

APPENDIX A - SEVENOAKS TOWN NDP REG 16 CONSULTATION: TWBC comments

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Tunbridge Wells Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan and generally supports the approach and policies set out in the Plan, particularly:

- Under Theme 3, Objective 8 and Policy M1 - promoting a co-ordinated approach to sustainable transport, including active transport - walking and cycling, and reducing pollution levels.
- Under Theme 4, Objective 10 -The encouragement of start-up and smaller business space/units across the town centre in line with changing economic trends.
- Under Theme 7, Objective 15 - The proposal of a significant number of potential windfall sites/vacant land for redevelopment including residential use. This will assist in meeting housing need and numbers and bring footfall into the town to support local businesses and retailers.
- Flagging up policies across the Plan which contribute to the Plan's zero carbon commitment.

Other comments

- Structure of the Plan - it is suggested that it may be beneficial to split the Plan into the Seven Themes and deal with everything under each theme – Portrait of the town, Issues for the Plan, Objectives, Policies and Aims, as these are repeated several times over in different sections of the Plan as set out at present.
- Appendices – These are considered to be useful background documents. However, their inclusion in the Plan makes it a substantially large document (over 300 pages) and it is suggested that the appendices could be included as links within the document and/or as separate supporting documents on the Neighbourhood Plan webpage.

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Tunbridge Wells Borough Council hopes these comments are of assistance and would be happy to engage/assist further in the development of this Neighbourhood Plan.