

# RESPONSE: SNAP01

## Representor Details

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Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
I believe that scenario three is the best option for us. The reasons are that firstly we need to meet the government target, second that we need to try different home types such as communities like in Denmark that run themselves such as co-housing communities ideal for families as well as the elderly. I also think that scenario three allies us to build on the community we have here. I also though believe that two thirds of new builds should be social housing not be owned by landlords or private bought property. The council are building them therefore they should own them. Medway residents with a local connection as defined by housing law should also get priority even if they are not in social housing (but renting privately and getting housing benefit). This should also include families with only one parent working. Medway should also consider the impact on the environment.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
I believe DS2 is better. DS1 is ineffective and too limited in scope		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
DS2		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Social housing as a priority and families with one parent only working on particular and/or families with a local connection renting from a private landlord. Student housing is not a priority to me Co-housing communities like those seen in Denmark would be good for families or students	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

Policy H2: Housing mix		
H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	Yes
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
It seems well thought out		
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
No		
	CR_H2 Council response:	

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
I believe that social housing should be 85% of total housing built as it is a priority		
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
85% of dwellings to be social		
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
85% social 15% private and of that 85% 50% should be urban		
	CR H3 Council response:	

#### Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling

Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling		
H20a	Does this represent a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs?	Yes
H20b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this is a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs	
This seems appropriate		
H21a	Do you consider that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan?	Yes
H21b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan	
People like to know		
	CR_H10 Council response:	

#### Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Families with only one parents working as the other May not be able to get state help if the working parent earns too much. It would be a boost to their confidence.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

#### Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
The different kinds of shops available and making rents reasonable	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

#### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Not sure	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Built Environment

Built Environment	
Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Not sure	
	CR Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Consider taking arriva to task about the lack of 177 buses. We have to wait far too long.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
Not sure	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP02

## Representor Details

Full Name	Rachel Pascall-Smith
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Suitable growth of services in the appropriate areas for local people not additional people from out of area.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Certain areas don't have the capacity for additional housing due to the inability to improve the local services eg unable to improve the transport links on an already busy transport area eg Halling and a228. Also schooling - will there be enough places for local people as additional out of area people take the places.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Is there ever going to be enough of an improvement in local services to accommodate all the additional people.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
With the current hospital which cannot cope with the current number of residents what would the proposal be to sort out this problem otherwise the hospital will always have problems.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

## Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Would need development for schools the propose areas.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

## Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Some roads don't have the ability to be improved eg a228 which has an impact with the current developments and also the new river crossing. Also plans for development of the a2/m2. Has got busier and busier over the years and would need further development. Hs1 great service but lots of people priced out of using the service.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP03

## Representor Details

Full Name	Donald Alan Shaw
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
	I think the council should stop from keeping houses on the Hoo Penisular. We have already got far more houses than we can cope with. All the roads around here are under a great strain with the present amount of traffic. We are already wondering as to where all the traffic from Four Elms Place is going to come out. Plus it would appear that there are going to be a further large number of houses going to be built at what was the BP Club. At the present time it is already hard to get Drs. appointments so this will only get worse. When I first came into Hoo it was a village! Not any more as it is now just a extension of Strood and it is going to get worse in the near next few months. At present houses are going up every where adding even more traffic for mus to cope with.	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
	the roads and everything involved in the increases planned for our village have not been well thought out. We have already lost lots of green fields in this area.	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	Taking in to consideration the views of the people who live in Hoo St Werburgh. There must be other places that should be considered.	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?	
	You need to build many more houses to rent rather than keep letting the large firms build houses for sale. Also consider building modern Pre-fabs and make sure that everything else needed is in place at the start.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:	

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
	I always find what councils consider to be affordable housing is not in touch with peoples ability to pay	
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
	try to build bungalows for older and disabled people. Do not keep building flats that are of no use to elderly or dissabled.	
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
	Remember that lots of young people can not afford very high rents.	
	CR_H3 Council response:	

## Policy H4: Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation

H5a	Do you agree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation?	No
H5b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation.	
	I know from talking to elderly people who have had to accept living in flats rather than bungalows.	
H6a	Do you consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs?	Yes

H6b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs	
there are not enough places within Hoo for retired people.		
H7a	Do you consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme?	Yes
H7b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme	
In the past we have had very few places built for specialist such as elderly and dissabled people		
	CR_H4 Council response:	

#### Policy H9: Self-build and Custom Housebuilding

H14a	Do you agree with the self build and custom housebuilding approaches taken above?	Yes
H14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the self build and custom housebuilding approaches taken above	
this could help people get onto the property ladder		
H15a	Do you think that the council should allocate specific sites for self/custom housebuilding development?	No
H15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should allocate specific sites for self/custom housebuilding development	
there are already far too many sites given over for development		
H15c	Do you have any sites suitable for this use that you wish to promote for us to consider?	
H16a	Do you agree with the approach set above?	Yes
H16b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the approach set above	
as long as they are well advertised properly		
H16c	What proportion of the allocated site do you agree is an acceptable percentage to be sold and built out before the remaining plots could be offered to the council/housing association or other non self/custom builders?	
fifty percent of all land		
H16d	After what further period of time of unsuccessful marketing do you feel it would be acceptable to offer the remaining plots on to the council/housing association or other non self/custom builders?	
after about four to six months		
H17a	Do you agree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders?	Yes
H17b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders	
the council must be very much on the ball to ensure this is carried out.		
H17c	Please explain why you agree or disagree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders	
Yes		
H17d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed 5% share of plots for self/custom build and the threshold of sites at 400 dwellings and over	
if it helps people get onto the housing ladder		
H18a	Do you agree with this approach outlined above?	Yes
H18b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this approach	
if this is the only way of making sure that the land is not left unused		
H19a	Do you agree with this approach outlined above?	Yes
H19b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this approach	
I think 3 years is too long and should be no more than 2 years at the most		
	CR_H9 Council response:	

#### Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
make sure that there is enough jobs for everyone within the area	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

#### Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the	
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	following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
	we need more and more retail outlets within the area of the bus journeys as not everyone has a car.
	CR_Q8 Council response:

#### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
	stop the building of houses on empty farm land as is being done within the Hoo area
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	make sure that the public transport should be kept as at present
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
	make sure that every property still has regular waste collection as at present and make sure all energy is reusable where possible
	CR_Q26 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP04

## Representor Details

Full Name	Nick Brown
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The council should remember that it has a responsibility to protect and enhance all SSSI's including Lodge Hill and not even to consider using any part of that SSSI for development. This site is the best in the whole country for nightingales and has many other species as well. It should be inviolate.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Any development that incurs onto an SSSI cannot be regarded as sustainable. The council's reputation will be in tatters if it goes ahead with another planning application for Lodge Hill SSSI..		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Development that takes nature conservation seriously and regards existing and vital SSSIs like Lodge Hill as inviolate.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Housing	
Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
My only concern is that the council does not build on any part of Lodge Hill SSSI.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Withdraw any plans to develop any part of Lodge Hill SSSI.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Health and Communities	
Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP05

## Representor Details

Full Name	Andrew Coates
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?	
	Absolutely no way should this impact the Lodge Hill SSSI. A buffer zone needs to be included outside the SSSI to prevent unintentional impact.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP06

## Representor Details

Full Name	Elizabeth Walker
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Protect SSSI It cannot ever be replaced My family are historically / still based within this area and none of them would want any destruction of such an environmentally important area. It would be a disgrace if such a thing is ever allowed to happen Vital wildlife area / endangered nightingale population would be so badly affected If you are a decision maker with this case I respectfully ask you consider this, and not been seen in history as being so short sighted as to allow something so awful and wrong to happen		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Not environmentally thought through at all		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Build no where near SSSI protected space		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Build on brown land Redevelop areas which need new housing Think about building upwards not outwards	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Simple - Protect areas of SSSI. For your and our children I am appalled that destroying such areas is even being considered	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP07

## Representor Details

Full Name	Barrie Galpin
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Land designated as a SSSI should be sacrosanct		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
The possible use of land at Lodge Hill which is a SSSI should be avoided	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	Yes
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

## Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	No
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
The word 'restricting' should be replaced by something stronger - perhaps 'refusing'		
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP08

## Representor Details

Full Name	Linda Hollywood
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Infrastrutture - roads, most of Medway and beyond is already gridlocked at peak times. Lodge Hill snd Hoo is obe major road in and oyt the site eill be impossible to get on or ff, Medway hospital in unable to cope now, adding many thousands more patients to an already inadequate hospital is not feasible. Doctor surgeries cannot cope and are closing patient lists. How is building thousands of homes n SSI going to improve mayters for the people of Medway, not to mention added pollution from thetraffic.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Hoo would lose its identity as a village, Medway will lose yet another part f its grren 'lungs'.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Do not build so many houses, what about all the space demolished by the river at Rochester, and strood, that has been flattened and left emoty. Use briwn field sites not ancient virgin land.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Wildlife first and foremost, it enriches lives, without it we are all worse off. Roads, doctors, schools, hospitals.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Except g Rochester and the Dockyard, what else is there to see and do if it is all conreted over and made nto housing estates?	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Redevelope Chatham and Gillingham High Streets, neither are welcoming, both are desperately run down and uninviting. Restrict out of town developments. Reduce parking fees in the towns, encourage independant traders. Public transport links neec to be better for example to get to the cinema at Rochester fron Gillingham is almost impossible from Gillingham despite the Medway valley train line rnnng alongside the cinema car park.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Make room for wildlife. Concreting Medway does not help anyone or anything,	
	CR Q11 Council response:

#### Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation		
NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	No
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
It looks as if the pair nightingale living in its SSI is not going to be protected by this huge plan to develop Lodge Hill		
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
Do not build at Lodge Hill		
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

#### Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment		
NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	No
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
It seems that development at all costs is important to the council not wildlife flora and fauna that enhance the lives of the community over crowded Medway Towns. What point is there to SSI's if councils can ignore their significance, once the site has gone, the Nightingales will not come back and cannot just be redirected elsewhere. They chose where they roost because it provides all their habitat needs.		
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
Do not build at Lodge Hill.		
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

#### Policy NE 8: Air Quality

Policy NE8: Air Quality		
NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	No
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
Nedway sits in a valkey, the pollutin from roads is already high, adding thousands more cars to the akrwady cingested roads is not going to improve air quality for anyone in Medway. It will infact produce even more air polluti. Especially when roads are gridlcked at peak tmes going on or off the lske f Grain,		
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

#### Built Environment

Built Environment	
Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Health and Communities	
Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy I1: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

Policy 11: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery		
I1a	Does the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway?	No
I1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway	
It will be the age old problem that money talks, big business and housing developers will get to make a lot of money building the estates, without putting enough road access in place meaning the road in and out like Medway City Estate, unworkable and at a standstill at peak times.		
I1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	

	CR_I1 Council response:

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	No
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
	Devlopers are all about prfit, and do not have to live with the consequences of their oenny pinching.	
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?	
	Local public teansport is a joke, and because of the lack of affordable frequent transpirt it is quicker to go by car. If major cities lujе Manchester can put in place trams, why can sonething like this not been dobe in the Medway towns,	
	CR_Q23 Council response:	

#### Policy MWE1: Minerals Supply, Policy MWE2: Land-won extraction of sands and gravels, Policy MWE3: Land-won minerals: chalk and clay, Policy MWE4: Minerals wharves and railheads, Policy MWE5: Minerals infrastructure

MWE1a	Do the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway?	No
MWE1b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway	
	More people, more waste. Simple. Land fill at Hoo sounds like an awful plan. All those new residents in their sparkly new houses will not want a dump on their doorstep. What guarantees are in place that rogue loads of contaminated waste will not be dumped, it has happened before.	
MWE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for minerals planning in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE1_2_3_4_5 Council response:	

#### Policy MWE6: Waste Management, Policy MWE7: New Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE8: Existing Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE9: Waste disposal to land, Policy MWE10: Waste Water Treatment Works

MWE2a	Do the proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste?	No
MWE2b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste	
	More people, more waste. Simple. Land fill at Hoo sounds like an awful plan. All those new residents in their sparkly new houses will not want a dump on their doorstep. What guarantees are in place that rogue loads of contaminated waste will not be dumped, it has happened before.	
MWE2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for waste management in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE6_7_8_9_10 Council response:	

#### Policy MWE11: Energy and Renewables, Policy MWE12: Low Carbon Development

MWE3a	Do the proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway?	No
MWE3b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway	
	The coucil could take the lead by making council buildings mire effcent, oerhaps solar on the roof of council offices, wind turbines in the car parks etc. I would rather see a wind turbine than miles of concrete roads and estates.	
MWE3c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for energy in the Medway Local Plan?	

	CR_MWE11_12 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP09

## Representor Details

Full Name	Tom
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Any new housing should never be built on high nature value and/or statutory protected sites designated for their ecological importance and value. It is a short sighted and irresponsible action which impoverishes the environment. Development and sustainability are incompatible but at the very least SSSI areas should be saved at all costs.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
The 'need to conserve and enhance the natural environment' is not compatible with building on irreplaceable SSSI and high nature value land. Mitigation is no substitute.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Build more multi-storey accommodation in urban areas. Make sure all current domestic and commercial units are utilised and or adapted to make use of space as efficiently as possible.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Do any of these actually require to be built on SSSI designated sites?	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Key wildlife sites bring in economic benefits through tourism. If these are lost so will the economic benefit. It will never be available again as these areas cannot be recreated elsewhere in a timeframe shorter than decades.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Do not build on SSSI and or sites of high wildlife value (nature reserves SINCs etc)	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Built Environment

Built Environment	
Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the	
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	following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
	Try to do as much in one go as possible. Eg multiple utilities in the same trench if possible. Develop a sustainable and usable public transport system.
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	Think long term.
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
	Recycle wherever possible. Do not degrade the natural environment as this will cost hugely in the long run (ecosystem services).
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP10

## Representor Details

Full Name	Mary Louise Hawkins
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The developers need to stay away from the WOODS		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP11

## Representor Details

Full Name	Shane Enright
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Nature conservation and the nationally important status of the Lodge Hill SSSI		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
If you trash your local wild places thats not good for economic development, or tourism. Save Lodge Hill	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Don't know	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Save Lodge Hill SSSI and its nightingales. The most important site in the UK for these beautiful songsters	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP12

## Representor Details

Full Name	Patrick Higgins
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The SSSI should be protected. Please remove the option for developing within the SSSI and once you have done so, please be a responsible local authority and leave a buffer area between the SSSI and any further developments. As you well know Medway Councils, like all LA's have a duty of care for their environment and the nightingales homes are an important part of this. Once lost they cannot be replaced.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
A buffer zone should be made around SSSI sites, protected and endangered species should be surveyed with woodlands and habitats being saved for the benefit of future generations.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP13

## Representor Details

Full Name	Prof Paul Booton
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
	I am concerned that LODGE Hill with its extraordinary population of Nightingales is included in the plans. firstly this is an SSSI. there is no point in identifying and listing SSSIs if they can be destroyed at the whim of a council. secondly it is not just any old SSSI, but one containing the largest concentration of Nightingales in the UK, the most extraordinary songbird in the world. This is an extraordinary asset to the area and must be preserved. this is a vital area of natural history within the UK and Kent are fortunate to possess it. It must be preserved. Housing is vital, but so is the environment and including environment in planning improves the amenity value of the area for all. I live adjacent to the area in SE london. Kent are the lungs of my neighbourhood and i have a deep attachment to its beauty and countryside	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
	destroys SSSI	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	plan building away from SSSI sites	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?	
	building housing is essential but housing needs to be developed with regard to needs of environment. By doing so amenity value of housing will be increased. Destruction of SSSIs is heading in wrong direction	
	CR_Q2 Council response:	

## Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	No
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
	current plan is not protecting lodge hill	
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	preserve lodge hill and realise its value as a natural assett	
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

## Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	No
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
	sounds good on paper, but i wonder at the value if lodge hill is to be destroyed	
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	preserve lodge hill as natural resource	
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

## Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the	Yes
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	special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
yes but	only if it is wholeheartedly adhered to	
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	
	CR_NE3 Council response:	

#### Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure

NE5a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	No
NE5b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway	
	since Lodge hill is threatened by these proposals i wonder if they are more than lip service the commitment to cycle routes is not spelt out. this could be a major asset to inhabitants of new homes etc - but for this policy needs to be more than 'greenwash'	
NE5c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	
	the above only robustly implemented	
	CR_NE5 Council response:	

#### Policy NE 8: Air Quality

NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	No
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
	there are no proposals for air quality here; just expressions of goodwill	
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	develop robust proposals for improving air quality. in particular role of diesel vehicles needs considering	
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

#### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?	
	No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:	

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?	
	No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:	

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?	
	Infrastructure normally means more roads. this is a problem rather than a solution. Public transport and cycle networks should be priority	
	CR_Q20 Council response:	

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?	
	Less reliance on roads and motor vehicles. more public transport and cycle networks	
	CR_Q23 Council response:	

### Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport

T1a	Do you agree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway?	Agree
T1b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway	
	partly agree but wording problematic: 'plan strategic road network' has smack of firm commitment. what about planning a strategic cycle network rather than just vague 'improve' (and improve is not difficult starting from current minimal provision)	
T1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable transport in the Medway Local Plan?	
	strategic transport plan in which roads allocated more minor role	
	CR_T1 Council response:	

### Policy T2: Integrating Land Use and Transport

T2a	Do you agree/disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway?	Disagree
T2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway	
	basing planning solely on walking distance misses opportunity of cycle network which would allow people to live further away from stations yet quickly access them. this requires a properly built cycle network including secure parking at stations, shops etc. more white paint on the road will not suffice	
T3a	Research has demonstrated the non-linear relationship between housing density and public transport use. However, in principle, do you agree/disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services?	
T3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services	
T4a	The optimum densities set out at Table 11.1 are likely to be achieved in the absence of this policy due to their central locations. Is it appropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs?	
T4b	Please explain why you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs	
T4c	Continuing to think about the optimum densities set out in Table 11.1. For peripheral areas, is it appropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	
T4d	Please explain why, for peripheral areas, you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	
T4e	Would it be appropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1?	
T4f	Please explain why you think it would be appropriate / inappropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1	
T5	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards the integration of land use and transport planning in Medway?	
	CR_T2 Council response	

### Policy T10: Vehicle Parking, T11: Cycle parking and storage, and Policy T12: Managing the transport impact of development

T15a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking?	
T15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking	
	partially agree but concerned that there are much firmer plans for vehicle parking than cycle parking	
T15c	There may be opportunities to secure a 'dockless' bike sharing scheme in Medway, however this is likely to be initiated by the market. This may be appropriate for specific routes, such as to/from Chatham rail station and the university campuses. Would it be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy?	Yes
T15d	Please explain why you think it would / wouldn't be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy if it is not managed and planned it essentially won't happen	
T15e	What alternative approaches would you propose for policy in the new Medway Local Plan?	

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# RESPONSE: SNAP14

## Representor Details

Full Name	Kathrine kemsley
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Sssi sites should be protected. Do not destroy lodge hill. Grouping large development all in 1 area means total misery for all who are unfortunate enough to live close by. Developments need to be spaced out more on smaller scales and better facilities should be available. Better roads, better doc surgery.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Hoo is not ur dumping ground. We are not happy with how the council view the area and treat the people. We also feel lied to over the deangate situation. We are not happy.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Regenerate areas. Bring empty properties back in to use b4 u destroy all the green spaces. Chucking houses up every where and leaving no green spaces just makes for a miserable area for every1 to live in.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Infrastructure and facilities and green spaces.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
I have no view.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Well given the state of the pentagon id think u need to get some life going in there b4 allowing big stores to be built anywhere else. All these big shopping places out of town have killed the town.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Green green green. Protect sssi site. Give the people spaces to enjoy nature. Stop killing off wild life by clearing its homes. Yes im talking about deangate again. £30k spent on general maintenance a week b4 announcing it was to close due to lack of profit. Whoever gave that the goahead needs a talking to for wasting public money!	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Doctors, roads, hospitals. GREEN SPACES.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Well if u dnt dump all the new houses on 1 area there will be less pressure. Look how bad it got when it snowed. The roads cannot cope with the current traffic so chucking more over on hoo wont help.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
No comments.	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP15

## Representor Details

Full Name	Catherine Harrison
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
2.	A rural town on the Hoo Peninsula Local people are very concerned about the pressures on infrastructure. There has already been a considerable increase in housing in Hoo, and soon to be in High Halstow, and no significant improvements have been made to roads or drainage. Drainage causes real issues for households in High Halstow, and yet a new development is looking like it will get approval right where the issues are. The infrastructure issues must be addressed either during the builds or before, not sometime after. The roads are not designed or equipped for the level of use. Aside from some country lanes, the dual carriageway at Four Elms Hill is the only main road on and off the peninsula, and is already gridlocked throughout the day. In addition, you can often smell the drainage issues on Four Elms, and yet more housing is currently being built! It is almost impossible to get an appointment with a GP in a reasonable timescale, and other than the very rural villages, all the schools are now full (even with an additional school opening in Hoo, there is still not any spare capacity). The golf course has recently been closed, and it is looking increasingly like there will be major developments at Lodge Hill, Chattenden, and maybe where the Golf Club currently is. These developments would see more than just Hoo becoming a rural town. There are other areas in Medway, maybe Cllr Jarret might like to consider his own area of Medway for development in addition to the peninsula. I see in the proposed plan it says 'a rural town could provide new country parks, schools, leisure centre, health facilities, new jobs and shops. New transport links could include the opening of a passenger rail service on the Hoo Peninsula' - surely this should say MUST provide! The protection of the environment and its rural character should also be a priority. It is for many people why they live there, and does not seem to be considered by the Council at all. A clear plan to protect the environment MUST be in place before new developments are approved, to ensure those developments are built within the plan.	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
	Because there is no real clarity in there about this means, which will make it very difficult for the Council to ensure that a developer conforms to it. Building a development to the highest standards, does not ensure that the required infrastructure is in place and the environment protected appropriately. If there is a small rural town 'around' Hoo St Werburgh, this will impact on the village High Halstow considerably, and will also impact on Lower Stoke, Allhallows and Grain. All these developments should be considered as one place.....the Hoo Peninsula. The villages are not big enough to consider individually. I'd also like to see Rainham and Capstone considered fairly.	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	I'd also like to see Rainham and Capstone considered fairly.	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?	
	That not everyone wants to live on the Hoo Peninsula, it is not ideal for working people (as it isn't near much) and public transport is atrocious.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:	

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?	
	That people want to live and work in central areas, not necessarily rural villages. Homes and employment needs to be in the towns as well as in rural areas.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:	

### Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
That shops, parking, cafes, need to be in line with places like Bluewater, otherwise there is no reason for people to stay in Medway. Why park in Medway when you can park for free in Bluewater.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Actually consider and support it, not just say you will. The recent actions at Lodge Hill and Deangate demonstrate that the Councillors don't really care for conservation and the natural environment. A clear plan should be agreed, that developers, the council, and Councillors then need to work within.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
That the infrastructure clearly meets the needs of the local residents, and sufficient infrastructure is in place before new residents move into new developments.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
That if you build on the peninsula, people need to be able to get on and off it, by public transport and without sitting in gridlocked traffic.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

Policy 16: Hoo Peninsula rail connection		
T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	No
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
Because we don't know enough about where it will go to, so might not meet the needs of residents on the Hoo Peninsula.		
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
Green areas on the peninsula!!		



T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?
	Re-instate a decent bus service, and improve the road systems, so don't require rail network.
	CR_T3 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP16

## Representor Details

Full Name	Charlie Clark
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The development should not impact the Lodge Hill SSSI whatsoever - after the UK's Nightingale population has decreased by 90% in 50 years, further damage to it's population would be careless, short-sighted and ultimately, in the interest of nobody with any ounce of appreciation for nature, let alone the Nightingales themselves.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
The 'benefits' for nature surely are only benefits when compared to the previous plans you had for nature, however in reality the plans 'outside of the regenerations areas' - which I presume means natural land and woodland, including Lodge Hill SSSI - are only going to be detrimental to nature and the important species living at these sites.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Only regenerate unused, or already developed land.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Affordability primarily	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Don't build on Lodge Hill SSSI, if anything make more green space for wildlife to flourish	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP17

## Representor Details

Full Name	Mrs Sue Turner
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Road network to access the peninsula. There are too many people trying to get on and off the peninsula already. The roads into Allhallows will not cope with more traffic, this winter we were cut off and despite calls to Medway council it took two days to clear the roads as there are two care home on Stoke Road in two different villages and you clearly didn't get the right one before telling the BBC the roads were clear. Healthcare, there are not enough medical facilities or Doctors to serve the current population. Education, there are not enough school places for the current population on the peninsula and choice of school is limited in relation to other parts of Medway. There is no infrastructure that will cope with hundreds of new houses in Allhallows, even the baby clinic has been removed. We need affordable decently spaced housing for local people not expensive houses for people who commute and add nothing to the community		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Because it is centered in one area of Medway, the Hoo peninsula has good farm land that will be needed to grow food for the country when we aren't getting cheap food from European imports. Why ruin our green spaces when there are plenty of brown field site that could be used and other parts of the Medway towns should be used so this is not all concentrated on the hoo peninsula		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Spreading the developments across the whole of the Medway towns where there is better infrastructure already in place.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Housing	
Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Building decent housing with parking for at least two cars, affordable housing which local people can raise their families in with open green spaces to enjoy around them	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H1: Housing Delivery

H1a	Does the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach?	No
H1b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach	
Too many large houses with social housing in over 3 storey blocks, development with inadequate parking, no green spaces		
H1c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
Houses, not apartments, decent gardens, driveways for parking not car parks behind the houses.		
	CR_H1 Council response:	

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	No
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
From seeing the housing mix already being built, look at them, not enough parking for houses, driveways need to park at least two cars, even affordable houses need parking not blocks of flats		
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
Decent sized houses with decent parking and green spaces		
	CR H2 Council response:	

### Policy H3: Affordable Housing

Policy No: Affordable Housing		
H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
We need affordable housing for decent hard working families, that don't earn enough to buy a massive new home		
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
Just build more sensibly, just because someone can't afford a four bed detached house, doesn't mean they want to live in an apartment.		
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
A fair split, just because you can't afford to buy doesn't make you a second class citizen		
	CR_H3 Council response:	

### Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Not to build houses in the middle of nowhere where there are no jobs	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Leave the green spaces, green, allow people access to the river, even if they don't belong to a yacht club. We have a river, is there access to it other than on the strand, it's an easy natural resource but the only inhabitants that can get to it, own boats!	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Getting the current infrastructure right for the people who are paying for it currently	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
The roads can't cope now, put new roads in now not later if you must continue with this madness	

CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP18

## Representor Details

Full Name	Kelly Payne
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The council needs to consider whether it is fair that the Govt is putting so much of the pressure for future development on the South East. People are being pushed out of London due to unaffordability more and more, which is pushing out Medway people. The issues in London are having a detrimental impact on Kent and surrounding home counties. This cannot continue.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
With the rate of people moving from the capital, unless these new developments are ring fenced for Medway people and families, then it will not even begin to address the issue. As more and more homes are built in Medway and home counties, more people from outside London and the home counties look for jobs in London knowing that more affordable housing is available a short train journey away.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
New homes need to be ring fenced for Medway people. Once the issues of overcrowding, homelessness and unemployment in Medway are under control, then we can look at opening opportunities to others.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Homes for Medway people.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
The reality is that online shopping has a massive negative impact on the high street. Also, high streets are filling with too many repetitive businesses. Empty units need to be filled, business rates need to be looked at in order to fill these shops. Ideas are needed to help support businesses that are falling to cheaper online competitors.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Quality shops need to come back to the high street. There is a lot of competition from places like Bluewater and Hempsted Valley, with free parking on those sites. The high streets need to be able to compete.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
There are so many schools in Medway with easy access to the great outdoors. It needs to be encouraged. There	

needs to be tougher penalties for those littering. Some areas of Medway are becoming absolute s\*\*\*holes. Two places I am thinking of in particular are by the little bridge by the river next to Morrisons in Strood, and the side of the slip road going from the B2000 on to the A289.

CR\_Q11 Council response:

#### Built Environment

Q15 Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?

No

CR\_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17 Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?

No

CR\_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20 Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?

The hospital cannot cope. Its too small. Even without all the off site clinics etc. I have spent over an hour queuing to park. Why not take this opportunity to look at siting a new bigger hospital, with better parking. There is no urgent care facilities north of the river. The hospital and all Meddoc facilities are on the other side of Medway.

CR\_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23 Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?

Better transport links are needed out to the peninsula

CR\_Q23 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP19

## Representor Details

Full Name	George Perfect
Consultee Type	Youth Council Chair
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Ensuring that there is still sustainable space for people to enjoy and ensuring that the infrastructure meets ever rising housing.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
The idea of development of space and areas where there is currently land and space looks to be the most reliable option.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Affordable Housing Student Accommodation Premium housing - to ensure that we retain those on high incomes, providing housing that is attractive to professionals outside of London.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	Yes
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
	CR_H3 Council response:	

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Ensuring that we remain attractive to business, encouraging sporting facilities and tourism.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Increase the size of our Shopping centres - why not have one that rivals big centres such as Bluewater, Fremlin Walk etc.	

