Fort Burgoyne, Dover
- The Citadel, Dover
- Dover Waterfront
- The Former Snowdown Colliery, Aylesham

The Regulation 19 Local Plan groups the site allocation policies by settlement to reflect the agreed settlement hierarchy. With the exception of Statenborough Farm Eastry, all the above sites are considered to be strategic site allocations. Discovery Park already benefits from planning permission and therefore isn't covered by a specific site allocation policy.

Appendices

Appendix A – The Selection of Site Allocations for the Draft Local Plan (reg 18)

This paper provides the background to the selection of the proposed housing, gypsy and traveller and employment site allocations for the Draft Local Plan, and sets out the reasoning behind the selection of specific site options within the District's Regional, District, Rural Service, Local Centres, Villages and Hamlets.

Overarching Growth Strategy

As part of the preparation of the Local Plan the Council has identified and appraised a range of growth and spatial options through the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process:

- Growth options range of potential scales of housing and economic growth that could be planned for;
- Spatial options range of potential locational distributions for the growth options.

By appraising the reasonable alternative options the SA provides an assessment of how different options perform in environmental, social and economic terms, which helps inform which option should be taken forward. It should be noted, however, that the SA does not decide which spatial strategy should be adopted. Other factors, such as the views of stakeholders and the public, and other evidence base studies, also help to inform the decision.

The SA identified and appraised five reasonable spatial options for growth (i.e. the pattern and extent of growth in different locations):

- Spatial Option A: Distributing growth to the District's suitable and potentially suitable housing and employment site options (informed by the HELAA and Economic Land Review).
- Spatial Option B: Distributing growth proportionately amongst the District's existing settlements based on their population.
- Spatial Option C: Distributing growth proportionately amongst the District's existing settlements based on the District's defined settlement hierarchy (informed by the Settlement Hierarchy Topic Paper).
- Spatial Option D: Distributing growth in the same way as the adopted Local Plan, focussing most growth in and around Dover.
- Spatial Option E: Distributing growth more equally across the District's settlements: Dover, Deal, Sandwich and Aylesham, as well as the rural villages.

The conclusion of the SA was that Spatial Options C (settlement hierarchy) and D (adopted Plan Dover focus) generally perform the most strongly against the SA objectives, particularly when delivering the baseline growth scenario.

However, given the environmental constraints that exist around Deal and Sandwich very few suitable and potentially suitable sites have been identified in these towns. Given this, the council's preferred option for the distribution of housing and economic growth will comprise a combination of options A (HELAA sites), C (settlement hierarchy) and D (Dover focus). The distribution of housing

and economic growth in the District will therefore primarily be based on the settlement hierarchy, and influenced by site availability, environmental constraints and factors of delivery.

Sites have therefore been selected in accordance with the preferred option for the distribution of housing and economic growth, based on their suitability, availability, and achievability.

Settlement Hierarchy

To support the consideration of the Growth Options through the Sustainability Appraisal process a review of the Settlement Hierarchy was undertaken.

The purpose of the Settlement Hierarchy Study was to identify those settlements in the District that are the most sustainable, based on the range of facilities and services present. It focuses in particular on the rural settlements of the District, given that the sustainability credentials of the district's three main centres of Dover, Deal and Sandwich are well-established.

The NPPF and NPPG require that Local Planning Authorities promote sustainable development in rural areas to support the vitality of their rural communities. New housing can enable rural communities to retain their existing services and community facilities and help to create a prosperous rural economy. At the same time national policy advises that a balance must be achieved between allowing new housing and the need to protect the character and heritage of the settlements themselves, as well as the surrounding countryside.

The continued national policy emphasis on sustainable development means that housing development should, where possible, be concentrated in the three urban centres of the district, Dover, Deal and Sandwich, with new development in the rural areas limited and focused on villages commensurate with their scale and position in the hierarchy, unless local factors, including flood risk and environmental designations, dictate otherwise. As the Settlement Hierarchy Study and its predecessor have established, Dover District does not possess a large number of larger villages, but rather a large number of small settlements. The Settlement Hierarchy Study indicates that it is therefore appropriate that the distribution of new housing in the rural areas of the district reflects such a settlement pattern.

The Council has used the Settlement Hierarchy Study to inform the proposed site allocations for the Local Plan and determine how much development an individual settlement should accommodate based on its position in the revised Settlement Hierarchy.

Housing Sites

Identification and Assessment of Housing Sites

The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) identifies a future supply of land in the District which is suitable, available and achievable for housing and economic development uses over the Plan period to 2040. The HELAA has been prepared in accordance with the guidance set out in the Government's Planning Practice Guidance https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment

As part of stage 1 of the HELAA process officers compiled a comprehensive list of housing sites for assessment, based on a call for sites (completed in June 2017) and a desk-based review of existing information. Following this, officers undertook an initial sift of these sites to eliminate sites that were too small; covered by national designations; and/or contrary to the NPPF, which resulted in sites being removed.

The remaining sites were then taken forward for more detailed assessment. The first stage of this process involved a desktop review using GIS to identify any relevant on-site constraints. Following this, sites were then physically surveyed and assessed to determine their suitability and development potential (i.e number of houses that could be delivered on the site) using the following criteria:

- site size, physical characteristics of the site and location;
- land uses and character of surrounding area;
- landscape impact, impacts on landscape views and screening of site;
- potential impact on heritage assets relevant to the site;
- access and highways; and
- environmental constraints.

In addition to this, comments were also sought from key stakeholders (including KCC Highways, DDC Heritage Officer, Landscape Architect, Environment Agency and the Kent Downs AONB Unit) with regards to the suitability of some of the sites.

The suitability assessment identified:

- 93 sites as suitable⁸;
- 41 sites as potentially suitable⁹; and
- 197 sites as unsuitable¹⁰.

The remaining 33 sites gained planning consent during the assessment process and were therefore removed.

The suitable and potentially suitable sites were then subjected to an availability assessment to determine whether the sites were available for development within the plan period. This involved contacting the relevant site owners/promoters to confirm the sites availability for development within the next 15-20 years. The availability assessment revealed:

• 114 sites as available 11;

⁸ Suitable is defined in the HELAA as: 'site offers a suitable location for development for the use proposed and is compatible with neighbouring uses. There are no known constraints that will significantly limit the development of the site.'

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⁹ Potentially suitable is defined in the HELAA as: 'site offers a potentially suitable location for development for the use proposed, but is subject to a policy designation which inhibits development for the defined use and/or constraints that require mitigation. The development plan process will determine the future suitability for the defined use and whether the constraints can be overcome.'

¹⁰ Unsuitable is defined in the HELAA as: 'site does not offer a suitable location for development for the proposed use and/or there are known constraints which cannot be mitigated. The site is unlikely to be found suitable for the defined use within the next 15-20 years.'

¹¹ Available is defined in the HELAA as: 'landowner/ site promoter has confirmed availability within the next 15-20 years and there are no known legal issues or ownership problems.'

- 12 sites as potentially available¹²; and
- 8 sites as unavailable¹³.

Councillors were consulted on the draft findings of the HELAA in 2019, following which a series of meetings were held with Town and Parish Councils in February/March 2020. The draft HELAA was then published on the council's website at the start of April 2020. This concluded that the 126 sites, with a capacity to accommodate 12,111 dwellings, are suitable or potentially suitable and available or potentially available.

The draft HELAA has subsequently been updated to take account of:

- Further evidence requested by officers in relation to highways constraints identified on certain sites;
- New availability evidence;
- Viability evidence in respect of achievability;
- Comments made as part of the wider engagement on the HELAA sites;
- Sites which now have planning permission.

The updated HELAA has been published as part of the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan and further representations are invited.

Appraisal of Housing Sites

As part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the draft Local Plan site specific Sustainability Appraisal assessments were carried out on the 126 HELAA sites that were assessed as being suitable or potentially suitable and available or potentially available. In addition to this, a further 8 sites were also subjected to SA alongside the other 126 sites on a precautionary basis. These were sites where the Council had been unable to contact the landowners to confirm their availability before the SA work was carried out.

Each residential site option was appraised using the detailed assessment criteria and associated assumptions set out in the Sustainability Appraisal (see Sustainability Appraisal Report). To ensure that all site options were appraised to the same level of detail in the SA, all options have been appraised at a high level based on the potential capacity of each site using each sites redline boundary and the Council's most up-to-date evidence base.

The Sustainability Appraisal then organised the sites by settlement, with the strongest site options at the top and the weaker performing site options at the bottom. The stronger performing sites have the fewest adverse effects recorded, in particular potential significant adverse effects, and the potential to generate the most positive effects. Conversely, the weakest performing site options have the greatest potential to generate adverse effects, particularly significant adverse effects, and the least potential for positive effects

The Sustainability Appraisal identified no fundamental constraints at individual site level that would prevent sites from coming forward. On all sites there is considered to be scope to avoid or

¹² Potentially available is defined in the HELAA as: 'Confirmation has not yet been received from the landowner/ site promoter that the land will be available within the next 15-20 years. Further information is required to provide the Council with certainty that the site is available.'

¹³ Unavailable is defined in the HELAA as: 'The landowner/ site promoter has confirmed that the land is not available for development in the next 15-20 years. The land is subject to known legal issues which are unlikely to be overcome within the next 15-20 years. It has not been possible to make contact with the landowner/ site promoter.'

significantly mitigate the potential significant adverse effects identified through the SA against SA objectives 5 (Air Pollution), 7 and (Flood Risk) and 9 (Biodiversity) through the policies in the draft Plan.

Site Selection Process

The interim HELAA (2020) identified 126 green and amber sites, that would deliver in the region of 12,111 new homes. This is clearly in excess of the amount of land that is needed to meet the residual housing requirement of 5,288 homes over the Plan period (figure doesn't include the Whitfield Urban expansion).

The HELAA is a technical piece of evidence to support the Local Plan making process and is a requirement of the NPPF (2019). It should however be noted that the HELAA does not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for development, that is the role of the Local Plan.

In determining the sites to be taken forward as housing allocations in the draft Local Plan the Council has also therefore had regard to:

- The overarching growth strategy set out in the draft Local Plan;
- Site specific Sustainability Appraisal assessments carried out as part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan;
- The revised settlement hierarchy;
- The Whole Plan Viability Study;
- The Air Quality Study; and
- The Local Plan Transport Modelling Work.

Proposed Housing Allocations

The Local Plan allocates sites to deliver 7,511 new homes over the Plan period, of which 3,690 homes are proposed on strategic sites and 3,821 are proposed on non-strategic housing sites. Strategic housing allocations are proposed at:

- Whitfield The urban expansion of Whitfield is currently identified as a strategic allocation in the Core Strategy 2010 for the delivery of at least 5,750 new homes. Through the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment work the Council has also identified an area of land to the north-west of the existing allocation for the delivery of approximately 600 new homes. Strategic Policy 4 allocates this site in addition to the existing allocation at Whitfield for development in accordance with the growth and settlement strategy of the Plan. To date 1,483 homes have been granted consent at Whitfield of which there have been 200 completions, leaving 1,283 homes extant as at 31 March 2020. It is currently estimated that a minimum of a further 2,200 homes can be delivered at Whitfield over the Plan period, with the remainder of the development being delivered outside the Plan period.
- Aylesham Aylesham is identified as a Rural Service Centre in the settlement hierarchy with the
 potential to accommodate further growth. Through the Housing and Economic Land Availability
 Assessment work the Council has identified two sites for development in Aylesham, one to the
 North of Aylesham for the delivery of approximately 500 new homes and the second to the
 south of Aylesham for the delivery of approximately 640 new homes. Strategic Policies 5 and 6
 allocate these sites for development in accordance with the growth and settlement strategy of
 the Plan.

Elvington and Eythorne – As part of the Council's housing growth strategy it is proposed to grow
the villages of Eythorne and Elvington to create a new local centre in the District. Through the
Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment work the Council has identified an area of
land between Eythorne and Elvington for the delivery of approximately 350 new homes.
 Strategic Policy 7 allocates the land to the east of Adelaide Road for development in accordance
with the growth and settlement strategy of the Plan

A number of non-strategic allocations are also proposed in Site Allocations Policy 1 in the draft Local Plan.

The justification for the inclusion of these sites as proposed housing allocations in the draft Local Plan, and the exclusion of others, is set out in Appendix A.

Where constraints have been identified on sites, it is considered that these can be mitigated as part of the planning process and the Strategic and Site Allocations policies set out a number of key considerations for each site in relation to highways, access, heritage, landscape, minerals and flooding, that will need to be addressed by the land owner when taking the site forward.

Furthermore, to support the delivery of the Local Plan the council is working with key stakeholders to produce an Infrastructure Delivery Plan. This is an iterative document that sets out the infrastructure required to support the planned development set out within this Plan. As part of the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan the council will be engaging with infrastructure providers, on site specific infrastructure requirements. These comments will be used to inform the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will be published as part of the Regulation 19 consultation on the Local Plan.

The proposed housing allocations are subject to consultation as part of the wider Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. As part of this, further information will be requested from land owners/ site promoters of the proposed allocations to demonstrate the sites deliverability. Any comments received on site specific matters will be reviewed, and the Plan will then be updated prior to Regulation 19.

Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Identification and Assessment of Gypsy and Traveller Sites

The NPPF requires Local Plans to include provision for the needs of Gypsy and Travellers. This is informed by a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment which has been carried out for Dover District Council by consultants arc4.

The Council's Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) update prepared by arc4 in 2020 identified a need for 42 pitches over the Plan period. The assessment identified capacity for 10 pitches through turnover on existing sites in the district, and 19 potential pitches on existing sites, resulting in a residual need to identify 13 pitches. Three site options were identified for assessment:

- Land to the south of Alkham Valley Road, Alkham;
- Land to the North of Snowdown Caravan Site; and,
- Land East of Kestrels Fen and South of Ash Road.

The assessment drew on site analysis undertaken by arc4, feedback from key stakeholders and assessment of land constraints, including landscape and highway surveys.

The site South of Ash Road was discounted as unsuitable due to the site being located in flood zone 2 and 3, the need for significant highways and water mains connections work and its distance from schools, health and local services.

The land to the south of Alkham Valley Road, Alkham was assessed as being suitable and the land to the North of Snowdown Caravan Site was assessed as being potentially suitable.

Appraisal of Gypsy and Traveller Sites

The two gypsy and traveller site options have been appraised through the Sustainability Appraisal. The Sustainability Appraisal identified no fundamental constraints at individual site level that would prevent sites from coming forward.

Of the two sites appraised, the Aylesham site option performs better against the SA framework being in a slightly more sustainably accessible location have having less opportunity to adversely affect the local environment.

Site Selection Process

In determining the sites to be taken forward as gypsy and traveller allocations in the draft Local Plan the Council has had regard to:

- The overarching growth strategy;
- The requirement to meet the level of need identified in the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment;
- The availability of sites for gypsies and travellers; and
- The suitability of the identified sites for gypsies and travellers.

Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Allocations

The draft Local Plan proposes to meet the identified need for 42 gypsy and traveller pitches in the District over the Plan period in the following way:

- 10 pitches are likely to become available through turnover on existing sites and this will be monitored as part of the Council's yearly Housing Information Audit.
- 9 pitches can be provided through suitable intensification of existing sites (see DM Policy 10).
- Through the allocation of both the site in Alkham and the site in Aylesham for gypsy and traveller pitches.

The land to the south of Alkham Valley Road is allocated in Site Allocations Policy 2 for 10 pitches. This site was selected for allocation as its an established gypsy and traveller site that has planning consent and forms part of the 19 pitches for intensification. The site is considered to be available and deliverable in the short term.

The land to the North of Snowdown Caravan Site is allocated in Strategic Policy 6 South Aylesham for 10 pitches. This site is dependant on being delivered as part of the wider development of this site. It

is in close proximity to an existing KCC run gypsy and traveller site. The site is considered to be available and deliverable in the medium to long term.