	CR_Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
	Ensure that wildlife and countryside protected - as we have beautiful parks for people to enjoy.
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
	New playing pitches would be enjoyable for kids. We need to allow development of GFC for fans and players - growth would be brilliant for the Medway towns and draw people in .
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	Development of bus service key in improving services.
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
	Waste management key
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP20

## Representor Details

Full Name	Andrew Collyer
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The council should not accede readily to Government demands for additional housing, if all it does is accommodate overspill from London. Trains and roads are already close to breaking point. Brownfield sites should be prioritised over urban spread in areas like Rainham and the Capstone valley. I support the idea of a new village on the peninsula, where road access is better than in some of the other possible areas for housing and the correct provision of infrastructure can be built in at the outset.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
The distribution of population will inevitably change over the decades, particularly in light of possible changes to migration patterns post-Brexit. Provision for older people will be needed in greater numbers. The more Medway becomes the destination for families moving out of London, the higher the proportion of family homes that will be needed - but at the cost of local people being able to afford property.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
It should be a target to encourage entrepreneurship, but also bring larger businesses to the area, offering opportunities for people who have historically worked in London.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Bringing vitality back to the main and local centres is an important goal, because lively high streets make a huge difference to the mood of an area. It also keeps more money in the local economy if there is a larger proportion of small, locally owned businesses; and having shops within walking distance of homes decreases traffic volumes.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Health and Communities	
Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	

	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
	I support Gillingham FC's attempt to build a new stadium and would like the council to assist with planning considerations, but the relocation has to be financially viable without a contribution from council taxpayers. Fast broadband is essential for business. All new development must respect the need for a variety of formal and informal open spaces.
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	The ability to walk along the river from Otterham Quay to Borstal is a hugely undervalued asset for local residents. It will be difficult to promote cycling further because of the hilly terrain and the variable quality of the cycle paths. The growth of e-bikes may help with the former. Some of the proposed sites for additional housing will add strain to already crowded roads, e.g. Mierscourt Road and Otterham Quay Lane in Rainham, Rochester city centre.
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP21

## Representor Details

Full Name	Dr Anne Wheeler
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The projected housing needs need to take account of the effects of leaving the EU as it is possible we will enter a phase of declining population rather than the continuous growth envisaged now. Given that fact the option that involves the lowest housing total would be the most appropriate (scenario one) but there are aspects of scenario two that might mean that is preferable. The impact on Lodge Hill is not clear in options 2 and 3. If 2 leaves that area protected then I would accept the slightly larger housing total.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Much as I dislike the idea of Hoo (already a small town in reality) becoming a large centre the potential for a train link (if viable) does make this seem like a 'least bad' option but only if all infrastructure requirements (eg water, drainage, sewage as well) are looked at properly. The current roads barely cope with current traffic flows.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Not to grow much! It is time local government stood up to central government. Sadly people don't want to live in Medway but London and empty housing in London needs to be utilised first. Experience has shown that much of the new build in Medway is then sold to Housing Associations outside Medway so the local population has no benefit and often a lot of inconvenience.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
All new housing should include wildlife friendly approaches eg hedgehog highways and boxes for bats and house martins etc particularly that being build in rural areas/green field sites.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
There will be almost no rural areas left so not sure what rural economy you are talking about! Medway clearly needs jobs. The 'office based' jobs seem to be filled by people who do not want to live locally and prefer to commute adding to traffic congestion and environmental degradation.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Retail areas with free parking seem to be thriving but the increased parking charges in Chatham mean people head to Bluewater instead. The recent redevelopment of town centres has improved the look of the area considerably but it is still perceived as 'worse than Margate' by colleagues who work all over the Southeast.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Do not do anything to threaten the nightingales at Lodge Hill. This issue and the previous ignoring of the implications of SSRI status have frankly made Medway look like an ignorant, backward area and those are the politer comments I have heard. To be blunt nightingales are more important than houses in this area. I am relieved to see that a more moderate approach is planned in the worst case scenario but as I have no confidence in the local planning process after attending the meeting where permission to develop Lodge Hill was granted, I would prefer that the area is left completely off bounds. I am sorry I have gone on about that meeting at length but it was an absolutely disgraceful event and every member of the then planning committee who happily stated that they were putting their personal re-election chances above any other considerations should not be allowed anywhere near any of these decisions as they are not fit people!!	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Policy BE2: Sustainable Design

Policy BE2: Sustainable Design		
BE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	No
BE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
inadequate requirements. How are water standards going to be enforced and where is the water coming from we don't have enough at present. Energy efficiency requirements are required including the possibility of solar tiles/panels on all suitably aligned properties at the construction phase.		
BE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
as above and cycle/walking lanes as part of all new roads		
	CR_BE2 Council response:	

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Utilities are main issue. Currently the utilities barely cope and certainly couldn't deal with 'Hoo town' without a massive overhaul including transport links.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
All sensible proposals but the real situation is people use cars and this must be recognised. Limiting parking spaces in new developments just leads to cars parked dangerously on adjacent roads.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP22

## Representor Details

Full Name	Katie Miller on behalf of Kent Downs AONB
Consultee Type	Government Department/Public Bodies
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	<p>The Kent downs AONB Units preferred scenario is that identified as 2 'Investment in Infrastructure'. This is because it removes the need to allocate land at Capstone Valley. While this site is located outside of the AONB, it shares similar characteristics to the landscape of the Kent Downs and therefore contributes to its setting. In respect of Scenarios 1,3 and 4 land is proposed to be allocated at Halling (proposed allocation no. 1105). Any such allocation would need to include criteria to ensure development here would not adversely impact on the setting of the AONB, the site potentially being visible from the AONB to the east. The AONB Unit would welcome the opportunity to discuss appropriate wording to achieve the necessary mitigation in any policy in the event of the allocation coming forward.</p>	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
<p>The AONB Unit does not agree with thresholds set out for affordable housing. We would request that for any housing sites in the AONB, the threshold for the requirement of affordable housing is lowered to 5 units. Such an approach would be in accordance with the nPPG and Written Ministerial Statement (November 2014). There is a general lack of affordable housing in rural areas however there is a need for social provision of affordable homes in such areas, and particularly in AONBs where AONBs generally have higher house prices than the regional average (research by Lloyds TSB in 2012). While the primary purpose of AONB designation is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape, a secondary purpose, as identified in a policy statement in 1991 by the Countryside Commission that further defined the purpose of AONB designation, is taking into account the needs of land based and rural industries and the economic and social needs of local communities. The provision of affordable local needs housing falls within this category and in recognition of this, the Kent Downs AONB Management Plan policy VC3 states: Initiatives that are in line with existing policies of the Local Planning Authority that increase and improve the supply of affordable housing for (i) those with proven local needs, and (ii) workers whose activities directly contribute to the purposes of the AONB designation, will be supported where it is demonstrated that the proposals are of high quality design, limited quantity and scale and are built to the best current environmental standards.</p>		
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
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H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
Policy suggestions		
	CR_H3 Council response:	

## Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling

H20a	Does this represent a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs?	Yes
H20b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this is a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs	



H21a	Do you consider that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan?	Yes
H21b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan	
The AONB Unit considers that the Council should identify sites allocations for gypsy and traveller sites as such an approach is less likely to lead to sites in inappropriate locations coming forward and having a supply of sites would make it easier for the council to defend planning appeals in respect of any refused planning applications in inappropriate locations.		
	CR_H10 Council response:	

#### Policy E2: Rural Economy

E6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy?	Yes
E6b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy	
E6c	What alternative approaches would you propose?	
	CR_E2 Council response:	

#### Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	Yes
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
<p>Support the approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB. The NPPF requires criteria based policies against which proposals affecting landscape areas should be assessed. While the AONB Units preference is for a stand-alone AONB policy, it will be for the Council to consider how this is best addressed within the format adopted for the plan. The AONB considers a number of components should be included within policy(ies) relating to AONBs:</p> <p>1. Weight given to AONB in decision making in terms of national planning policy and its original primary purpose: Policies should ensure that AONBs have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty. It should set out the exceptional circumstances where major development would be permitted.</p> <p>2. Conserve &amp; enhance: The original purpose of designated AONBs is to 'conserve &amp; enhance' natural beauty. Despite the omission of the latter from the NPPF, we consider it desirable that both elements should be within policy. Policies should also include criterion to demonstrate how the 'enhance' element of AONB would be achieved.</p> <p>3. AONB Management Plan: The AONB Management Plan is an important supporting tool to Local Plan policy and has been adopted by all Councils. It should be referenced within policy to give it the desired weight.</p> <p>4. AONB supporting guidance: As with the AONB Management Plan, the weight to be given to the Units range of guidance is enhanced by reference to 'supporting guidance' within the policy. Whilst supporting text could refer to specific document titles, a generic reference to 'relevant guidance' will give flexibility for others to be added.</p> <p>5. Setting: The AONB setting issue is an important consideration. Aided by descriptive material in the supporting text, the impacts on setting (both in views to and from the AONB), both singly and cumulatively (see below) should be referenced within the policy.</p> <p>6. Tranquillity and remoteness (inc. 'dark skies'): This has been identified as a priority for progression by the AONB JAC and we are currently considering how best to take forward work in these areas. In the meantime, the inclusion of these issues within policy will be important.</p> <p>8. Cumulative impacts: Reference to the in-combination impacts of proposals is considered necessary and the Unit is currently considering how it can give local authorities the support needed to consider such issues.</p> <p>9. Local descriptive material: Within the supporting text to the policy, some description of the overall special characteristics and qualities of the landform and landscape character of the AONB (including its setting) in so far as it relates to the Medway area is helpful in terms of providing local justification and emphasis.</p>		
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	
	CR_NE3 Council response:	

#### Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure

Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure		
NE5a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	Yes
NE5b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway	
Support the proposed policy approach to Green Infrastructure. In respect of green infrastructure provision in new		

development, suggest that there could also be a requirement for provision to be made that reduces pressure on existing Green Infrastructure in the locality of the development where over-use is currently an issue.	
NE5c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?
	CR_NE5 Council response:

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

Policy 12: Developer Contributions		
I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	Yes
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
The Kent Downs AONB would like to see an element of CIL set aside for off-site green infrastructure and mitigation and enhancement of the AONB where development is in or on the boundary of the AONB; the value of development within the AONB and close to its boundary is higher than elsewhere and a proportion of this added value could be set aside for this purpose. This is considered appropriate as new development in proximity to the AONB is likely to result in increased usage of it. West Berkshire Council has taken this approach and apply a differential to sites within the AONB.		
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Policy T4: Rochester Airport

Policy T4: Rochester Airport	
T7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway?
T7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway
<p>Rochester Airport is located immediately on the boundary of the AONB, a protected landscape of national importance, and falls within its setting. The flight path for the airport is over the AONB and intensification of use of the airport would impact on the tranquillity of the AONB to the west and south of the site. Tranquillity is a significant element of the landscape character of the Kent Downs, which is one of the most tranquil landscapes of South East England and is especially valued in this regard. Paragraph 123 of the NPPF requires that planning decisions protect areas of tranquillity which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreational and amenity value for this reason. It is imperative proposals for Rochester airport do not result in an unacceptable increase in noise and visual disturbance to a degree which would have a harmful impact on the environment and tranquillity of the Kent Downs.</p>	
T7c	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for aviation in Medway?
	CR_T4 Council response:

#### Policy T5: Riverside Infrastructure

Policy 10: Riverside Infrastructure		
T8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	Agree
T8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway	
T9a	Do you consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate?	
T9b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate	
T10	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	
	CR_T5 Council response	

#### Policy T6: Medway Riverside Path

Policy for Medway Riverboats and		
T11a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for houseboats?	Agree
T11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for houseboats	
Support the creation of strategic new cycle/multi-user routes along the Medway River. This would increase sustainable access to the Kent Downs AONB and help enable a modal shift in transport choices.		
T11c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_T6 Council response	



# RESPONSE: SNAP23

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Houses affordable for local people whose families already live in Medway or work in Medway. Not attracting buyers from the the more expensive London area.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Hoo St Werburgh should remain a village and not be developed as a rural town. This would completely destroy the character of the area. I am totally against any further development on the Hoo Peninsula. The road onto the Peninsula is unsuitable for any further increase in traffic.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Medway should concentrate on quality of life rather than quantity of housing. Who are all the extra people who want to live here? Stand up against Government targets.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Quality of life. This includes houses with gardens; houses with enough off-street parking; roads wide enough to allow extra parking - not on pavements. Planting trees and shrubs for improved air quality; recreational facilities for residents; shops with parking.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
The council should stop allowing building on agricultural land. Farmers should be encouraged to grow more food locally and be supported in this rather than being encouraged by the Council to sell their land for development. This is a particular issue on the Hoo Peninsula. The Council should be supporting sustainable agriculture.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
First of all, Chatham Town Centre should be improved and cleaned up. Attract more shops - but less discount stores - by being competitive with out of town centres. Out of town centres have free parking, pleasant clean environments and quality places to eat as well as good shops. Our town centres should be easy to access and have the qualities of out of town centres. More use of Dockside Centre.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?	
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The council should never approve building on the greenbelt or any other piece of countryside. Urban development should be the priority. Agricultural land should not be built on. Medway Council should support all the areas of conservation in Medway and in particular should UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES build on or near the SSSI sites at Lodge Hill. Enhancing the environment is being compromised currently by the council and should not continue.

CR\_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15 Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?

No

CR\_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17 Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?

No

CR\_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20 Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?

Medway currently has appalling infrastructure. An increase in population in Medway as a result of more housing cannot be sustained. More teachers/schools, more doctors/nurses and above all improved roads are required - these are required BEFORE any further housing development takes place.

CR\_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23 Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?

Consider increasing support for buses. Roads should be improved now. Four Elms Hill roundabout should be improved now. No more houses should be built on the Hoo Peninsula until the problem of one road on and off is solved. Cooling Road should not be considered as an alternative to Four Elms Hill as it is a totally unsuitable country road for heavy goods vehicles. When there is a problem on Four Elms Hill, the Hoo Peninsula is cut-off. Where would a second road go? Opening the railway onto the Pensinsula (which must be financially out of the question I would think) would only encourage more development and would only benefit a few people commuting to London. This should be considered of course in the Local Plan but the problems are huge NOW and it can only get worse.

CR\_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26 Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?

Medway Council should aim to recycle more of it's waste.

CR\_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP24

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Without doubt the clearing and utilisation of all brownfield sites, before consideration be given to the building on green field and SSSI sites.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
There is no discussion regarding roads in this plan - there is a possible opportunity to open up the rail line for passenger use again, however this will not relieve pressure on the one road into the peninsula and one road out - as was quite clear during the few days of snow in february and March - the peninsulas was effectively cut off - Do you really wish to make a further 27k homes in accessible as well?		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
What I dont understand is why Medway agreed with the Government to build this number of homes before consideration of where these would go - without prior consultation with potentially affected residents. Our local plan here in High Halstow has been clear that there would be no further expansion of the village, but building would be allowed as infill only. The implication of the council is that there has been an element of untruth from the council - in fact only six weeks ago, I was told by a councillor on the planning committee that there was no plan to build on either deangate ridge golf course or Lodge Hill. I see this is also now not the case.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
As previously stated - consideration should be given to the clearance and rebuilding on existing brown field sites. I have been told by the council that this is an option which is too expensive,as it is far easier to build on existing green field sites - this is not acceptable.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H1: Housing Delivery

H1a	Does the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach?	No
H1b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach	
Its is clearly too unspecific - I suspect deliberately so. We need more clarity on the proposals before any considered comments can be given		
H1c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
Again use of existing BF sites within Medway. It would be good to understand these areas, as these are not set out on the plans.		
	CR_H1 Council response:	

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

Policy H2: Housing mix		
H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	No
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
Again specifics are required. Am also well aware that travellers already cause problems in a number of areas across the peninsula, so this also needs addressing.		
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
as previously stated		
	CR_H2 Council response:	

### Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling

Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling		
H20a	Does this represent a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs?	No
H20b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this is a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs	
State clearly where this is proposed before we can make any sensible comments.		
H21a	Do you consider that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan?	Yes
H21b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan	
	CR_H10 Council response:	

### Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Would like to better understand this question.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

### Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
yes - assuming it is within the existing retail and town centres within Medway - please please, do something about upgrading both Chatham and Strood town centres before setting your sites on Hoo.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Yes definitely - it is important that we look after this for future generations.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation		
NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	No
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
Building on SSSI sites and green belt, can never be an effective approach to managing these habitats		
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
seek alternative sites.		
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

### Policy NE6: Green Belt

Policy NE6: Green Belt		
NE6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Green Belt?	No
NE6b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Green Belt	
There has been too much erosion of greenbelt over the last 50 years, particularly in the south east. This should stop, as frankly there will be nothing left for future generations to enjoy.		
NE6c	Do you consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary?	No
NE6d	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary	
As above - it really should not be necessary to carve up all this green belt, just to satisfy government targets		
NE6e	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches to Green Belt policy?	
As suggested before.		
	CR NE6 Council response:	



### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Policy HC1: Promoting Health and Wellbeing

HC1a	Does the proposed policy for Health and Wellbeing represent the most appropriate approach to planning for health improvements in Medway?	2
HC1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Health and Wellbeing does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for health improvements in Medway	
As explained above - if we have issues now, how can residents be confident that this situation will be better, unless tackled now.		
HC2a	Do you agree with the proposed threshold for HIAs?	No
HC2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed threshold for HIAs	
Get the fundamentals right please initially.		
HC3a	Do you agree with the council's proposed approach to managing Hot Food Takeaways?	
HC3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the council's proposed approach to managing Hot Food Takeaways	
Not sure - as I dont know specifics		
HC4	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for health in the Medway Local Plan?	
We need more GPs and health care professionals on the peninsula now - please		
	CR_HC1 Council response	

### Policy HC2: Community Facilities

HC5a	Does the proposed policy for Community Facilities represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway?	No
HC5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Community Facilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway	
We have fantastic communities on this peninsula. It would good to see this enhanced but certainly dont change it. If you are going to create a town in Hoo, this will change the dynamics of the peninsula for ever - I think this could be a potential derailer.		
HC5c	Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities?	
Agree		
HC5d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities	
No loss of current community facs please - they all work and serve communities well.		
HC5e	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for community facilities in the Medway Local Plan?	
On the peninsula - leave as is. I cant comment about the rest of Medway.		
	CR_HC2 Council response	

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Again on the peninsula - good health and transport facilities are fundamental to the residents - concentrate on getting this right. The addition of so many housing, will also add to the social problems which are currently	



managable on the peninsula - we have little anti-social behaviour here, and I would not wish this to change.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
no - sorry - but one road in and one road out of the peninsula cant cope now - the addition of a rail service will not ease this issue.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport

Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport		
T1a	Do you agree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway?	Disagree
T1b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway	
Too unspecific at the present time.		
T1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable transport in the Medway Local Plan?	
As mentioned previously - I would wish to see plans for better road links BEFORE any further building is approved on the peninsula		
	CR_T1 Council response:	

### Policy T2: Integrating Land Use and Transport

Policy 12: Integrating Land Use and Transport		
T2a	Do you agree/disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway?	Disagree
T2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway	
really sorry but dont understand this - happy for someone to explain.		
T3a	Research has demonstrated the non-linear relationship between housing density and public transport use. However, in principle, do you agree/disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services?	Disagree
T3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services	
The question is difficult to answer, as densification will only add to pressures on existing public transport services - show me clearly the plans to improve these now for current residents.		
T4a	The optimum densities set out at Table 11.1 are likely to be achieved in the absence of this policy due to their central locations. Is it appropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs?	No
T4b	Please explain why you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs	
Again, the question is difficult to answer. There is no point in having car clubs if you cant get off the peninsula because the roads are jammed up.		
T4c	Continuing to think about the optimum densities set out in Table 11.1. For peripheral areas, is it appropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	No
T4d	Please explain why, for peripheral areas, you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	
I think these figures should be determined on an local area basis - what is appropriate for Chatham, may not be appropriate for Lower Stoke		
T4e	Would it be appropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1?	No
T4f	Please explain why you think it would be appropriate / inappropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1	
I am not convinced that the usage at either of these stations would make a fundamental difference, It would though be useful to understand the work behind the return to a pre-Beeching passenger service on the peninsula. Where this will go [assume Gravesend] and who will be using it, together with projected numbers.		
T5	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards the integration of land use and transport planning in Medway?	
	CR_T2 Council response	

Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	No
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
I need to understand the working behind the proposal before I would indicate a positive response.		
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
I think I have been quite clear in that all green belt and SSSI land should be protected and safeguarded both now and for future generations		
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
Do nothing, apart from possible improvement of the road structures.		
	CR_T3 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP25

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Regardless of what the Government say. Does not anyone realise that the South East of England is full and at breaking point, what with the existing buildings being built at Ebbsfleet and on the Hoo Peninsular the Road system will soon be in permanent gridlock. Services such as schools and doctors are already full and even if more medical facilities are provided actual Doctors are not able to be recruited. No additional building is required in the Medway Towns just let the current tranche that is in the system and call a halt.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
No further comment see my previous answer		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
No further growth is wanted.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
See my answer to previous questions	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Local employment for local people	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Improvement of Town Centres and existing centres only	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Green spaces are important and open farmland must be kept, no further building on agricultural land which must be kept for food production	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following	
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	question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
	Sports facilities and open spaces must be kept
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	Existing transport facilities should be maintained and improved, A rail link on to Hoo peninsular is a pipe dream.
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
	Mineral extraction should be permissible along as the land is reinstated afterwards.
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP26

## Representor Details

Full Name	Terence Frank Paternoster
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
I am concerned about the very high numbers of houses being planned. Whilst I am happy to see Medway expand to cater for the needs of local people I do not wish to see Medway become a dumping ground for London.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Building on green field sites is not respecting the rural environment and far too much is expected to be located on the Hoo peninsular. What about the southern part of Medway; Cuxton and Halling?		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Build for Medway, not London overflow.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Housing	
Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Give priority and plan for Medway residents. The full range of housing options is needed	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Sufficient infrastructure to support .	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Policy E1: Economic Development

Policy 2: Economic Development		
E1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy?	Yes
E1b	Please explain why you think that this is / is not an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy	
The brown field sites at Grain and Kingsnorth should be used before taking any green belt land		
E2	Which locations do you consider are the most appropriate for employment growth?	
Grain, Kingsnorth and th urban riverside areas		
E3a	Do you agree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses?	
E3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses	
What is GVA?		
E4a	Do you support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway?	Yes
E4b	Please explain why you support / do not support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway	
Less travelling into London, and higher value jobs will increase the ability of local people to get onto the housing ladder		
E5a	Do you consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway?	No
E5b	Please explain why you consider / do not consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway	

There are currently empty offices around the dockyard/St Mary's Island area	
	CR_E1 Council response:

#### Policy E2: Rural Economy

Policy E2: Rural Economy		
E6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy?	Yes
E6b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy	
Local businesses help the local economy and reduce the need to travel further afield.		
E6c	What alternative approaches would you propose?	
	CR_E2 Council response:	

#### Policy RTC1: Retail hierarchy

RTC1a	Do you consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for managing a retail hierarchy in Medway?	No
RTC1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for managing a retail hierarchy in Medway	
I try to avoid Chatham if possible, it really does need regeneration.		
RTC2a	Do you agree with the definition of Chatham as the primary centre at the top of the hierarchy?	No
RTC2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the definition of Chatham as the primary centre at the top of the hierarchy	
Chatham town centres and Gillingham town centres are horrible. Redevelop them both.		
RTC3a	Do you agree with the identified district centres?	Yes
RTC3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the identified district centres	
RTC4	How do you consider that Dockside should be recognised in Medway's retail hierarchy?	
It is good but there is still scope for more retail outlets		
RTC5	Would you propose any alternative approaches to Medway's retail hierarchy?	
Maintain the historic nature of Rochester		
	CR_RTC1 Council response:	

#### Policy RTC8: Hempstead Valley District Centre

RTC20a	Do you consider this is the appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre?	Yes
RTC20b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre	
There is scope to develop without impacting on green belt/farming/woodland etc.		
RTC21a	Do you think that further developments at Hempstead Valley should be restricted, so that greater priority is given to retail and leisure in the main town centres in Medway?	Yes
RTC21b	Please explain why you think / don't think that further developments at Hempstead Valley should be restricted, so that greater priority is given to retail and leisure in the main town centres in Medway	
RTC22a	Do you support a policy approach that seeks to achieve a balance of uses across all centres in Medway?	Yes
RTC22b	Please explain why you support / don't support a policy approach that seeks to achieve a balance of uses across all centres in Medway	
With development in all areas there should be less need to travel.		
	CR_RTC8 Council response:	

#### Dockside

RTC23a	Do you consider this is the appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre?	Yes
RTC23b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre	
It is away from the main town centres.		
RTC24	Please explain why you think / don't think that further developments at Hempstead Valley should be restricted, so that greater priority is given to retail and leisure in the main town centres in Medway	
Support a wider range of services		
	CR_Dock Council response:	

#### Policy RTC9: Medway Valley Leisure Park

Policy RTC9: Medway Valley Leisure Park		
RTC25a	Do you consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park?	
RTC25b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park	
RTC26a	Do you think that there should be a specific policy to manage the development of Medway Valley Leisure Park, or if proposals should only be determined by use of wider retail policies?	
RTC26b	Please explain your answer	
	CR_RTC9 Council response:	

#### Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	Yes
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
All areas of international importance for nature conservation should be strictly respected and not developed for housing/retail etc.		
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
Use ALL genuine brownfield sites first. Lodge Hill especially, has been allowed to become an important habitat for nature and is no longer a true brownfield site.		
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

#### Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment		
NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
These are the areas which are very necessary to counterbalance the pollution and other problems such as increasing population in the urban areas		
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

#### Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty		
NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	Yes
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	
	CR_NE3 Council response:	

#### Policy NE4: Landscape

NE4a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway?	Yes
NE4b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway	
NE4c	What alternative approaches would you recommend?	
	CR_NE4 Council response:	

#### Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure

NE5a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	Yes
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NE5b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway
NE5c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?
	CR_NE5 Council response:

#### Policy NE6: Green Belt

NE6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Green Belt?	Yes
NE6b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Green Belt	
NE6c	Do you consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary?	
NE6d	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary	
NE6e	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches to Green Belt policy?	
	CR_NE6 Council response:	

#### Policy NE7: Flood and Water Management

NE7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	Yes
NE7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	
NE7c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE7 Council response:	

#### Policy NE 8: Air Quality

NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	Yes
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

#### Policy BE2: Sustainable Design

BE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
BE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
BE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_BE2 Council response:	

#### Policy BE3: Housing Design

BE3a	Does the proposed policy for housing design represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE3b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for housing design does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
BE3c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for housing design in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE3 Council response:	



#### Policy BE5: Historic Environment and Policy BE6: Managing development in the historic environment

Policy D20: Historic Environment and Policy D26: Managing development in the historic environment		
BE5a	Do the proposed policies for the historic environment represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policies for the historic environment do / don't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
BE5c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for the historic environment in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE5 Council response:	

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy HC1: Promoting Health and Wellbeing

HC1a	Does the proposed policy for Health and Wellbeing represent the most appropriate approach to planning for health improvements in Medway?	Yes
HC1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Health and Wellbeing does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for health improvements in Medway	
HC2a	Do you agree with the proposed threshold for HIAs?	Yes
HC2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed threshold for HIAs	
HC3a	Do you agree with the council's proposed approach to managing Hot Food Takeaways?	
HC3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the council's proposed approach to managing Hot Food Takeaways	
HC4	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for health in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_HC1 Council response	

#### Policy HC2: Community Facilities

Policy HC2: Community Facilities		
HC5a	Does the proposed policy for Community Facilities represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway?	
HC5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Community Facilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway	
Public transport to the rural area of Hoo Peninsula is currently not adequate and thus encourages more use of private cars. Nowhere should have a bus frequency of less than once an hour throughout the day, and preferably much more frequently		
HC5c	Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities?	
Agree		
HC5d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities	
Re-open Deangate golf course. If Hoo is to grow the facility is needed.		
HC5e	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for community facilities in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_HC2 Council response	

#### Policy I1: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

I1a	Does the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway?	No
I1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway	

The council will seek the timely and effective delivery of infrastructure' The roads need to be built/upgraded BEFORE a lot of building work is undertaken. Schools, medial facilities etc should be built alongside the housing and be ready for use as soon as the first occupants move in.		
Ic	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
CR_I1 Council response:		

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

Policy 12: Developer Contributions		
I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	No
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
Infrastructure must be provided along with any development.		
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Policy I4: Communications Technology

I4a	Does the proposed policy for Communications represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I4b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Communications does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
I4c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for communications infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
CR_I4 Council response:		

#### Policy I5: Utilities

Policy 16: Utilities		
I5a	Does the proposed policy for Utilities represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I5b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Utilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
Where will the additional water needed for all the new homes and business premises come from?		
I5c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for utilities infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I5 Council response:	

#### Policy I6: Open Space and Sports Facilities, Policy I7: New Open Space Provision, and Policy I8: New Playing Pitches

I6a	Do the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	No
I6b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches do / don't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
Existing facilities should not be built on at all, other than renovation etc. Increased numbers of houses will mean increased population and increase need for sporting and recreational facilities. Hoo and the surrounding area still needs a golf course at Deangate.		
I6c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I6 Council response:	

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?	
All areas should have accessible public transport with a minimum frequency of once an hour throughout the day and evening.		

	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport

T1a	Do you agree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway?	Agree
T1b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway	
T1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable transport in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_T1 Council response:	

#### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
	I agree with the principle of upgrading the line but there would be a lot of difficulties to address. To make a viable, frequent service possible parts of the line would have to be dualled and, much of it runs through farmland/greenbelt. A service to Strood as well as to Gravesend would be needed. As with bus services it will not be used if the service provided is not frequent throughout the day and evening.	
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
	CR_T3 Council response:	

#### Policy T5: Riverside Infrastructure

T8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	Agree
T8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway	
T9a	Do you consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate?	
T9b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate	
T10	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	
	CR_T5 Council response	

#### Policy T6: Medway Riverside Path

T11a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for houseboats?	Agree
T11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for houseboats	
T11c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_T6 Council response	

#### Policy T7: Marinas and moorings

T12a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for marinas and moorings in Medway?	Agree
T12b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for marinas and moorings in Medway	
T12c	What alternative approach would you propose?	
	CR_T7 Council response:	

#### Policy T9: Connectivity and Permeability

T14a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway?	Yes
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T14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway	
T14c	What alternative approach would you propose?	
	CR_T9 Council response:	

Policy T10: Vehicle Parking, T11: Cycle parking and storage, and Policy T12: Managing the transport impact of development

T15a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking?	Yes
T15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking	
T15c	There may be opportunities to secure a 'dockless' bike sharing scheme in Medway, however this is likely to be initiated by the market. This may be appropriate for specific routes, such as to/from Chatham rail station and the university campuses. Would it be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy?	
T15d	Please explain why you think it would / wouldn't be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy	
T15e	What alternative approaches would you propose for policy in the new Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_T10_11_12	

Policy MWE1: Minerals Supply, Policy MWE2: Land-won extraction of sands and gravels, Policy MWE3: Land-won minerals: chalk and clay, Policy MWE4: Minerals wharves and railheads, Policy MWE5: Minerals infrastructure

MWE1a	Do the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway?	Yes
MWE1b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway	
MWE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for minerals planning in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE1_2_3_4_5 Council response:	

Policy MWE6: Waste Management, Policy MWE7: New Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE8: Existing Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE9: Waste disposal to land, Policy MWE10: Waste Water Treatment Works

MWE2a	Do the proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste?	Yes
MWE2b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste	
MWE2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for waste management in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE6_7_8_9_10 Council response:	