Where constraints have been identified on the sites, it is considered that these can be mitigated as part of the planning process and the Strategic and Site Allocations policies set out a number of key considerations for each site that will need to be addressed by the land owner when taking the site forward.

The proposed gypsy and traveller allocations are subject to consultation as part of the wider Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. As part of this, a call for sites will be carried out with the aim of identifying additional land that could deliver the 3 pitches required to meet the level of identified need and to provide a wider range of options for potential site allocations.

Employment Sites

Identification and Assessment of Employment Sites

The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) also considered sites for economic development uses.

As part of stage 1 of the HELAA process officers compiled a comprehensive list of 43 housing sites for assessment, based on a call for sites (completed in June 2017) and a desk-based review of existing information. Following this, officers undertook an initial sift of these sites to eliminate sites that were too small; covered by national designations; and/or contrary to the NPPF, which resulted in 20 sites being removed.

The remaining 23 sites were then assessed to determine their suitability and development potential based on:

- site size, physical characteristics of the site and location;
- land uses and character of surrounding area;
- landscape impact, impacts on landscape views and screening of site;
- potential impact on heritage assets relevant to the site;
- access and highways; and
- environmental constraints.

Sites were then classified as being either: suitable (green), potentially suitable (amber) or unsuitable (red).

The updated HELAA has been published as part of the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan and further representations are invited.

Appraisal of Employment Sites

As part of the Sustainability Appraisal of the draft Local Plan site specific Sustainability Appraisal assessments were carried out on the 23 employment sites identified in the HELAA.

The Sustainability Appraisal concluded that no single settlement's employment sites perform particularly better than any other and identified no fundamental constraints at individual site level that would prevent sites from coming forward. On all sites there is considered to be scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the potential significant adverse effects identified through the SA.

Site Selection Process

The Council's Economic Growth Strategy supports the delivery of a higher level of economic growth in the District. However, until the Economic Development Needs Assessment has been updated, post Regulation 18, there is uncertainty around the level of jobs growth anticipated over the Plan period and the amount of new employment land that will be required to deliver this.

Furthermore, there is uncertainty around the future availability of White Cliffs Business Park for general employment purposes. It is unclear at this stage exactly what will remain available for employment purposes, but it is likely that at least in medium term and potentially long term, only a small part of the site will remain available for employment use.

The Council is also aware that growth of employment related to Discovery park may not be able to be accommodated within the existing site and further land may be required to support this growth.

Given this, whilst there is still some remaining development potential on existing allocations, which can be rolled forward into the new draft Local Plan, options for allocating further land for employment development are currently limited and further land is therefore likely to be required to deliver the Council's Economic Strategy.

Proposed Employment Allocations

To deliver the Council's economic growth strategy a number of strategic employment allocations are proposed in Strategic Policy 9 of the draft Local Plan. These include:

- Whitecliffs Business Park, Whitfield
- Aylesham Development Area, Aylesham
- Sandwich Industrial Estate, Sandwich
- Discovery Park, Sandwich
- Ramsgate Road, Sandwich
- Dover Waterfront

The justification for the inclusion of these sites as proposed employment allocations in the draft Local Plan, and the exclusion of others, is set out in Appendix 2.

The proposed employment allocations are subject to consultation as part of the wider Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Local Plan. The Council will also be carrying out a call for employment sites as part of the Regulation 18 consultation on the Local Plan. Any comments received on site specific matters will be reviewed, and the Plan will then be updated prior to Regulation 19.

Appendix 1: Reasons for the selection of the proposed housing allocations for the draft Local Plan by settlement

Alkham

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
ALK003	Land at Short Lane, Alkham	0.32	10	Medium	Site in AONB and KCC Minerals area. Existing tree's should be retained and a landscape buffer is required.	Alkham is a large village, where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement. ALK003 is the only suitable site identified in Alkham through the HELAA, and is therefore proposed as an allocation, in line with the Council's growth strategy. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to this site and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process. Where the SA has identified significant adverse effects in relation to this site there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate these.

Ash

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
ASH003	Land south of Mill Field, Ash	0.40	8	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required. A landscape buffer is required.	Ash is a Local Centre that provides services for the local rural area and is
ASH004	Land to the north of Molland Lane, Ash	4.48	110	Long	Transport Assessment and Heritage Assessment required. A landscape buffer is required. Vehicular access to be provided from Chequer Lane.	suitable for a scale of growth that would reinforce its role. ASH003, ASH004, ASH010, ASH011, ASH014 and ASH015 are proposed as
ASH010	Land adjacent to Saunders Lane, Ash	3.40	76	Short	Heritage Assessment required. A tree survey would be required and existing trees should be retained where possible.	allocations, in line with the Council's growth strategy. ASH010 has also recently been granted planning permission. Any further allocations in
ASH011	Guilton, Ash	0.35	10	Medium	Heritage Assessment and Land contamination assessment required. A landscape buffer is required.	Ash were not considered to be in accordance with the settlement hierarchy and would not lead to
ASH014	Land to the south of Sandwich Road, Ash	3.34	63	Short	Heritage Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Vehicular access from Sandwich Road. No vehicular access from Cherry garden lane. Existing boundary hedgerows and vegetation to be retained and enhanced.	ASH005 and ASH008 have been discounted as relative to the other reasonable options they were not considered to be as well related to the existing settlement of Ash. ASH008 also performs poorly in the SA of the sites.
ASH015	Former Council Yard, Molland Lea, Ash	0.16	5	Medium	Land Contamination Assessment required.	A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Ash and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process.

	j	Furthermore, where the SA has dentified significant adverse effects in relation to ASH004 and ASH010 there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate these.
		A Neighbourhood Plan is currently being prepared for Ash. The sites proposed as allocations in the Local Plan are the same as those identified in the draft Ash Neighbourhood Plan, with the exception of ASH010, which has recently been granted planning permission.

Aylesham

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
AYL001	Land at Dorman Avenue, Aylesham	0.31	9	Medium	•	Aylesham is a rural service centre and suitable for a scale of development that
AYL002	Land at the Boulevard, Aylesham	0.61	17	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required.	would reinforce its role as a provider of services to the rural area.
AYL003	Land to the South of Spinney Lane Aylesham	132.22	640	Medium	Landscape buffer required to the south and west of the site.	AYL003 and AYL004 have been identified as strategic sites in the Local Plan to deliver the council's housing growth strategy. Whilst constraints do exist on these sites, primarily in relation
AYL004	Land to the North of Aylesham	36.35	500	Medium	rransport / losessiment and	to highways, work is on-going to address this and develop an appropriate mitigation scheme.

Landscape buffer required to the west	
of the site.	AYL001 and AYL002 are small sites
	within the existing settlement of
	Aylesham and are considered suitable
	for development in accordance with the
	housing growth strategy.
	AYL005 is not proposed as an allocation
	at this stage. This site has been put
	forward to enable the development of
	the larger adjacent site for employment
	uses. It is considered that this could
	come forward separately outside of the
	Local Plan. The site is also a Local
	Wildlife site and has a number of
	constraints that would need to be
	mitigated.
	A number of key considerations have
	been identified in relation to the
	proposed site allocations in Aylesham
	and these will need to be addressed by
	the relevant land owners as part of the
	planning process.
	Where the SA has identified significant
	adverse effects in relation to these sites
	there is considered to be sufficient
	scope to avoid or significantly mitigate
	these.

Capel-le-Ferne

Site Reference Number	Site		Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
CAP006	Land to the east of Great Cauldham Farm, Capel-le- Ferne	4.02	50	Short	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative impact on Capel Street/Cauldham Lane/New Dover Road junction to be addressed. Vehicular access to be provided from Capel Street. A landscape buffer is required between the site and the AONB to the NW. Development should be set back from the existing residential properties.	Capel-le-Ferne is a large village where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement. All the suitable and potentially suitable HELAA sites identified in Capel are proposed as allocations in the Local Plan, in accordance with the Council's growth strategy (CAP006, CAP009, CAP011 and CAP013).
CAP009	Longships, Cauldham Lane, Capel-le-Ferne	0.66	10	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative impact on Capel Street/Cauldham Lane/New Dover Road junction to be addressed. A landscape buffer is required to mitigate impact on the adjacent AONB.	A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Capel le Ferne and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process.
CAP011	Land known as the former Archway Filling Station, New Dover Road, Capel- le-Ferne	0.57	18	Medium	Site in AONB. Existing trees and hedgerow should be retained wherever possible and a generous landscape buffer will be required. Archaeological Assessment required.	With regards to CAP006, due to highways concerns the estimated dwelling number on this site has been halved, and the size of the allocation
CAP013	Land at Cauldham Lane, Capel-le-Ferne	0.76	15	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required. Landscape buffer required to mitigate impact on the adjacent AONB. Cumulative impact on Capel Street/Cauldham Lane/New Dover Roac junction to be addressed.	has been reduced to reflect this. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on these sites

Deal Area

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
Deal						
DEA008	Land off Cross Road, Deal	8.73	100	Medium	Transport Assessment, Archaeological Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. A landscape buffer is required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed.	Deal (incorporating Sholden, Great Mongeham and Walmer) is identified as a District Centre in the settlement hierarchy and should be the secondary focus for development in the District.
DEA018	Church Lane/Hyton Drive, Deal	0.48	18	Short	Archaeological Assessment required. KCC minerals area.	Given this, all the suitable and potentially suitable HELAA sites
DEA020	Land off Cross Road, Deal	4	100	Medium	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. A landscape buffer is required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed.	identified in the Deal area are proposed as housing allocations (DEA008, DEA018, DEA020, DEA021, SHO002, SHO004, GTM003 and WAL002). This is because these site options are
DEA021	Land off Freemen's Way, Deal	3.69	88	Short	Archaeological Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Site is open space.	compatible with the Council's preferred housing growth strategy and can make notable contributions to delivery of
Sholden				•	•	District's housing needs of the Plan
SHO002	Land at South West of Sandwich Road, Sholden, Deal	5.26	100	Short	Transport Assessment, Archaeological Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed. A generous landscaping scheme and landscape buffer is required.	period over the short, medium and long term. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in the Deal area and these will need to be
SHO004	Land adjoining Pegasus, Sandwich Road, Sholden	1.21	42	Short	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed.	addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process.

					landscape buffer is required.	Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly
Great Mor	ngeham					mitigate the significant adverse effects
GTM003	Land to the east of	0.77	10	Medium	Heritage Assessment required.	identified through the SA on DEA008,
	Northbourne Road,				A generous landscaping scheme is	DEA020, DEA021, SHO002, SHO004 and
	Great Mongeham				required.	WAL002.
Walmer						
WAL002	Land at Rays Bottom	4.44	100	Medium	Transport Assessment and	
	between Liverpool				Archaeological Assessment required.	
	Road and				Cumulative impact on the road network	
	Hawksdown				to be addressed.	
					A landscape buffer will be required.	

Dover Area

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
Dover		_				Dover is a secondary regional centre
DOV006	Land at Dundedin Drive, Dover	0.37	8	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required. Existing trees should be retained where possible.	and therefore the major focus for development in the District. This is reflected in the level of growth
DOV008	Land adjoining 455 Folkestone Road, Dover	0.34	5	Short	Site in AONB. A landscape buffer is required to mitigate any impact on the AONB.	proposed here. The urban expansion of Whitfield
DOV009	Land at Stanhope Road, Dover	0.82	32	Short	Archaeological Assessment required.	(WHI008), and the proposed northern extension to the site (WHI001), is
DOV012	Former Channel Tunnel Workers Accommodation, Farthingloe, Dover	11.62	100	Medium	Heritage Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required Site in AONB and KCC Minerals area. A comprehensive landscaping scheme and landscape buffer will be required to mitigate impact on the landscape.	identified as a strategic housing allocation in the draft Plan (rolled forward from the existing Core Strategy 2010) and will continue to be the focus of housing growth in the District. WHI008 is also subject to a number of

DOV017	Dover Waterfront	10.98	200	Long	Heritage Assessment required. Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required. Land Contamination Assessment and Transport Assessment required. An assessment of air quality, noise, vibration and light pollution will also be needed.	planning permissions to take this site forward. Furthermore, it is proposed to continue with the regeneration of key sites in the Town Centre including Dover Waterfront (DOV017) and Mid Town (DOV018) (both currently allocated for development in the Council's Core
DOV018	Dover Mid Town	5.99	100	Medium	Heritage Assessment required. Development should be set back from the River Dour. Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required. Land Contamination Assessment and Transport Assessment required.	Strategy 2010), and these are rolled forward as allocations for mixed use development including housing in the draft Local Plan. Unless sites are now unavailable the majority of the suitable and potentially suitable sites identified in the HELAA in
DOV019	Albany Place Car Park, Dover	0.28	15	Medium	Heritage Assessment required.	the Dover area are proposed as allocations (i.e DOV006, DOV008,
DOV022B	Land adjacent to the Gas Holder, Coombe Valley, Dover		40	Medium	Transport Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required.	DOV009, DOV012, DOV019, DOV022B, DOV022C, DOV022E, DOV023, DOV025, DOV026, DOV028, DOV030,
DOV022C	Land between Coombe Valley Rd and Primrose Rd, Dover	0.37	20	Medium	Transport Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required.	GUS002 and WHI006). This is because these site options are compatible with the Council's preferred housing growth strategy and can make notable
DOV022E	Land at Barwick Rd Industrial Estate, Coombe Valley, Dover	3.69	220	Medium	Transport Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required.	contributions to delivery of District's housing needs of the Plan period over the short, medium and long term. DOV009 and part of DOV022C have
DOV023	Buckland Paper Mill, Dover	2.38	124	Short	Heritage Assessment required. Development should be set back from the River Dour and culverts removed. Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required.	also now been granted planning permission. Sites confirmed as unavailable include DOV010, DOV021, DOV022A, DOV029 and DOV035.

					Land Contamination Assessment	
					required.	The Council are also now pursuing
					KCC Minerals area.	DOV007 and DOV032 for
DOV025	Land off Wycherley	0.54	10	Medium	Site is covered by two Local Wildlife	employment/tourism use. This area has
	Crescent, Dover				sites - mitigation will therefore be	therefore been identified as an
					required.	opportunity area in the Dover Town
DOV026	Westmount College,	1.43	100	Medium	Land Contamination Assessment	Centre policy.
	Folkestone Road,				required.	
	Dover				Existing trees should be retained where	
					possible, and screening should be	been identified in relation to the
					provided at the boundary. Better links	
					should be provided through the site to	
					connect with the public open space to	the relevant land owners as part of the
					the north.	planning process.
DOV028	Charlton Shopping	0.63	100	Medium	Heritage Assessment required.	
	Centre, High Street,				Development should be set back from	Furthermore, there is considered to be
	Dover				the River Dour and culverts removed.	sufficient scope to avoid or significantly
					Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3. Sequential	mitigate the significant adverse effects
					test and Flood Risk Assessment	identified through the SA on the sites in
					required.	Dover.
					Land Contamination Assessment	
					required.	
					Site in a KCC Minerals area.	
DOV030	Land at Durham Hill,	0.34	10	Short	Heritage Assessment and Land	
	Dover				Contamination Assessment required.	
					Site is open space.	
Guston						
GUS002	Connaughts	54.98	300	Short	Transport Assessment, Heritage	
	Barracks, Dover				Assessment and Land Contamination	
					Assessment required.	
					A landscaping scheme is required to	
					mitigate impact on the views of and	
					from nearby heritage assets.	
Whitfield	<u> </u>					

WHI006	Guide Hut,	0.24	8	Medium	Existing trees and hedgerow should be
	Sandwich Road,				retained where possible.
	Whitfield				
WHI008/	Whitfield Urban	380	2200 (in Plan	Long	Development should be in accordance
WHI001	Extension (including		period)		with SPD.
	proposed northern				Transport Assessment and Heritage
	extension)				Assessment required.
					A generous landscaping scheme is
					required to mitigate impact on the
					countryside.