Policy MWE11: Energy and Renewables, Policy MWE12: Low Carbon Development

MWE3a	Do the proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway?	N/A
MWE3b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway	
MWE3c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for energy in the Medway Local Plan?	
After going through all of these questions I have not seen any reference to the four Scenarios as published in the Medway Local Plan. Whilst I am not happy about the levels of redevelopment needed, I do accept that increased population levels will need more houses, facilities and infrastructure. I am very much AGAINST Scenario 4, the development of Lodge Hill SSSI. The SSSI designation has been awarded for good reason and must be respected. I also think that there should be a buffer zone of non built on land around it. Although it would be nice for Stoke not to have any building development, it would be the lesser of two evils. The other three scenarios are acceptable but with the minimum numbers of new houses that there can be to meet the needs of Medway residents. I am against		

Medway becoming a dumping ground for London.
CR_MWE11_12 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP27

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Retention of our greenspaces and protection of the wildlife that depends on them is vital to ensure that Medway remains a green and vibrant place to live. Our air quality is already suffering in some areas of Medway so additional development in areas such as East Rainham that depend on the A2 corridor will further exacerbate this problem. There are many empty commercial properties that could be considered for redevelopment within areas that are already considered urban.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
It does provide a sensible strategy, however, Gillingham appears to have been forgotten in recent years as all of the regeneration schemes are Chatham, Rochester and Strood based. Although the Victory Pier development is ongoing on the waterfront at Gillingham, this has not benefited the central areas of the town.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
n/a		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Housing in Medway is extremely expensive in some areas, with many new developments coming forward at prices that most residents are unable to afford. More affordable housing is needed, especially shared ownership schemes and affordable rent. There is also demand for houseboats in Medway, and provision for these is currently limited. Some student housing has been developed without parking allocations, as it is presumed that they will not require car spaces, however the reality is that many of the students do have cars and this is putting pressure on existing residents and other public spaces (such as Gillingham Pier). Housing solutions for elderly residents must also be provided as people are living longer and want to stay in their own property for as long as possible, so would like an attractive alternative to the traditional 'sheltered accommodation'.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Jobs that encourage students that study here to stay in Medway once they have graduated. Greater focus on increasing the skill level of Medway's workforce and getting more people into work.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Town centres are in decline nationally, with shoppers preferring larger out of town retail developments that also provide leisure facilities. Our town centres in Gillingham and Chatham are currently large and disjointed. They could benefit from being condensed and some of the redundant space being utilised for housing provision. A higher quality retail offer with fewer fast-food outlets and betting shops could help to encourage people to use the town centres.	
	CR Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
We have beautiful green spaces in Medway and are lucky to have both urban parks, countryside and coastline. This landscape provides a haven for many species of rare and endangered wildlife and birds and development should not be detrimental to these. Providing safe greenspaces within developments, improvements to existing and new public rights of way, and protecting areas that provide a refuge to wildlife should be a priority.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Traffic congestion is a problem in some areas, and new development in these areas will increase pressure on roads such as the A2 and A289, causing further deterioration in air quality. On the Hoo Peninsula, public transport needs to be improved, including both road and rail connectivity. New developments should include investment in communications technology and high speed internet connections.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
We must ensure that access to the river is not lost as a result of riverside development, and that investment in improving existing river access facilities is made through developer contributions. A riverside walk that runs around Medway would be fantastic, especially with the England Coast Path due to open in the next couple of years. Rail connection on the Hoo Peninsula is essential to unlock the development potential in that area, and reduce dependence on cars. Safe and well maintained parking facilities are needed in our town centres if we are going to encourage people to use them for shopping.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP28

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Existing residents quality of life and local wildlife will be affected		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
The area is an sssi		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Do not build on an sssi		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:



#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
Do not build on an sssi	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP29

## Representor Details

Full Name	NA
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	Submitted anonymously

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
There needs be an additional question of quality. Growth is useless on its own. Luton Road Chatham in the next five years will double its Victorian occupancy rate due to property conversions. Check the data on Luton Road, poor quality of housing, living conditions in respect to size, air quality, people per household, heating, etc are all well below the south eastern average. Meanwhile you're building and profiting from the developments by Luton Rec, and we receive none of the benefits. Other than the increased demand for parking, increased demand on local services and worst air quality. You MUST grow and improve at the same time, you AREN'T doing so at the moment. You are creating a juxtaposition of the Shard and Dale Farm.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
You need to consider the poor quality and the official failings in regard to the Luton Road area. In the last decade you were rightly refusing all single dwellings conversions for the detrimental effect they have on the community of Luton, the quality of life, parking, and local services. In the last 5 years you have granted over 50 conversions, including eight plus bedroom HMO's. You have lined your pockets at Luton Road's expense. The road is now full of HMO, flat conversions, late night off licences, fast food outlets, fly-tipping, violent and sexual abuse, all while you sit on your hands. If Luton Road's minority of worthwhile residents had the cash flow to sue the Council on gross negligence grounds they would.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
We need a smaller more competitive high street, many of our biggest retails have moved, in particular Tesco. Chatham's high street runs from Staples to the arches of Luton Road. There's no competition, but a large footfall. You must encourage competition and decrease the high street in size. Many shops from Luton Road onwards have closed their doors many years ago and remain empty, look at the top half of the Pentagon Shopping Centre, it's a scene from the 80's.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
You must work with inner urban areas on finding ways to improve the environment of their streets. Luton Road area has horrific air quality and traffic noise. A partnership with 'trees for cities' could improve this. I know first hand about how keen local residents are to help the council in this, be it in contributing to the costs, or effort that is plant to install this vegetation. But also maintain what we already have, the arches for example at the end of Luton Road	

has not seen a gardener in 3 years plus.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP30

## Representor Details

Full Name	Michael Frank Garwood
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?	
	Please do not destroy the Nightgale's habitat it is very important to preserve this habitat for seriously threatened species Thank you	
	CR_Q11 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP31

## Representor Details

Full Name	Mrs Ann Savage
Consultee Type	3
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Yes but this needs to be done throughout medway and not in one particular area such as Hoo VILLAGE		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
You are destroying farmland. You are concentrating mostly on one area - Hoo ONce farmland has been destroyed it will NEVER be replaced. We need to gown food to feed our country You cannot do this with reduced farmland there is only one main road on and off the Peninsula of Hoo Your plan does not include a restructure of major roads. In hoo we are often cut off when four elm hill is closed due to accidents or inclement weather		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Brownfield sites. and then spreading the development of extra houses across the WHOLE of medway - not just Hoo		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
you need to consider the current residents of the villages you are going to expand. you need to speak to them So far in Hoo we have not even been given a public meeting to go to . Not all residents have computers or internet access so you are not reaching all	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
the people moving here should have jobs to go to. The amount you are putting into Hoo does not even begin t address this	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
the current town centres should be rejuvenated before building more towns that would have the potential to end up like the sorry state that Strood and Gillingham and chatham are in at the moment	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
keep as many green spaces as you can - especially farmland	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
roads - we need proper roads to cope with increased traffic that extra housing will bring	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Public transport that is affordable to all. It makes no sense for me to use busses I am not on benefits or an OAP so have to pay full price - its cheaper to drive or get a taxi in most cases	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
yes	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP32

## Representor Details

Full Name	Cliff Thurlow
Consultee Type	Developer/Consultant
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Any local plan that does not meet the need for new housing and employment growth would be unsustainable. The future development strategy should therefore provide for the higher new housing requirement of 37,000 new homes by 2035. The employment land needs assessment of 2015 would not have factored in projected growth of housing on this scale and it must be questionable whether that assessment can continue to be relied upon as part of the emerging local plan evidence base.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
It does not meet the need for 37,500 houses and associated employment land requirements to 2035.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
strategy that meets the need for 37,500 houses and associated employment land requirements to 2035.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
All of the technical questions below are relevant with the addition of a more specific policy that seeks to maximise housing density on new development sites.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H1: Housing Delivery

H1a	Does the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach?	No
H1b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach	
The policy should set quantitative targets for housing delivery throughout the plan period to 2035 with specified measures to deal with shortfalls.		
H1c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
The policy should set quantitative targets for housing delivery throughout the plan period to 2035 with specified measures to deal with shortfalls.		
	CR_H1 Council response:	

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	Yes
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
The policy appears to address all relevant considerations.		
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
No		
	CR_H2 Council response:	

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	

While a threshold that is justified by the local plan evidence base is acceptable the costs of developing greenfield and previously developed land sites can vary significantly. The policy should reflect these potential differences by provision in the policy for developer's to submit viability assessments of their developments to demonstrate whether the affordable housing requirement is deliverable.	
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?
The policy should reflect these potential differences by provision in the policy for developer's to submit viability assessments of their developments to demonstrate whether the affordable housing requirement is deliverable.	
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?
This is a very technical question better answered by a housing specialist. The split of tenures should include privately owned housing for rent to provide developers with more flexibility in making affordable housing provision.	
	CR_H3 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
The employment land assessment must factor in the scale of housing and thereby employment growth over the plan period. There should be a realistic assessment of the rate of delivery at the Medway Innovation Park. The Council should not expect private developer's to replicate the model of the Innovation Centre which it would be financially unviable as a private sector financed scheme. The local plan should adopt a qualitative assessment of potential employment sites and prioritise delivery of those sites in attractive environments with sustainable transport links and that provide opportunities to deliver a range of types of employment.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Policy E1: Economic Development

Policy E1: Economic Development		
E1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy?	No
E1b	Please explain why you think that this is / is not an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy	
That part of Policy E1 that provides for all planning applications for employment uses to be assessed for their GVA contributions and whether the proposed use is best aligned to the site characteristics and locational offer has the potential to stymie employment growth. A lot of employment development is speculative which means GVA contributions cannot be assessed at application stage. Furthermore, what constitutes a acceptable methodology for assessment of GVA contributions needs specifying in detail so that a proper assessment can be made of how reasonable is such a requirement.		
E2	Which locations do you consider are the most appropriate for employment growth?	
Those with good links to the strategic road network and which can be delivered without major infrastructure investment.		
E3a	Do you agree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses?	No
E3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses	
That part of Policy E1 that provides for all planning applications for employment uses to be assessed for their GVA contributions and whether the proposed use is best aligned to the site characteristics and locational offer has the potential to stymie employment growth. A lot of employment development is speculative which means GVA contributions cannot be assessed at application stage. Furthermore, what constitutes a acceptable methodology for assessment of GVA contributions needs specifying in detail so that a proper assessment can be made of how reasonable is such a requirement.		
E4a	Do you support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway?	No
E4b	Please explain why you support / do not support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway	
How is a higher value job defined?		
E5a	Do you consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway?	No
E5b	Please explain why you consider / do not consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway	
There is no evidence of a market for serviced accommodation that would justify private sector investment.		
	CR_E1 Council response:	

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to
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	meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
The maximisation of housing development opportunities in town centres and acceptance that shopping patterns will continue to change and town centre footprints and characters will change and need to be accommodated through flexible planning policy.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

#### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Reflect the importance of national designations but do not add further tiers of constraint of development through local protective designations.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
A prioritisation of infrastructure improvements essential to deliver housing and employment growth and a realistic assessment of whether and when that infrastructure will be delivered.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

Policy I2: Developer Contributions		
I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	Yes
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
It provides for the impact of developer contributions on the viability of proposed development to be demonstrated.		
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Integrating land use and transport planning. The Hoo rail line proposal does not appear realistic.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP33

## Representor Details

Full Name	Martin Hales
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
In my opinion whilst recognising the need for homes to accommodate the predicted growth of the populous it is important that the Councils stated objectives are adhered to. The scale of development is measured and balanced to protect the environment that the proposed development would border and that the required infrastructure to support that development is delivered in a timely and efficient manner. The provision of this infrastructure to support the housing requirement must be included when assessing the impact to its surrounding environs.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
I believe that the Spatial Development approach is sustainable, provided that the Council apply the principles it has stated in the plan. In that the regeneration of Chatham Town Centre is the initial priority which would encourage growth and economical/social health improvement. I also recognise the need to develop a small rural town on the peninsula. But it must be balanced to enhance not destroy the areas that attract such development. There must be sufficient infrastructure in place before the development of housing to not only support the construction process but to also mitigate the current ingress and access issues on the Peninsula. Smaller scale development may be required in locations such as High Halstow, although I would argue that High Halstow should not be catergorised as a suburban location, it is a rural village, surrounded by protected natural areas. Therefore it is important in line with the Councils proposals that development at such sites is sustainable and not a negative impact either directly or indirectly. To that end knowing the intricacies already faced in my village I would consider the development of 760 homes in High Halstow to be too large.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
I agree that all sectors of society must be accommodated within any proposed development in the Medway area. I also agree that this must be a measured approach to ensure that the ratio of mix must suite both the environs and the individual needs of those different groups. I did not understand why the % of Affordable Housing was greater in the rural areas (30%) as opposed to 25% in urban.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H1: Housing Delivery

H1a	Does the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach?	Yes
H1b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach	
I have indicated YES above but I will caveat that by asking the question as to why in all scenarios the allocation of housing is just restricted to the Hoo area on the Peninsula. I recognise that Stoke and in all cases High Halstow appears as locations for additional development. However, other outlying villages around and within Cliffe/Cliffe Woodsb for example have not been considered. In last years rounds of Consultations, it was widely publicised and promoted that each village would take a share of the housing development requirement. What has now changed to discount these options?		
H1c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
Consider a wider distribution of the housing need, accommodating the Local Plan objectives.		
	CR_H1 Council response:	

### Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
I have stated disagree above only due and in relation to my previous comment at Q2 I agree that there is a need for affordable homes and that need must be accommodated within any proposed development. I also agree that this must be a measured approach to ensure that the ratio of mix must suite both the environs and individual need. However, I do not understand why the % of Affordable Housing was greater in the rural areas (30%) as opposed to 25% in urban.		
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
Unable to comment due to above statement.		
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
Unable to Comment		
	CR_H3 Council response:	

### Policy H4: Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation

Policy H4: Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation		
H5a	Do you agree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation?	Yes
H5b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation.	
No Further Comment		
H6a	Do you consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs?	Yes
H6b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs	
I agree provided that the location suites the need of the residents within such a village. It must be close and accessible to local amenities for these people to allow them dependency and the necessary support when required.		
H7a	Do you consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme?	Yes
H7b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme	
It needs to be if the data and prediction stated is correct.		
	CR_H4 Council response:	

### Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
It is stated within this section that Agriculture is a key industry in the rural areas. Therefore, it is logical that this area must be considered when applying mitigating action relating to development. High concentrations of development will always have either direct or indirect impact to the agricultural landscape, equal to that considered to be as equally vulnerable when applying these principles to the natural environment. Development for the purposes of Employment must be sustainable and supported by effective transport networks. The use of the river accesses for the Medway and Thames are viable proposals but again any development must be balanced with regard to the areas that the local plan seeks to protect.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

### Policy E1: Economic Development

E1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy?	Yes
E1b	Please explain why you think that this is / is not an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy	
No Further Comment		
E2	Which locations do you consider are the most appropriate for employment growth?	
I would suggest the Town Centres first and then the Hoo Peninsula, taking into account the need to protect the Protected and vunerable sites. This must be achieved with the provision of sufficient for transport routes without impacting the Agricultural output.		
E3a	Do you agree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses?	Yes