Eastry

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
	Land at Buttsole Pond, Lower Street, Eastry	3.93	80	Medium	A generous landscaping scheme and	Eastry is a Local Centre that provides services for the local rural area and is suitable for a scale of growth that would reinforce its role.
IFAS009	Eastry Court Farm, Eastry	0.84	5	Medium	Existing trees should be retained where	With the exception of EAS007 and EAS011 it is proposed to allocate all suitable and potentially suitable sites identified in the HELAA in Eastry in
EAS012	Lower Gore Field, Lower Gore Lane, Eastry	3.97	35	Long	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Site in a KCC Minerals area. A significant landscape buffer will be required along the north west boundary of the site. This area should remain	accordance with the Council's growth strategy (i.e EAS002, EAS009, and EAS012). EAS007 is detached from the settlement and is proposed primarily for employment, therefore it is not proposed to allocate this site for housing.

	Part of EASO11 has now been granted planning permission and the remainder of the site is unavailable.
	A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Eastry and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process.
	Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites in Eastry.

Eythorne and Elvington

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
EYT001	Land at Monkton Court Lane	1.94	20	Medium	Assessment required	Eythorne and Elvington are currently identified as villages in Policy CP1 of the Core Strategy (2010). However the recent Settlement Hierarchy Review
	Land to the east of Adelaide Rd, Elvington	20.26	350	Medium/Long	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Protection and enhancement of Ancient Woodland on-site	conducted by the Council shows that both these settlements score well in relation to the number of services and facilities provided. Given this, as part of the Council's strategy for the rural area it is proposed to grow the villages of

EYTO	008	Land on the south eastern side of Roman Way, Elvington	1.65	50	Short	Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative impact on the highway to be addressed. Existing trees and hedgerow should be retained where possible and a generous landscaping scheme should be	Eythorne and Elvington to create a new local centre in the District. EYT003, EYT009 and EYT012 are therefore identified as a strategic allocation in the Local Plan in accordance with the Council's housing growth strategy.
EYTO	019	Land to east of Adelaide Road, Eythorne	0.27	6	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required Site in a KCC Minerals area. A landscape buffer is required.	EYT001, EYT008 and EYT019 have also been identified as suitable sites in the HELAA that would provide a logical extension to the existing settlement and are also proposed as housing allocations in line with the housing growth strategy. It was however considered that any further allocations here would not be consistent with the position of Eythorne and Elvington in the settlement hierarchy, could cause an unacceptable impact on the highway network and would not lead to sustainable development. Given this it is not proposed to allocate EYT002, EYT004 and EYT015. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Eythorne and Elvington and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process.

	Furthermore, there is considered to be
	sufficient scope to avoid or significantly
	mitigate the significant adverse effects
	identified through the SA on the sites
	here.

Goodnestone and Chillenden

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
GOO006	Land adjacent to Short Street, Chillenden	1.02	5	Medium	Heritage Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Suitable for executive homes. A generous landscaping scheme is required.	Chillenden is identified in the small villages and hamlets category in the settlement hierarchy where windfall infill development would be acceptable in principle. To allocate both the sites identified as suitable and potentially suitable in Chillenden would be in conflict with the settlements position in the settlement hierarchy and would not lead to sustainable development. It was therefore considered that GOO006 was best related to the settlement, and less constrained than GOO007. GOO007 was therefore discounted. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these

	will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process.
	Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

Kingsdown

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
KINOO2	Land at Woodhill Farm, Ringwould Road, Kingsdown	3.46	90	Short	Transport Assessment, Archaeological Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. A generous landscaping scheme is required to mitigate impact on the adjacent AONB.	Kingsdown is a large village where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement. KIN002 is the only site identified in the HELAA in Kingsdown as being potentially suitable for development and is proposed as a housing allocation due to the fact its in a relatively sustainable location that is compatible with the council's preferred spatial strategy. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process.

East Langdon

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
LAN003	Land adjacent Langdon Court Bungalow, The Street, East Langdon	4.68	40	Medium	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Impact on local rural road network to be addressed. A generous landscaping scheme is required to mitigate impact on the countryside.	East Langdon is a is a large village where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement. LAN003 is the only suitable site identified in the HELAA in East Langdon. It is therefore proposed as a housing allocation in accordance with the Council's growth strategy. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

Lydden

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
LYD003	Land adjacent to Lydden Court Farm, Church Lane, Lydden	2.18	65	Medium	Transport Assessment and Heritage Assessment required. Impact on Canterbury Rd/ Church lane junction to be addressed. Existing trees and hedgerow should be retained where possible and a generous landscaping scheme is required to mitigate impact on the countryside.	Lydden is a large village where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement LYD003 is identified as suitable in the HELAA and is proposed as an allocation in accordance with the Council's growth strategy. LYD003 is considered to be better related to the settlement and less constrained than LYD001. LYD001 was therefore discounted. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

Nonnington

Site Reference Number	Site		Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
NON006	Prima Windows, Easole Street/Sandwich Road, Nonington	1.14	35	Medium	Heritage Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Existing boundary screening should be retained and enhanced.	Nonnington is identified in the small villages and hamlets category in the settlement hierarchy where windfall infill development would be acceptable in principle. On this basis it was considered that it was only appropriate to continue with the existing undeveloped Land Allocations Local Plan allocation (NON006), and that to allocate further sites would not be sustainable in this location. NON004 and NON009 were therefore discounted. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

Northbourne

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
NOR005	Betteshanger Colliery, Betteshanger, Deal	20.69	210	Short	Heritage Assessment, Transport Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required. Site in a KCC Minerals area. Existing boundary screening should be retained and enhanced to provide a generous landscape buffer.	Northbourne is a large village where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement To allocate all the sites identified as suitable or potentially suitable in the HELAA in Northbourne would be in conflict with the settlement hierarchy and would not lead to sustainable development. Given this it was considered that NOR005 was best related to the settlement, is already supported by existing infrastructure and would deliver the most benefit to the existing community. NOR001, NOR002 and NOR003 were therefore discounted. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

Preston

Site Reference Number	Site		Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
PRE003	Apple Tree Farm, Stourmouth Road	0.76	12	Medium	Transport Assessment required.	Preston is a large village where development would be acceptable in
PREO16	Site north of Discovery Drive, Preston	1.10	35	Medium	Transport Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Site borders Flood Zone 3. Access to be provided through adjacent sites.	principle in or adjoining the settlement PRE003, PRE016 and PRE017 are identified as suitable sites in the HELAA and are proposed as allocations in
PREO17	Site north-west of Appletree Farm, Stourmouth Road, Preston	2.53	75	Medium	Transport Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Access to be provided through adjacent sites.	accordance with the Council's growth strategy. These sites are considered to be better related and connected to the settlement and less constrained than PRE001 and PRE007. PRE007 in also now unavailable. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Preston and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites here.

Ringwould

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
RIN004	Ringwould Alpines, Dover Road, Ringwould	0.22	5	Short	Archaeological Assessment required. Existing trees and hedgerows should be retained and enhanced.	Ringwould is identified in the small villages and hamlets category in the settlement hierarchy where windfall infill development would be acceptable in principle. To allocate all the sites identified as suitable in Ringwould would be in conflict with the position of the settlement in the settlement hierarchy and would not lead to sustainable development. It was therefore considered that RIN004 was the least constrained of the sites and the best related to the settlement, compared to RIN002 and RIN003. These sites were therefore discounted. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

Sandwich

Site Reference Number	Site		Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
SAN006	Sandwich Highway Depot/Chippies Way, Ash Road, Sandwich	2.10	32	Medium	Transport Assessment, Heritage Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed. Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3 and within Sandwich Bay defences breach zone. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required.	Sandwich is a rural service centre and suitable for a scale of development that would reinforce its role as a provider of services to the rural area. With the exception of SAN010 and SAN016 all the suitable and potentially suitable sites identified in the HELAA in Sandwich are proposed as allocations
SAN007	Land known as Poplar Meadow, Adjacent to 10 Dover Road, Sandwich	1.58	80	Medium	Transport Assessment and Heritage Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed Site within Flood Zone 2 and 3 and within Sandwich Bay defences breach zone. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required. Existing screening should be retained and enhanced.	(li.e SAN006, SAN007, SAN008, SAN013, SAN015, SAN019 and SAN023). This is because these site options are in relatively sustainable locations that are compatible with the Council's preferred spatial strategy and can make notable contributions to delivery of district's housing needs of the Plan period over the short, medium and long term. SAN015 has also recently been granted planning
SAN008	Woods' Yard, rear of 17 Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich		35	Medium	Transport Assessment, Heritage Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed Site within Flood Zone 2 and 3 and within Sandwich Bay defences breach zone. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required.	permission. SAN010 has been discounted on the basis that it is poorly related to the settlement, could give rise to an unacceptable impact on the highways network and development here would prejudice any future development of SAN024 if it were to become available.