E3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses	
This must be achieved subject to it not overriding the principles within the Local Plan and observations stated above.		
E4a	Do you support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway?	Yes
E4b	Please explain why you support / do not support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway	
No Further Comment		
E5a	Do you consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway?	Yes
E5b	Please explain why you consider / do not consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway	
Provided that such provision is located in the right place which could best offer the supported services required for that type of accommodation, i.e. retail/car parking		
	CR_E1 Council response:	

#### Policy E2: Rural Economy

Policy E2: Rural Economy		
E6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy?	Yes
E6b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy	
However, Why is development proposed for g1 & g3 areas? It appears to contradict the proposal to develop 'lesser agricultural land' and 'promote the development and diversification of farming and other land based rural businesses', whilst seeking the 'retention of key rural services and facilities to provide sustainable villages providing for the needs of rural residents'. Why are we therefore considering development on rural and agricultural land on the Peninsula to such an extent as proposed. Once again it must be recognised that some of the proposed Hoo Town areas and in particular High Halstow and Stoke are not suburban locations but rural locations.		
E6c	What alternative approaches would you propose?	
You can either set a policy to best exploit these areas for its agricultural economy with a balanced approach or you can over develop it. It is hard to achieve both to full effect.		
	CR_E2 Council response:	

#### Policy E3: Tourism

Policy E3: Tourism		
E7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards tourism?	Yes
E7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach towards tourism	
	In principle yes but with regard to Rural Tourism - Exploit the current state, control development to achieve the least impact to increase hiking and walking opportunities. Isolate the proposed development at Kingsnorth and Grain to protect the areas of natural attraction for such activities. Negative development would minimise what attracts people in these areas now. Relaxation and seclusion cannot be promoted within a concrete jungle.. This should encourage businesses involved in camping, caravanning and berths at marinas sensitive to a countryside setting.. As quoted in the plan - 'Medways high quality countryside is an important tourist asset and is growing in interest as a place to visit for leisure. capitalising on the countryside as a visitor destination could nurture a growing rural economy'.	
E7c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	
	No Further Comment	
	CR_E3 Council response:	

#### Policy E4: Visitor accommodation

Policy E4: Visitor accommodation		
E8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards visitor accommodation?	Yes
E8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach for visitor accommodation	
Agreed - so why conduct large scale development in the areas that provide the need for this??		
E8c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	
Balanced development		
	CR_E4 Council response:	

#### Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Yes	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
That the plan upholds its policy that proposed development does not negatively impact on abutted land designated for its environment importance.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	Yes
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
Agree in principle but would suggest that adequate buffer zones are maintained to enable detrimental impact upon such areas to be monitored		
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
No further Comment		
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

## Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment		
NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
In principle agree but would question that Hoo and High Halstow developments are too big and could result in damage to designated wildlife areas harming the aspiration to strengthen biodiversity networks.		
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
Some development but the total housing requirement split to alternative sites spread out and around the peninsula to avoid high density housing bordering SPA's and Local Nature Reserves. The plan mentions a buffer of 6km to these areas?		
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

## Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	Yes
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
Totally and would therefore apply the same principle to the Hoo Peninsula and the North Kent Marshes		
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_NE3 Council response:	

## Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure

NE5a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	Yes
NE5b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway	
As long as 'a high level of protection from damaging impacts of development will be given to SSSI's and Ancient Woodland. The Council will consider the need to protect the special features of Regionally Important Geological Sites, Local Wildlife Sites and Local nature Reserves. New development should provide for green infrastructure that supports the successful integration of development into the landscape and contributes to improved connectivity and public access'. This must be adhered to to comply with that policy, it could be considered that 700 houses bordering on a local nature reserve contravenes these objectives. It could also be assumed that the Hoo Town and Peninsula development proposal is above the control mechanisms detailed in the Local Plan.		
NE5c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	
Apply the policy stated!		
	CR_NE5 Council response:	

#### Policy NE6: Green Belt

NE6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Green Belt?	Yes
NE6b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Green Belt	
Agree in moderation in order to alleviate pressure at sites of equal importance where development is a risk to such environments.		
NE6c	Do you consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary?	Yes
NE6d	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary	
As above		
NE6e	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches to Green Belt policy?	
As above		
	CR_NE6 Council response:	

#### Policy NE 8: Air Quality

NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	Yes
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
Agree but observe that Ser 7.34 & 7.38 of the Local Plan both contradict this policy if the proposed level of development takes place on the Peninsula?		
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

#### Built Environment

Built Environment	
Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy BE 1: Promoting High Quality Design

Policy BE 1: Promoting High Quality Design		
BE1a	Does the proposed policy for sustainable design represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for sustainable design does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
Yes - provided the criteria stated is applied mainly scale, space and protection for delicate sites by provision of break clean and impact barriers.		
BE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable design in the Medway Local Plan?	
As above in accordance with the delivery and application of the conditions stated.		
	CR_BE1 Council response:	

#### Policy BE2: Sustainable Design

Policy D22: Sustainable Design		
BE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
BE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
No Further Comment		
BE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
No further Comment		
	CR_BE2 Council response:	

#### Health and Communities

Health and Communities	
Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:



## Policy HC2: Community Facilities

Policy HC2: Community Facilities		
HC5a	Does the proposed policy for Community Facilities represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway?	Yes
HC5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Community Facilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway	
On the proviso that Ser 9.17 applies in conjunction with 9.24 & 9.25. In relation to 9.17 High Halstow currently have the facilities detailed. Therefore any development should not detract business and function away from successful community facilities, such as pubs, Churches and shops. To achieve this the scale of development needs to be sustainable for the current facilities with any additional community development enhancing not detracting activity and business.		
HC5c	Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities?	
Agree		
HC5d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities	
As above		
HC5e	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for community facilities in the Medway Local Plan?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_HC2 Council response	

## Infrastructure

Infrastructure	
Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Consideration for the supporting infrastructure for all proposed development should be in relative balance and scale to the objectives laid down within the conditions for the other sections of the report. They should be delivered in advance of the development where possible to provide for the increasing populous and to accommodate escalating growth. I agree with all of the proposals relating to the topics in the Technical question section providing that the stipulations detailed are met and with exception to the observations made within the Infra Planning & Delivery, New Open Spaces and Gillingham Football Club.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

## Policy I1: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

I1a	Does the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway?	Yes
I1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway	
Yes in principle provided that such infrastructure is delivered to accommodate the proposed development in methodical stages, i.e. timely and preferably before or during in conjunction with the development		
Ic	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_I1 Council response:	

## Policy I6: Open Space and Sports Facilities, Policy I7: New Open Space Provision, and Policy I8: New Playing Pitches

I6a	Do the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I6b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches do / don't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
With regard to Deangate, provided it is a balanced approach of open space provision v's development need.		
I6c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches in the Medway Local Plan?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_I6 Council response:	

## Policy I9: Gillingham Football Club

Policy 19: Gillingham Football Club		
I7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Gillingham Football Club?	Agree
I7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Gillingham Football Club	
Yes in accordance with Policy I9		

I7c	Do you support the relocation of Gillingham Football Club to a new stadium in Medway?	Yes
I7d	Please explain why you do / don't support the relocation of Gillingham Football Club to a new stadium in Medway	
Yes in accordance with Policy I9 regarding environmental impact.		
I7e	Where do you consider would be a suitable location for a relocated stadium?	
A location within easy access to a main rail Service that complies with Policy I9.		
I8	What uses would you expect to see come forward as part of any new stadium proposals?	
In line with Policy I9 extended to include the provision for other sporting events in addition to use as a football ground - Athletics/Cricket/Rugby.		
	CR_I8 Council response:	

### Transport

Transport	
Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
I agree in general with the transport plan set out within the Local Plan, in conjunction with the other stipulations detailed within the report that all development must be effective, balanced in scale and with minimal impact to the protected and desirable assets in Medway.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport

Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport		
T1a	Do you agree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway?	Agree
T1b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway	
Yes I agree with the criteria stated above specifically bullet point 3 - mitigate the impacts of new development according to Transport Assessments and Transport Statements, or refuse development where its residual cumulative impacts are severe		
T1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable transport in the Medway Local Plan?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_T1 Council response:	

### Policy T2: Integrating Land Use and Transport

Policy 12: Integrating Land Use and Transport		
T2a	Do you agree/disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway?	Agree
T2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway	
No Further Comment		
T3a	Research has demonstrated the non-linear relationship between housing density and public transport use. However, in principle, do you agree/disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services?	Agree
T3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services	
I agree - but only if the offer to use public transport is viable, affordable and easy to use as opposed to using personal cars. If this does not materialise the car will always win.		
T4a	The optimum densities set out at Table 11.1 are likely to be achieved in the absence of this policy due to their central locations. Is it appropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs?	Yes
T4b	Please explain why you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs	
T4c	Continuing to think about the optimum densities set out in Table 11.1. For peripheral areas, is it appropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	Yes
T4d	Please explain why, for peripheral areas, you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	
T4e	Would it be appropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1?	Yes
T4f	Please explain why you think it would be appropriate / inappropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1	



T5	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards the integration of land use and transport planning in Medway?
No Further Comment	
	CR_T2 Council response

#### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	Yes
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
In principle I agree providing that it complies with the objectives set in Chapter 7 and the observations detailed within Question T3		
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
All areas subject to protection SSSI's, Local Nature Reserves that would be impacted by rail track extensions and associated infrastructure.		
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_T3 Council response:	

#### Policy T5: Riverside Infrastructure

Policy 10: Riverside Infrastructure		
T8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	Agree
T8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway	
I agree with the policy. However, in Ser 11.35 it refers to a new river crossing. It would be beneficial to understand where this is proposed in order to gain some context to this section of the report.		
T9a	Do you consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate?	Yes
T9b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate	
No Further Comment		
T10	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	
No Further Comment		
	CR_T5 Council response	

#### Policy T8: Urban Logistics

Policy for Urban Logistics		
T13a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for logistics in Medway?	Agree
T13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for logistics in Medway	
However, what impact will this have in addition to the housing development on the Hoo Peninsula with regard to the Transport Plan?		
T13c	This is believed to be the first local planning policy of its kind. It has been prepared in response to recent sector articles calling for planning policy interventions. The council would welcome responses to refine or develop an alternative policy to support the growth of this sector in Medway. Please make any suggestions below:-	
No Further Comments		
T13d	What alternative approach would you propose for planning for the logistics sector and managing associated transport in Medway?	
No Further Comments		
	CR_T8 Council response:	

#### Policy T9: Connectivity and Permeability

Policy T9: Connectivity and Accessibility		
T14a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway?	Yes
T14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway	
Yes - However, from experience on other estates of a similar conceptual design. Narrow streets in residential areas become quickly choked due to double parking. People will not use garages facilities for cars. In addition no matter what design is used, the populous will still use vehicles for school runs. The evidence is easily observed at every school start and finish times. Parents living in close proximity still use cars for school runs especially during periods of inclement weather.		
T14c	What alternative approach would you propose?	
Access to vehicles is controlled in close proximity to schools. In other words make it an inconvenience to use a car in these areas to encourage walking as the easier alternative?		
	CR_T9 Council response:	

Policy T10: Vehicle Parking, T11: Cycle parking and storage, and Policy T12: Managing the transport impact of development

T15a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking?	Agree
T15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking	
Providing that Ser 11.72/11.73 is considered and efficiently applied for the Hoo Peninsula Proposal.		
T15c	There may be opportunities to secure a 'dockless' bike sharing scheme in Medway, however this is likely to be initiated by the market. This may be appropriate for specific routes, such as to/from Chatham rail station and the university campuses. Would it be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy?	Yes
T15d	Please explain why you think it would / wouldn't be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy	
No further Comments		
T15e	What alternative approaches would you propose for policy in the new Medway Local Plan?	
No Further Comments		
CR_T10_11_12		

Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?	
That when deciding the location and provision of aggregate resources and disposal of waste material all of the objectives stipulated within this report are met with regard to the impact on the environment, transportation and the existing residents and developments are met.		
CR_Q26 Council response:		

Policy MWE1: Minerals Supply, Policy MWE2: Land-won extraction of sands and gravels, Policy MWE3: Land-won minerals: chalk and clay, Policy MWE4: Minerals wharves and railheads, Policy MWE5: Minerals infrastructure

MWE1a	Do the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway?	No
MWE1b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway	
Once again the Hoo Peninsula is designated as a suitable area to provide this facility - Disposal to Land Area. This continuous line of development must surely contravene the impact to the environment and open balanced development objectives that form a large part of the Local Plan concept. It would appear to show the Peninsula as the place for all solutions.		
MWE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for minerals planning in the Medway Local Plan?	
A more balanced approach across the whole of the Medway Region. The Peninsula can only accommodate a measured amount of development and provision to meet the areas needs!		
CR_MWE1_2_3_4_5 Council response:		

Policy MWE6: Waste Management, Policy MWE7: New Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE8: Existing Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE9: Waste disposal to land, Policy MWE10: Waste Water Treatment Works

MWE2a	Do the proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste?	No
MWE2b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste	
Once again the Hoo Peninsula is designated as a suitable area to provide this facility - Disposal to Land Area. This continuous line of development must surely contravene the impact to the environment and open balanced development objectives that form a large part of the Local Plan concept. It would appear to show the Peninsula as the place for all solutions.		
MWE2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for waste management in the Medway Local Plan?	
A more balanced approach across the whole of the Medway Region. The Peninsula can only accommodate a measured amount of development and provision to meet the areas needs!		
CR_MWE6_7_8_9_10 Council response:		

Policy MWE11: Energy and Renewables, Policy MWE12: Low Carbon Development

MWE3a	Do the proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway?	No
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MWE3b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway
See Comments at MWE 2b	
MWE3c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for energy in the Medway Local Plan?
See Comments at MWE 2c	
	CR_MWE11_12 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP34

## Representor Details

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Consultee Type	Charity/Community/Faith Group
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
First build the infrastructure capable of coping with the proposed development.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
No comment		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
No comment		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Meeting

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
* Encourage the development of estates purely for retired/elderly residents. Dwellings should comprise of medium sized bungalows with gardens. This will encourage retired/elderly local residents to downsize thus providing more larger dwelling units for residents with families. * There needs to be more supported housing, residential homes and nursing homes.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
No comments	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
* Better parking facilities within towns. This will encourage shoppers to shop locally rather than visit large out of town retail centres.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
* In the past there has been a tendency to sideline Areas of Local Landscape Importance (ALLI) when considering development. ALLI's must be afforded the same respect as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Area. Forbid development in Areas of Local Landscape Importance.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
* There is a shortage of education facilities. More schools are needed * Health and well-being starts at an early age. There must be more playing fields, open spaces and sports facilities within Medway. In the past, scant regard has been paid to the provision and maintenance of such facilities. * Ensure developers provide the infrastructure first before continuing with development. This includes the provision of suitable roads, schools, shops, public transport links and medical facilities.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
* Early remedial action to relieve traffic choke points within the Medway Towns	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
No Comment	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP35

## Representor Details

Full Name	Jackson Fraser
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Of course adding housing is a great thing, it's good for everybody if it's done correctly. I would like to remind the council that we live in Kent, the garden of England, Chatham in particular has a higher population density than parts of London. There needs to be restrictions put on small scale developments like house conversions, hmo's, etc, they are ruining inner urban areas. In respect to big developments make sure there's a long term maintenance plan for these large developments so it's not all great in years 1-3, but after that point there's no window cleaners, no grounds team, etc. Look a at Kidbrooke Village, a large development in Zone 3 London that really did a great job. I must add that in respect to the regeneration of town and waterfront areas, there's a *huge* need to regenerate your inner urban areas in Chatham, currently that have been left out of the picture by every plan that has been drawn. Their crime is worse, population density is bad, as well as air pollution. Lets continue to grow, but help those who haven't had any help in a century. You could argue that they are more in need.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
There needs to be greater attention to inner urban areas.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
I think the council needs to introduce a conservation policy in regards to Victorian area of Chatham. Currently, areas like Luton Road is being suffocated by HMO, flat shares, conversions, and social houses. There needs to be a MIX, the majority should be homeowners not the vulnerable, the vulnerable are the majority on inner urban areas like Luton Road, which isn't safe for anybody. It's in the bottom 5% of deprived areas without local or governmental funding.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H8: Houses of multiple occupation

H11a	Do you agree with the policy approach for HMOs?	No
H11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the policy approach for HMOs.	
If an HMO doesn't affect the character and amenity of the area then you've got a problem or a problem waiting to happen. There is already the over concentration of HMO's in areas of Chatham. Lastly, who defines character and amenity of the area? Is it a definition that council and residents work on, I think not.		
H12a	Do you consider that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs, such as consideration neighbouring uses and proximity to other HMOs?	Yes
H12b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs.	
It goes without saying, HMO's are often breeding grounds for trouble, if they are put in a troublesome area already you're asking for trouble.		
H13a	Should the council make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs?	Yes
H13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs	
It is important that there are HMO's, but very few in a large area unless you are very close to a university, which inner urban areas of Chatham aren't. HMO's away from universities would be a sign of housing the vulnerable, you want to house the vulnerable in the safest place to decrease the vulnerability. Vulnerable people house on Luton Road become more vulnerable by being on Luton Road.		

	CR_H8 Council response:

### Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
	Yes, I do believe Chatham's town centre needs restricting, it's currently giant, running from Unique Boxing & K1-Kickboxing all the way to Argos. I believe we must push forward with the redevelopment of the pentagon Go Out doors and old buss station areas. Currently there is no competition on the high street and there are tens of empty for rent shops sitting vacant for years. Build more high quality/high price (quayside-esque) developments in these inner urban areas which would bring hundreds of people to Chatham and also increase the competition of the high street making it viable long term, currently a long of businesses are struggling due to not enough people with higher incomes. The big boys have all run away (Tesco, M&S, Debenhams is going, etc) lets bring them back along with high quality green developments.
	CR_Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
	Chatham has Victorian architecture comparable to Rochester believe it or not, sadly a lot of it is abused. I think we should introduce a conservation policy in inner urban areas of Chatham in a radical way. The usual approach is to have an area of history and beauty that needs protecting, so we will protect it at its best, but it needs to be introduced in deprived areas to save the Victorian architecture and history we have left. Think of Luton Road and the arches, the driver fountain, etc. We need to introduce urban trees into Chatham, urban trees are proven to reduce pollution, increase property price, lower crime rates, increase community pride and well-being. Lets remember we are the garden of England, while Sheffield is brutally felling its beauty we should be leading the race for a green and proud tomorrow.
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Policy NE 8: Air Quality

NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	Yes
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
	I agree, however this in practice is a different story. Look at Luton Road, air pollution is awful (commercial outlets, commercial traffic, central bus route to Chatham) no trees, and constant developments.	
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	Yes, where's the mentioning of improving air quality with trees and scrubs.	
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:



# RESPONSE: SNAP36

## Representor Details

Full Name	Laurence Rose
Consultee Type	Writing on behalf of local Medway resident (my mother) who is unable to respond directly
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
No response on this point		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
My concern is for the ambiguous (at best) treatment of Lodge Hill. As one of the housing scenarios, it remains part of the strategy, and therefore self-evidently not sustainable.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Unequivocally removing Lodge Hill from any possible damage by housing, given this is the single most important site for nightingales in the country, and there is therefore an absolute duty on Medway's part to protect it.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Due consideration for high quality green space, including maintaining the integrity of the most important areas. Lodge Hill is the highest priority example.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
No answer offered	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
No answer offered	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Medway contains several areas of high environmental value which can be a major characteristic of the area's attractiveness for living and working in. Several, like the estuaries and woodlands, are nationally and internationally important. The nightingale population should be a particular source of pride, and be given the highest level of protection.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:



#### Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	Yes
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
Broadly I agree, but that assumes that a high level of rigour will be applied in practice. For example 'steps will be taken to restrict or mitigate development' can be interpreted widely. A presumption in favour of no damage, with a policy of no *net* damage as a second resort in cases where a genuinely overwhelming need and lack of alternative is demonstrated; and in such cases a serious, long-term plan for mitigation in favour of the specific features under threat, are essential.		
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

#### Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	No
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
There is a suggestion here that SSSIs that are not covered in NE1 will be subject to a lower level of protection; given that a proposal expected to be damaging to Lodge Hill, which is of very great national significance, is currently regarded as an option for housing, implies that an argument of 'lesser importance' may be invoked to support this option. This does not have sufficient regard for the cultural significance of the area's extremely important nightingale population, at the most important UK site.		
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
Removing any possibility of development at Lodge Hill would demonstrate that its special importance is recognised regardless of where its designation status fits into any so-called hierarchy.		
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

#### Policy NE4: Landscape

Policy NE 4: Landscape		
NE4a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway?	Yes
NE4b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway	
	Broadly I agree, but as there is no statutory basis for protecting landscape features per se, doing so can not be at the expense of damaging sites that have a statutory basis to their protection.	
NE4c	What alternative approaches would you recommend?	
	CR_NE4 Council response:	

#### Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure

NE5a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	No
NE5b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway	
In theory, it should be an effective approach, but it is undermined by the plan regarding a nationally-important site, Lodge Hill, as a potential development area, prejudicing any objective approach.		
NE5c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	
A presumption against development on SSSIs, and removal of Lodge Hill from any development threat, is needed alongside NE5 in its current form.		
	CR_NE5 Council response:	

#### Policy NE7: Flood and Water Management

Policy NE7 Flood and Water Management		
NE7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	Yes
NE7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	
I assume that making space for water and developing new blue infrastructure may include reconfiguring the estuarine zone, that is, managed realignment where multiple benefits of coastal defence resilience, habitat creation etc. can be secured.		
NE7c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR NE7 Council response:	

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
All development should be subject to the policies set out in NE1 and NE2, as amended by the comments in this response	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
All development should be subject to the policies set out in NE1 and NE2, as amended by the comments in this response	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
All development should be subject to the policies set out in NE1 and NE2, as amended by the comments in this response	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP37

## Representor Details

Full Name	Holly Lowe
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Hoo is a village. We do not want to be a town. We are happy with the services we have and our rural life. You should consider the people who live here instead of your own pockets! Why are you building up a rural area instead of areas near the town centres? Surely that makes more sense? Or making medways derelict suitable for housing people in? Instead of even more homes wiping out green space.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Surely you would build homes in areas that already have the correct facilities, like Chatham town centre. Chatham town centre has vast opportunities for homes and shops that the public want to see, instead of wasting space with another phone shop or cheap shoe shop.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Build up around Chatham town centre. It is the ideal location. It already has links the to motorway, rail access and plenty of shopping and health facilities		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Housing	
Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Consider us. The people of Hoo! The people who LOVE our rural life. We love feeling as though we aren't part of the Medway ruckus and how quite our VILLAGE is. We do not want a town.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

Policy H2: Housing mix		
H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	No
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
You have not considered the people who already live in Hoo. You are going to ruin our home, people will leave.		
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
Build elsewhere! Somewhere that isn't a village!		
	CR_H2 Council response:	

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

Policy H3: Affordable Housing		
H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
Housing is not affordable no matter what you say.		
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
Build elsewhere.		
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
Surprised parliament haven't slapped a lid on the ever rising rent prices!		
	CR_H3 Council response:	

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
	Stop wasting money on building new facilities. Enhance and improve current stores and medical centres which would add more jobs. Do not slap a load of new shops and wearhouses up like you always do. They're ugly.
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
	Chatham and Gillingham town centre is full of useless stores that sell awful quality items. We want more stores that we know of, TK Maxx at Hempstead was an amazing hit. Why not encourage more well known business to set up shop in Medway? Or even extend the type of shops currently in Rochester high street? Make the horrible areas more desirable and people will want to visit instead of hiding behind online shopping
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Policy RTC10: Healthy sustainable communities

RTC27a	Do you consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park?	No
RTC27b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park	
	Rural is rural. Stop trying to change that.	
RTC27c	Please explain your answer	
	None	
	CR_RTC10 Council response:	

## Policy RTC11: Local Centres and Shopping Parades

RTC28a	Do you consider that this is the appropriate approach to planning for small retail areas?	No
RTC28b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is the appropriate approach to planning for small retail areas	
	Hoo only has one corner shop building that is vacant. The butchers and the bakers is thriving. If you add supermarkets and more corner stores this will ruin the small businesses already here.	
RTC28c	Do you think that it would be better if there were no specific policy for local centres and shopping parades, and development proposals were considered on a case by case basis?	Yes
RTC28d	Please explain why you think / don't think that it would be better if there were no specific policy for local centres and shopping parades, and development proposals were considered on a case by case basis	
	CR_RTC11 Council response:	

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
	Do not build us country parks. We have the green space already to explore. Why does the council have to make a big deal of green tourist attractions? We already have the strand and riverside. Focus on enhancing those spaces. Gillingham was voted one of the most polluted places in the uk yet I see no rush to plant trees on roads or bring in recycling laws. You deliver recycling sacks but many homes don't even used them. This should be a leg requirement.
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
	No

	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
	No
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
	5G causes cancer. Don't build towers in Medway at all. They are part of the NWO. No point enhancing healthcare if you're only going to increase cancer rates.
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	Hoo needs an additional main route in and out of the village. The closure of bells lane proved that. This would also improve flow of traffic through the village
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
	Used recycled materials. Enforce recycling in Medway as many streets don't even bother. Use solar panels.
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP38

## Representor Details

Full Name	Liz Meek
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Absolutely should protect the SSSI at Lodge Hill. Don't disturb the nightingales. Use brownfield (but not airfield, which should never have been designated brownfield), ugly land on urban fringes, along the motorways, redevelop empty office buildings and industrial sites. There's space in and around Grain, which would benefit from better facilities and infrastructure. And divert more energy into social housing. You absolutely need to provide council-owned houses - if it makes financial sense for private landlords, surely it must do the same for the council? I have tenants who, if I chose to sell the 3-bed house they live in, could not afford to stay in Grain, or indeed anywhere other than 2-bed flat in the more dubious parts of Chatham. Don't skimp on road widths and parking. Less parking space does not mean fewer cars - it just means more inconvenience and frustration for motorists. Better public transport would be a carrot rather than a stick and might persuade some to give up funding an expensive vehicle.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
It sounds reasonable to me		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Save the nightingales and Rochester airport m- once lost, both would be lost forever. ie not sustainable!		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
You need more council-owned housing. It's the only thing that suits people on benefits. You need more small but appealing homes for old people/ students who need to be close to the centre of towns and have public transport. Self build is a great idea. Three and four bed boxes are springing up all over the county - there can't possibly be enough demand for more.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H8: Houses of multiple occupation

Policy for HMOs or multiple occupation		
H11a	Do you agree with the policy approach for HMOs?	Yes
H11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the policy approach for HMOs.	
HMOs serve a useful purpose and should be encouraged as long as standards are kept up maybe by inspections		
H12a	Do you consider that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs, such as consideration neighbouring uses and proximity to other HMOs?	Yes
H12b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs.	
HMOs are more suited to town centres where there's public transport.		
H13a	Should the council make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs?	Yes
H13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs	
Every case should be considered		
	CR_H8 Council response:	

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?	
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Support tourism and encourage visitor accommodation in appropriate places	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

#### Policy E4: Visitor accommodation

Policy E4: Visitor accommodation		
E8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards visitor accommodation?	Yes
E8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach for visitor accommodation	
All sounds reasonable		
E8c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	
	CR_E4 Council response:	

#### Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Concentrate on small, boutique style shops with quirky USPs and let some town centre buildings become live/work or residential	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

#### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Limiting development that would spoil any areas of natural beauty or where rare creatures or flora would be compromised	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation		
NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	Yes
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
Please don't endanger the nightingales		
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
Making Lodge Hill an area that could never be developed		
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

#### Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment		
NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
Sounds like a noble principle		
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

#### Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Policy NE2: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty		
NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	Yes
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
Sounds ok, maybe needs to go further as Lodge Hill is still under threat		
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	
	CR_NE3 Council response:	



#### Policy NE4: Landscape

NE4a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway?	Yes
NE4b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway	
Sounds good - but save the nightingales		
NE4c	What alternative approaches would you recommend?	
	CR_NE4 Council response:	

#### Policy NE6: Green Belt

NE6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Green Belt?	Yes
NE6b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Green Belt	
The Green Belt is important, but some parts are pretty and some are not. If a part is neither pretty nor supports rare flora or fauna, I think you would be justified in reviewing it		
NE6c	Do you consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary?	Yes
NE6d	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the exceptional circumstances exist to justify the review of the Green Belt boundary	
The landscape has changed and so have our needs, so I wouldn't object to a review, but don't threaten the nightingales!		
NE6e	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches to Green Belt policy?	
	CR_NE6 Council response:	

#### Policy NE7: Flood and Water Management

Policy NE7: Flood and Water Management		
NE7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	Yes
NE7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	
Medway has a lot of low-lying land - any new development needs very careful thought. The guidelines set out above seem sensible		
NE7c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE7 Council response:	

#### Built Environment

Built Environment	
Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy BE4: Housing Density Approach

BE4a	Does the proposed policy for housing density represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE4b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for housing density does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
But please don't skimp on parking. New roads are generally too narrow and when cars inevitably park both sides and on pavements, motorists and pedestrians both struggle. How about underground garaging/parking built into developments?		
BE4c	Is there an alternative way to express optimum net residential density, e.g. habitable rooms per hectare?	
Maybe that would work		
BE4d	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for housing density in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE4 Council response	

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?	
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Yes
CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy HC2: Community Facilities

Policy HC2: Community Facilities		
HC5a	Does the proposed policy for Community Facilities represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway?	Yes
HC5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Community Facilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway	
Sounds ok.		
HC5c	Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities?	
Agree		
HC5d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities	
HC5e	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for community facilities in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_HC2 Council response	

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Utilities are important - co-ordinating their roadworks would be good	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Good buses, more trains, better footpaths. Support Rochester airport and encourage more light aircraft. This would be a key stop-off for pilots flying to France as well as from the continent. Encourage them!	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

Policy T6: T6a T6b T6c T6d Grain to Grainline rail connection		
T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	Yes
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
Would be excellent for residents on Grain! Which would encourage growth of the settlement		
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
	CR_T3 Council response:	

#### Policy T4: Rochester Airport

T7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway?	Yes
T7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway	
French towns all have little airports that welcome general aviation traffic. This brings money into the local economy and is a public amenity. The UK has very few and the ones that remain are under threat. Rochester's could be a great little earner, but beware concentrating on bigger planes and jets, which cause more noise and pollution, and push charges up for other leisure users such as microlights and light aircraft. Support Rochester Airport! Usually what happens is that bits of the airport are sold off for housing. Then residents, who knew the airport was there, complain about the noise. And that's then end of the airport! If you must sell parts off for housing, add a clause that prevents owners complaining about the noise!		
T7c	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for aviation in Medway?	