SAN013	Land adjacent to Sandwich Technology School, Deal Road, Sandwich	3.43	60	Medium	Site allocated for housing and the expansion of the Sandwich Sports and Leisure Centre Transport and Heritage Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed Existing screening should be retained and enhanced.	SAN016 has been discounted on the basis that it is poorly related to the settlement and could give rise to an unacceptable impact on the highways network. SAN010 and SAN016 also score poorly in the SA of the sites.
SAN015	Kumor Nursery, Sandwich	2.40	67	Short	Transport Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed KCC Minerals area.	A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Sandwich and these will need to be addressed by
SAN019	Sydney Nursery, Dover Road, Sandwich	0.38	10	Medium	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required. Site in a KCC Minerals area. Existing boundary screening should be retained and enhanced.	the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites here.
SAN023	Land at Archers Low Farm, St George's Road, Sandwich	2.19	40	Medium	Transport Assessment and Heritage Assessment required. Cumulative highways impact to be addressed Site in Flood Zone 2 and 3 and within Sandwich Bay defences breach zone. Sequential test and Flood Risk Assessment required. Existing boundary screening should be retained and enhanced.	

Shepherdswell

Site Reference Number	Site		Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
SHE003	Land to the north of Westcourt Lane, Shepherdswell	9.55	100	Short	Transport Assessment, Archaeological Assessment and Land Contamination Assessment required. Cumulative impact on the local rural road network to be addressed A comprehensive landscaping scheme will be required to mitigate impact.	Shepherdswell is a Local Centre that provides services for the local rural area and is suitable for a scale of growth that would reinforce its role. Given this it is proposed to allocate all suitable and potentially suitable sites identified in the HELAA in Shepherdswell (i.e SHE003, SHE004, SHE006 and SHE008). This is because these site options are in relatively sustainable locations that are compatible with the Council's preferred
SHE004	Land to the north and east of St Andrew's Gardens, Shepherdswell	4.31	40	Short	Transport Assessment and Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative impact on the local rural road network to be addressed A sensitive landscaping scheme will be required.	
SHE006	Land at Botolph Street Farm, Shepherdswell	0.82	20	Medium	Heritage Assessment required. A landscape buffer is required. Cumulative impact on the local rural road network to be addressed	spatial strategy and can make notable contributions to delivery of district's housing needs of the Plan period over the short, medium and long term
SHE008	Land off Mill Lane, Shepherdswell	0.38	10	Medium	Archaeological Assessment required. Cumulative impact on the local rural road network to be addressed	SHE001 is unavailable. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Shepherdswell and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects

		identified through the SA on the sites
		here.

Staple

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
STA004	Land at Durlock Road, Staple	0.24	3	Short	Heritage Assessment required. Site in a KCC Minerals area. Existing boundary screening should be retained and enhanced.	Staple is identified in the small villages and hamlets category in the settlement hierarchy where windfall infill development would be acceptable in principle. To allocate all the sites identified as suitable/potentially suitable in the HELAA in Staple would be in conflict with the position of the settlement in the settlement hierarchy and would not lead to sustainable development. It was therefore considered that STA004 was the least constrained of the sites and the best related to the settlement compared to STA003, STA008 and STA010. STA009 has recently been granted planning permission. STA003, STA008 and STA010 were therefore discounted on the basis that they are poorly related to the settlement and would not lead to sustainable development.

		A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocation here and these will need to be addressed by the land owner as part of the planning process.
		Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the site here.

St Margaret's

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
STM003	Land adjacent to Reach Road bordering Reach Court Farm and rear of properties on Roman Way	1.78	40	Short	scheme in addition to a landscape buffer will be required to mitigate	St Margaret's is a Local Centre that provides services for the local rural area and is suitable for a scale of growth that would reinforce its role.
STM006	Land at New Townsend Farm, Station Road, St Margarets	1.32	10		buffer will be required to mitigate impact. Archaeological Assessment	Given this it is proposed to allocate all suitable and potentially suitable sites identified in the HELAA in St Margaret's (i.e STM003, STM006, STM007 and STM008). This is because these site options are in relatively sustainable locations that are compatible with the
STM007	Land to the west of Townsend Farm Road, St Margarets (Site B)	0.63	18		scheme in addition to a landscape buffer will be required to mitigate	Council's preferred spatial strategy and can make notable contributions to delivery of district's housing needs of

					retained where possible. Transport Assessment and Heritage	the Plan period over the short, medium and long term STM010 and STM011 are unavailable.
STM008	Land to the west of Townsend Farm Road, St Margarets at Cliffe (site A)	0.63	18	Short	Site is partly in AONB. A sensitive landscaping scheme in addition to a landscape buffer will be required to mitigate impact. Existing trees and hedgerow should be retained where possible. Transport Assessment and Heritage Assessment required.	A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in St Margaret's and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites here.

Wingham

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
WIN003	Land adjacent to Staple Road	0.83	20	Short	Cumulative impact on the road network to be addressed including Adisham Rd/ Staple Rd and Adisham Rd/A257 junction	
WIN004	Land adjacent to White Lodge, Preston Hill	0.31	8	Short	Contamination Assessment required.	WIN006, it is proposed to allocate all the suitable sites identified in the HELAA in Wingham (i.e WIN003,

WIN014	Footpath Field, Staple Road, Wingham,	3.60	50	Short	Transport Assessment required. Site in a KCC Minerals area. Cumulative impact on the road network to be addressed including Adisham Rd/ Staple Rd and Adisham Rd/A257 junction A sensitive landscaping scheme in addition to a landscape buffer will be required to mitigate impact.	WIN004 and WIN014). This is because these site options are in relatively sustainable locations that are compatible with the Council's preferred spatial strategy and can make notable contributions to delivery of district's housing needs of the Plan period over the short, medium and long term WIN006 has been discounted as it was refused planning permission on highway grounds and it is considered at this stage that this cannot be mitigated. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Wingham and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites here.
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Woodnesborough

				Anticipated Timescale for		
Site			Estimated	Delivery		
Reference	Site	Size (ha)	Dwelling	Short (2020 to 2024)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
Number			Number	Medium (2025 to 2029)		
				Long (2029 to 2040)		
WOOOD	Beacon Lane	0.72	г	Chart	Archaeological Assessment required.	Woodnesborough is identified in the
WOO005	Nursery, Beacon	0.73)	Short	Site in KCC minerals area	small villages and hamlets category in

	Lane, Woodnesborough					the settlement hierarchy where windfall infill development would be acceptable in principle.
WOO006	Land south of Sandwich Road, Woodnesborough	1.27	10	Short	Archaeological Assessment required. Existing trees and hedgerow should be retained where possible.	To allocate all the sites identified as suitable in the HELAA in Woodnesborough would be in conflict with the position of the settlement in the settlement hierarchy and would not lead to sustainable development. It was therefore considered that WOO005 and WOO006 were the least constrained sites that were better related to the settlement. Furthermore, WOO007 is unavailable and WOO002 is considered to be too small for allocation. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Woodnesborough and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites here.

Worth

Site Reference Number	Site	Size (ha)	Estimated Dwelling Number	Anticipated Timescale for Delivery Short (2020 to 2024) Medium (2025 to 2029) Long (2029 to 2040)	Key Considerations	Reasons for Site Selection
WOR006	Land to the east of Jubilee Road	0.56	10	Medium	Heritage Assessment required. Site adjacent to Flood zones 2 and 3. Site in a KCC Minerals area. A landscape buffer will be required.	Worth is a large village where development would be acceptable in principle in or adjoining the settlement
WOR009	Land to the East of former Bisley Nursery, The Street, Worth	0.83	20	Short	Heritage Assessment required. Existing boundary treatment should be retained and enhanced.	WOR006 and WOR009 are identified as suitable sites in the HELAA and are proposed as allocations in accordance with the Council's growth strategy. As it is considered that these sites are best related to the settlement and the least constrained. WOR007 has been discounted on balance given its open space designation in the Worth Neighbourhood Plan. A number of key considerations have been identified in relation to the proposed site allocations in Worth and these will need to be addressed by the relevant land owners as part of the planning process. Furthermore, there is considered to be sufficient scope to avoid or significantly mitigate the significant adverse effects identified through the SA on the sites here.

Note

There are no proposed housing site allocations in the settlements of Ripple, Sutton, Tilmanstone and West Hougham.

In Ripple, no suitable or potentially suitable sites were identified here in the HELAA.

In Sutton, SUT005 and SUT007 have been granted planning permission. SUT009 is also now unavailable, which would prevent the development of SUT002 as this site is detached from the settlement and development here would not be well related to the settlement and would lead to unsustainable development.

Tilmanstone and West Hougham fall within the small villages and hamlets category in the settlement hierarchy and as a result of this it was considered that further development would not be appropriate here. Til001 and HOU004 were therefore discounted.

List of discounted sites

- ASH005
- ASH018
- AYL005
- DOV007
- DOV010
- DOV021
- DOV022A
- DOV029
- DOV032
- DOV035
- EAS007
- EAS011
- EYT002
- EYT004
- EYT015
- GOO007
- HOU004
- LYD001
- NON004
- NON009
- NOR001

- NOR002
- NOR003
- PRE001
- PRE007
- RIN002
- RIN003
- SAN010
- SAN016
- SHE001
- STA003
- STA008
- STA009
- STA010
- STM010
- STM011
- SUT002
- SUT005
- SUT007
- SUT009
- TIL001
- WIN006
- WOO002
- WOO007
- WOR007

Appendix 2: Reasons for the selection of the proposed employment allocations for the draft Local Plan

ELR Site Ref Number	Site Name	Location	Site size (ha)	Existing Use	Estimated Development Potential	Reason for Allocation	Reason not taken forward for allocation
1	Ramsgate Road, Sandwich	Sandwich	81.6	Industrial area (Allocated B1/B2/B8 uses)	0 sqm	Industrial site. Needs to be protected. No current remaining developable land, but suitable for redevelopment/ intensification to provide further employment uses. Potential to support future expansion/spill-over of the Enterprise Zone over the longer term. Allocated for potential future development as well as protecting existing employment uses.	
2	Discovery Park Enterprise Zone, Sandwich	Sandwich	81.1	Enterprise Zone - LDO to help guide B class development	0 sqm	The premier employment site in the District with international links. Scope for redevelopment of site to accommodate a greater critical mass of activity in future. Excellent transport connections to road network, cycle route, walking distance into Sandwich town and local services. Allocated for potential future development as well as protecting existing employment uses.	
3	Sandwich Industrial Estate	Sandwich	18.3	Industrial area	5,832 sqm	Suitable for redevelopment/ intensification to provide further employment uses. Part of the site has consent for residential, which has been implemented. One plot remains undeveloped. This had consent for 5,832 sqm B8 use industrial units, however this permission has expired (11/00417). Good transport connections, close to Sandwich for local services. Allocated for potential future development as well as existing employment uses.	
4	Aylesham Development Area	Aylesham	4.2	Allocated B1/B2 uses	8,500sqm	Previous allocation. Employment site with land remaining for development. Adjacent site has been identified as being potentially suitable for housing through the HELAA. Close proximity to Aylesham train station. Connections to A2 by road network, but not good access for HGV movements. The demand for some employment land may increase from new housing units, in	

5	Pike Road	Euthorno	0.2	Allocated B2	Ocem	order to improve sustainability. Site hasn't come forward since 2002 allocation. Suitable site for mixed use, B1 and potentially some B2 due to close proximity to residential. Keep as an employment allocation.	Proviously allocated industrial site. Site has
5	Industrial Estate, Eythorne (aka Tilmanstone Employment Site)	Eythorne	9.3	use	0 sqm		Previously allocated industrial site. Site has permission for 10,000 sqm B2 floorspace and a solar farm (13/00654). Permission is yet to be implemented. The relatively isolated site supports a mix of occupiers, although question whether sufficient demand exists in the local market for this scale of space in this location. Good access to A256 on road network. Fairly isolated site with limited access to local services. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
6	Betteshanger Colliery Pithead	Betteshan ger	6.9	Allocated (B1/B2/B8 uses)	2,500sqm		Long-standing employment allocation that has remained undeveloped for a number of years. Site is identified in the HELAA for housing/ mixed use development. Currently subject to a planning application for mixed use re-development including 2,500 sqm B1 floorspace. Suitable for employment uses, but would be suitable for more flexible or mixed uses moving forward in the plan period. Site not to be allocated for employment. Site is allocated for housing.
7	White Cliffs Business Park Phases I-III	Dover	54.7	Allocated B1/B2/B8 uses	Phase 1 - 2,905 sqm Phase 2 - 34,076 sqm Phase 3 - 50,400 sqm	Existing allocation. Premier employment site in the District. Need to protect from further erosion of employment uses. Undeveloped plots remain. Keep as an employment allocation.	
8	Barwick Road Industrial Estate	Dover	20.06	Industrial	0 sqm		Industrial site. Needs to be protected. Suitable for redevelopment/ intensification to provide employment uses, but constrained by its location and access difficulties. Part of the site is currently

						allocated for residential and had permission granted for 220 residential units (12/00111) although this has now lapsed. This part of the site would lend itself to more mixed use development. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
9	Dover Western Docks	Dover	38.53	Port Related	375 sqm	Port related site, covered by a harbour revision order, with the potential to provide an element of employment as part of its future expansion plans. Capacity exists within the site to provide further port related employment uses in the future. Not to be a wider employment strategic allocation.
10	Deal Business Park	Deal	2.4	B1 and B2	0 sqm	Suitable for redevelopment/ intensification to provide employment uses. Part of the site now forms part of the Albert Road mixed use development. Road network constraints. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
11	Albert Road, Deal	Deal	1.8	Brownfield - Site cleared for development	0 sqm	Existing allocation. Site has permission for mixed use development including 960 sqm B1 office space. Provided this is built out no further potential remains. Site would be unsuitable for regular HGV movements given the road network constraints. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
12	Whitfield Urban Extension, (land to east of Sandwich Road and north west of Napchester Road)	Whitfield	310	Greenfield	750 sqm	Existing allocation. Site is identified as a strategic allocation in the draft Local Plan to provide an urban extension to Whitfield. The development is identified to provide 750 sqm B1 floorspace, however there maybe potential to increase this amount if justified. The site is identified for allocation through the housing policies, so not necessary to duplicate within the strategic employment allocations.

13	The Worth Centre, 1 Jubilee Road, Worth	Worth	0.77	Industrial. B1 and B8.	0 sqm	Small scale rural industrial site. Employment allocation in the Worth Neighbourhood Plan. The unit sizes are appropriate in size for smaller local businesses. Potential for some redevelopment/ intensification. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
14	Land off Holt Street, Snowdown, Aylesham	Aylesham	39.94	Vacant/forme r colliery land	25,000 sqm	Site promoted in the HELAA for a range of employment uses. Provided constraints can be mitigated, site is potentially suitable for employment. KCC have expressed concerns over access and pressure on the surrounding road network. May come forward within the plan period. Not to be allocated as a strategic employment site.
15	Land east of Foxborough Hill, Eastry	Eastry	1.05	Part warehouse, part vacant/forme r garden centre	100 sqm	Site is promoted in HELAA. Considered to be suitable for smaller scale employment. Concern regarding the cumulative impact on the wider highway network from potential allocation sites within the village, particularly in relation to the rural lanes leading to/from the village and junctions on A256/A257/A258. May come forward within the plan period. Not to be allocated as a strategic employment site.
16	Land at Ringwould Alpines, Dover Road, Ringwould - site submitted 4 times by Lee Evans for B1, care home, holiday accommodatio n	Ringwould	1.19	Garden centre - retail	1,800 sqm	Site is promoted in the HELAA for a range of uses. It has been identified as being suitable for housing. It is also considered to be potentially suitable for employment uses. The access is constrained. May come forward within the plan period. Not to be allocated as a strategic employment site. Site allocated for housing in the housing allocations policy.

17	A20 Sites (incl. Citadel, Megger, Archcliffe Fort etc)	Dover	6.08	B1, B2 and B8 uses, also D1	0 sqm		There is a cluster of industrial and employment uses adjacent to the A20 at the entrance into the Dover Western Docks area, with excellent transport links. This site has not previously had any specific employment policy, but is clearly an important employment area with Megger, Archcliffe Fort, P&O and the Port Shipping Company at the gateway into the busy Dover Marina and port area. Limited opportunity for expansion. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
18	Dover Waterfront	Dover	12.27	Mixed - limited B1 uses	1,000 sqm	Site is currently allocated as a strategic site in the Core Strategy for mixed use re-development including employment uses. Site has been assessed as still being suitable for mixed use development including an element of employment. Considered a strategic allocation site, to coincide with the wider strategic and economic growth aims for Dover Town. Site also identified as a housing allocation.	
19	Aylesham Industrial Estate	Aylesham	15.8	B1, B2 and B8 uses	0 sqm		Established Industrial site. Limited opportunity for expansion. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
20	Port Zone, Whitfield (aka Old Park Barracks)	Whitfield	21.75	B1, B2 and B8 uses	0 sqm		Mixed use site, including industrial. Needs to be protected. Well located in terms of access to strategic road network. Potential for some redevelopment/ intensification. Protect employment uses, but not to be strategic allocation.
21	Dover Mid Town	Dover	5.99	Mixed - Retail/ Cultural/ Education/ Health/ Police/ Community/ Sport/ Office	1,000 sqm		Site is currently allocated as a strategic site in the Core Strategy for mixed use redevelopment including employment uses. Site has been assessed as still being suitable for mixed use development including an element of employment. Not to be strategic allocation. Site identified in the Dover Town

						Centre policy and the housing allocations policy.
22	Former Co-op Site and the adjacent Church Street Car Park	Dover	0.60	Retail/ Car Park	2,000 sqm	Site promoted in HELAA for mixed use development. Potential for B uses to be provided as part of the wider proposals for the development of this site. Not to be strategic allocation. Site identified in the Dover Town Centre policy.
23	Citadel	Dover	8.15	Mixed Greenfield and former barracks and vacant immigration centre	2,000 sqm	The Citadel site was previously used as an immigration removal centre and as an army barracks. Provided all the constraints identified can be overcome the site may be potentially suitable for employment uses (B1 primarily). May come forward within the plan period. Not to be strategic allocation.

Appendix B – Reasons for alternative site boundaries

HELAA and SA Site References	Location	Proposed Use	Explanation of boundary change	Site boundary proposed for allocation and reason
AYL003 AYL003r AYL003r2	Land to the south of Spinney Lane, Aylesham	Housing	To reflect the site promotor's land ownership and remove a residential property not proposed for redevelopment.	AYL003r2 – The other options include land not available for development
CAP006 CAP006r	Land to the east of Great Cauldham Farm, Capel-le- Ferne	Housing	Site reduced in size from the landowner's submission to reduce impact on AONB	CAP006r – To protect the setting of the AONB and wider landscape impact of development
DOV017 DOV017r DOV017r2 emp DOV17r2 res	Dover Waterfront and Bench Street, Dover	Housing	Site has been divided into two sites to better reflect landownership and delivery potential. Site has been assessed for employment and housing.	DOV17r res – Bench Street allocation Dover Waterfront 18r – Waterfront allocation. As the sites have separate site specific policies.
DOV018 DOV18r	Mid Town, Dover	Housing	The site boundary was refined to remove areas which are not proposed for redevelopment. Site has been assessed for employment and housing.	Dov018r – The other option includes land not available for redevelopment
DOV022B DOV022Br	Land in Coombe Valley, Dover	Housing	The site boundary was extended to include the gasholder itself which was made available by the landowner	DOV022Br – To accommodate additional brownfield land available for development and provide comprehensive development
DOV026 DOV026r	Westmount College, Folkestone Road, Dover	Housing	The site boundary was extended to meet a line of trees at the site's northern boundary as it is within the same ownership.	DOV026r – To better reflect physical features on the ground
TC4S027 TC4S027r	Roosevelt Road, Dover	Housing	The site submitted comprised three parcels of land. One parcel was removed during the site suitability assessment	TC4S027r – Other parcels not considered to be suitable – see HELAA
TC4S039 TC4S039r	Chapel Hill, Eythorne	Housing	A small edit was made to the site's access where it had previously included an area of footpath	TC4S039r – To better reflect land available for development
LYD003 LYD003r	Land adjacent to Lydden Court Farm, Church Lane, Lydden	Housing	The site's boundary was amended to remove a property, Glebelands, from its extent	LYD003r – The other option includes land not available for development
NON006 NON006r	Prima Windows, Easole Street/Sandwich Road, Nonington	Housing	The site's boundary was amended to remove a property, College Cottage, from its extent	NON006r - The other option includes land not available for development
SAN019 SAN019r	Sydney Nursery, Dover Road, Sandwich	Housing	Site boundary amended after initial suitability assessment carried out	SAN019r – Other site assessed as unsuitable in HELAA
SHE004 SHE004r SHE004r2	Land to the north and east of St Andrew's Gardens, Shepherdswell	Housing	The site's boundary was amended to assess an area accessible from two cul de sacs at St Andrews Gardens as suitable and the remainder of the site as unsuitable. Subsequently, the neighbouring land was also submitted for consideration so the two sites	SHE004r2 – to enable improved access arrangements and a comprehensive development

			were merged to form one continuous parcel	
WHI001 WHI001r	Land to the north west of Whitfield's current housing allocation	Housing	The site's boundary was edited to make it continuous with the boundary of the existing Whitfield housing allocation	WHI001r – no practical difference between two site boundaries
Discovery Park 2 2r 2r2	Discovery Park Enterprise Zone, Sandwich	Employment	The site was split to reflect the fact that the S half has extant planning permission for residential development. The N half of the site was then further amended to remove an area under development as a petrol station and retail area	2r2 – To reflect the area available for employment development
3 3r	Sandwich Industrial Estate	Employment	The site was refined to remove areas which are unavailable for further employment development	Not proposed for allocation as limited land available for development. Addressed by Policy E1 and E2.
4 4r	Aylesham Development Area	Employment	The site was refined to remove areas which are unavailable for further employment development	4r - To reflect the area available for employment development
7 7r 7r2 7r3	White Cliffs Business Park Phases I-III	Employment	The site was extended to include an additional parcel, before being refined to exclude areas proposed for landscaping. The site was then further extended to the east giving the Reg19 site extent	7r3 – Site area selected to meet the needs for employment land whilst protecting the wider landscape
18 18r	Dover Waterfront	Employment	Site has been divided into two sites to better reflect landownership and delivery potential. Site has been assessed for employment and housing.	18r – To allocate as separate sites within individual site policies
21 21r	Dover Mid Town	Employment	The site boundary was refined to remove areas within the existing allocation but which are not proposed for redevelopment. The site was also assessed for housing	21r – To reflect areas available for development
TC4S083 23r	The Citadel Western Heights	Mixed Use	The Citadel was submitted through the TC4S and proposed a smaller part of the site for employment development.	23r - The final site extent reflects the ambition to bring forward a comprehensive scheme which brings the site's heritage assets back into use but also provides space for mixed use redevelopment to enable this.