	CR_T4 Council response:

Policy T10: Vehicle Parking, T11: Cycle parking and storage, and Policy T12: Managing the transport impact of development

T15a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking?	Agree
T15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking	
T15c	There may be opportunities to secure a 'dockless' bike sharing scheme in Medway, however this is likely to be initiated by the market. This may be appropriate for specific routes, such as to/from Chatham rail station and the university campuses. Would it be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy?	No
T15d	Please explain why you think it would / wouldn't be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy	
	This sounds like a private enterprise! The council should stick to things that private enterprise wouldn't touch!	
T15e	What alternative approaches would you propose for policy in the new Medway Local Plan?	
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#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?	
	Don't charge for the tips - it only leads to fly tipping.	
	CR_Q26 Council response:	

Policy MWE1: Minerals Supply, Policy MWE2: Land-won extraction of sands and gravels, Policy MWE3: Land-won minerals: chalk and clay, Policy MWE4: Minerals wharves and railheads, Policy MWE5: Minerals infrastructure

MWE1a	Do the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway?	Yes
MWE1b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway	
	Seems reasonable. It is a difficult topic. But I think waste sites have to be free to use, so that fly tipping is minimised	
MWE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for minerals planning in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE1_2_3_4_5 Council response:	

Policy MWE6: Waste Management, Policy MWE7: New Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE8: Existing Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE9: Waste disposal to land, Policy MWE10: Waste Water Treatment Works

MWE2a	Do the proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste?	Yes
MWE2b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste	
	Seems reasonable. It is a difficult topic. But I think waste sites have to be free to use, so that fly tipping is minimised	
MWE2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for waste management in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE6_7_8_9_10 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP39

## Representor Details

Full Name	Frindsbury and Wainscott Community Association
Consultee Type	Charity/Community/Faith Group
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
* We support Scenario 1. * It is essential that developers and the Local Authority put in place all the infrastructure needed to support the proposed development before the actual development begins.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
No Comment		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
No Comment		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Housing	
Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
* Consider the development of estates purely for retired/elderly residents; dwellings should comprise of medium sized bungalows with gardens. This will encourage retired/elderly local residents to downsize thus providing more larger dwelling units for residents with families. * There needs to be more supported housing, residential homes and care/nursing homes.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
No Comment	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
* Better parking facilities within towns. This will encourage residents to shop locally rather than visit large out of town retail centres.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
* In the past there has been a tendency to sideline Areas of Local Landscape Importance (ALLI) when considering development. ALLI's must be afforded the same respect as Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Conservation Area. * The Council should robustly discourage development if ALLI's.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
* There is a shortage of education facilities for primary and secondary education; more schools are needed. * Health and wellbeing starts at an early age, this should be promoted through the provision of more playing fields, open spaces and sports facilities within the Medway towns. In the past, scant regard has been paid to the maintenance and provision of such facilities. * Ensure developers provide the infrastructure first before continuing with development. This includes the provision of suitable roads, schools, shops, public transport links and medical facilities.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
* The Council must consider early and urgent remedial action to relieve traffic choke points within the Medway Towns.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
No Comment	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP40

## Representor Details

Full Name	Mr Graham Francis Gash
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Although I fully agree that we need to take every opportunity to provide growth in terms of business, commerce and residential improvement, we must ensure that future growth doesn't undermine or threaten the existing tenures and residents, otherwise there is a real danger of totally undermining the current finite resources serving the Hoo Peninsular. Accordingly, great consideration should be given to actually providing significant infrastructure improvements, to support any future developments. From my perspective being a resident of Hoo, there has been little or no infrastructure improvement to support recent development expansion which have or are currently planned which is placing pressure on those resources currently provided.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
On the basis that more housing is required a realist view must be taken to fully utilise available sites but without the detriment to existing housing areas.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Hoo St Werburgh is stated in Policy DS2 as being a focal point for expansion of a small town around Hoo. Providing that such an extension does in fact observe sensitivity of the existing surrounding I don't have too much of a problem. The show stopper is, in my opinion, the lack of the significant infrastructure development where much more than the grants normally paid to the Council for such developments, are required.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
A vast amount of money has been spent reclaiming the Rochester riverside area, which has laid empty for many years now. This large parcel of land should be developed for housing first.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
The nation is currently entering a period of financial turmoil leading up to Brexit and may be unwise to invest further until that outcome and its implications become clearer.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Please see my answer to Q7	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should	
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	consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
This aspect is a very emotive and sensitive area. Whilst there needs to be a balance struck between development needs and conservation needs it is realistic to say that development needs to be in bite size chunks and not occupy complete swaths of a particular area. Albeit that this approach may not suit the developers income generation needs it will be a way of satisfying both elements of peoples views.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy HC2: Community Facilities

HC5a	Does the proposed policy for Community Facilities represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway?	No
HC5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Community Facilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway	
Such statements of providing support and facilities have been made before but have not transpired locally		
HC5c	Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities?	
Agree		
HC5d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities	
Once again this statement is made but in real terms little has been experienced in the future. People are very sceptical of such hollow statements,		
HC5e	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for community facilities in the Medway Local Plan?	
A real and transparent study of what is present at the moment, how those resources and services are currently performing/managing the load at the moment, the effect of a subsequent development and what enhancements are going to be provided. This will be far better than some recent developers letters which state in their business case for a housing development that additional traffic volume 'will not be a problem', that 'the Doctors surgery's are under utilised' and the 'local schools are undersubscribed' all statements of which, don't bear realistic scrutiny.		
	CR_HC2 Council response	

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Successful development goes hand in with ample infrastructure provision.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Policy I1: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

Policy 11: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery		
I1a	Does the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway?	Yes
I1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway	
If every thing mention above is applied and enforced then this should not be a problem.		
Ic	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	



	CR_I1 Council response:

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

Policy 12: Developer Contributions		
I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	No
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
Where developers consider that providing or contributing towards the infrastructure requirement would have serious implications for the viability of a development, the council will require an 'open book' approach and, where necessary, will operate the policy flexibly.      Them open book approach shouldn't be an aspect here. If the Council deem that infrastructure requirement's are required there should be no relaxation of that requirement.		
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
Developers contributions must be meaningful and significant to meet the full costs of the new infrastructure provision. Such developer contributions MUST be spent on that development and not in other Medway Council areas.		
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Policy I5: Utilities

Policy 15: Utilities		
I5a	Does the proposed policy for Utilities represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I5b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Utilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
Such infrastructure upgrades are a prerequisite of any development and these MUST be delivered otherwise the new development will place a tremendous burden on the existing services.		
I5c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for utilities infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I5 Council response:	

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Road routes to and from the Hoo Peninsular will definitely need to be improved before any new development occurs.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

#### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

Policy 16: Hoo Peninsula rail connection		
T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	Yes
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
The provision of a rail connection for both passenger and freight will be a very welcomed addition as many people commute from the Hoo Peninsular everyday. The provision of a freight service will also take the pressure off of the A228 especially with regard to transport from BP Grain and the LNG plant which transport flammable loads on a narrow road.		
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
	CR_T3 Council response:	



# RESPONSE: SNAP41

## Representor Details

Full Name	Steven Gurdler
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Do not endanger local rare wildlife.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Do not destroy green areas, in particular Lodge Hill and Capstone/Darland Banks any more than has already been done.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Brownfield sites first.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Free parking or highly reduced fees for town centre/high street locations.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
SSSIs should be fully protected	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation

Policy NE 1: Sites of international importance for nature conservation		
NE1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats?	Yes
NE1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to managing the internationally important habitats in the designated SPA and SAC habitats	
NE1c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE1 Council response:	

## Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

12.2. Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment		
NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	No
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
No development is better.		
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	
Do not build on the Kent Downs AONB		
	CR_NE3 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP42

## Representor Details

Full Name	Stephen Clark
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
I think you should leave hoo alone. We live in a lovely village which has already been effected by building work on bells lane. This already has effected my work due to the extra traffic in my village. Bells lane was closed for 2 months with no notice or apologies by Medway council. How can I trust any if you. Build somewhere else		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Hoo is a small scenic village. Leave it alone. No more building work.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
By building the houses that are currently being built in hoo and build somewhere else!!!		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Don't do it in hoo. We don't have the public transport or roads to supportive this development. Kent is the garden on England if you had your way there would be no garden. Leave hoo and the surrounding area alone	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Leave hoo and surrounding areas alone. We don't want any retail centres	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Forget about the local plan in hoo	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

## Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?	
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Leave us alone	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
By not building	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP43

## Representor Details

Full Name	Wendy Montague
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Policy T4: Rochester Airport

T7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway?	No
T7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway	
	The allocation of £4.4 million to enable improvements at Rochester Airport is going to a private business. How many residents will actually benefit from these improvements? There has not been a safety report carried out on this issue. Many residents, especially those who will be most affected by the proposed changes at the airport, have already expressed their concerns and have been ignored! The airport, as it is at the moment, has operated successfully for many years, why even consider removing the added safety of the cross wind runway? The removal of this will only concentrate all flights over an increasingly populated area thereby increasing the risk should there be any problems when either taking off or landing.	
T7c	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for aviation in Medway?	
	Rochester is not the only airfield in this area and should not be considered as such. Medway is increasing in population all the time but no alternative use has been suggested for the airport land. It would make an ideal site for a brand new hospital. The Medway Maritime staff work very hard in limited conditions but there must come a time when a new hospital is the only answer and the airport site is in a prime location. This would then release the present hospital site as brown field, ideal for housing and business. With so many houses allegedly needed in Medway what could be a better site? It would also protect some areas from being destroyed by development.	
	CR_T4 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP44

## Representor Details

Full Name	Katharyn Winter
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
	<p>The council must be looking at the environmental impact within the areas. Medway is the third highest for pollution levels in the U.K. and yet this is being ignored. You can not just expect that people won't have cars on these new sites because you add train stations and up the bus services. No one wants to stand in the rain for either if they have a car to drive. Not at any point have you mentioned 'future proofing' these developments. They must all have solar panels and they must all have electric charging points in every single one of the parking spaces (allocated, non allocated &amp; garages), no excuses. You also seem to be avoiding any consultation with the older population within Medway. Many residents have lived in these areas for years and do not have access to complete these types of forms. It's not good enough to say they are in the libraries when the residents may not be able to get to these locations. The local Councillors should have been tasked with ensuring that absolutely every resident in Medway completed this form and had Theo say. You're ignoring over half of the residents due to this. There's also no mention of how the hospital which serves Medway has sadly placed Medway within the top 32 areas within the UK where you can die from something non-life threatening because of waiting lists and wishes within the hospital itself. Why would anyone in their right mind what to live in Medway if you are no addressing the issues with Pollution &amp; a hospital which could cause your death should you go there with any type of symptom? There's also the major issue with the technical university/college which Medway council has spent huge amounts of money on and yet no one is attending causing staff to leave. It is not a good way to itice any person or company into the area. They just won't be interested. I should also note that every one of your traffic plans must be updated. Your ration of 'car parking spaces to bedrooms' which you use for calculating for new builds is not good enough for road traffic plans and these should all be updated in 2018 to fall in line with this plan. You can not just take 7 year old details and guess what the figures will be. It's unacceptable. This goes for gas piping, electrical cabling, internet/fiber services &amp; water drainage. You can not just say 'it's not our responsibility' when it clearly is. It's your roads which will be dug up to deal with altering these services and you should be speaking to each of these services, finding out their plans for the area to ensure they coincide with yours and making sure these roadworks do not cause more issues than they should for current and future residents. You also need to address parking on these new developments. You do not insist on enough parking and you can not just say 'well residents should be walking, using buses, riding bikes or horses to work/schools'. You know full well that it doesn't work like that. There should be provision for one parking space per bedroom. No exceptions. At this point is should also note the current issues with increased numbers of Foxes. Due to the fact that their habitats are being destroyed and no provision for them, birds, badgers, hedgehogs etc has been made, they are becoming more and more of a nuisance. You must start including wildlife provisions to fall alongside tree &amp; bush provisions within these new developments. It is not right to expect that they will just find somewhere else to live. Why should they? Provision must be made. You should also be considering the elderly. I see absolutely no provision for them. All of these new build sites are aimed at families which is wrong when we live in an aging population like ours. Rainham alone is well known for having many elderly residents. These building sites should complement that and there should be retirement development including in these plans and so far there isn't. A Dementia Villiage should also be considered. It's an awful condition and there should be provision for a site like that which can accommodate local residents suffering from that disease. A safe environment for them. These types of sites also help build communities as residents do not have to move out of the areas they have grown up in in order to take advantage of such services. I have seen that's Canterbury has such a place. This should be something which is considered by Medway during these applications. You also need to be considering the road layouts and how they already restrict local residents. This should be addressed asap. You are asking people to wait for buses, walk &amp; cycle on roads with no pavements making all these things very dangerous. This must be looked at. Rural areas are rural for a reason and that's usually down to infrastructure issues (narrowness of roads, lack of drainage, insufficient electric/gas supplies) so if you are looking to ruin the rural living we all moved to Medway for then you need to address these issues first. Oh and you must always have the current residents in the forefront of your minds. Not those Government numbers nor the developers demands.</p>	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
	There is absolutely no note of what you are looking to include to futureproof these developments. Why are you not including that these will include systems which will generate their own energy & have facilities to charge electric	

cars, in line with the governments future plans on vehicles and how this will help to reduce the pollution levels?	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?
Reusing current concreted areas would of course make much more sense. The sound alternative is to only build on already built land and leave the green fields for the need to farm and the brown fields for woodlands to help combat the pollution levels in the area.	
	CR_DS: Council response:

### Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
As much as you try to ignore the fact that the drainage has nothing to do with yourselves and it's all down to Southern Water, you must take responsibility for ensuring that this is being dealt with correctly by both Southern Water & the property developers. You can't just put your hands up and say 'it has nothing to do with the council' when in fact you share much of the current drainage system with Southern Water for the surface water so to say you have nothing to do with it is incorrect and morally wrong. You should always have the current residents at the forefront of your minds when looking at these proposals and right now, you don't. You are only considering figures on a sheet and not on the knock on effect of having roads ripped up every five minutes.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

### Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Why would anyone want to be in Medway is the main thing. Right now, with high property prices, extortionate train prices, being the third highest for pollution within the UK and within the top 32 in the U.K. for people dying when they shouldn't be and there so being very little green space left, I see no reason why anyone would want to live or work in Medway really. They would have to pay London wages for a start as no one can afford to own a property in Medway now without earnings no huge amounts of money in London.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

### Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
I think you need to be looking at the amount of empty shops that are within all of these high streets and you need to be looking to (1) make them look tidier for the whole area and (2) give small companies a reduced rate on business rates to ensure they can establish themselves for longer periods of time. The sad thing about these empty properties is that I've seen many lovely little shops pop up then vanish and it's linked to costs & footfall. If the empty shops in the high streets looked clean and tidy it would mean that more people won't be put off from using their local shops because the areas are so untidy. Also, the huge influx of beggars & homeless who spend much of their time drunk in these areas must be addressed. Firstly, why are they homeless? This must be addressed and secondly, this is not going to incentivise shops to opening in these areas if there are drunks throwing up outside their windows every day.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Considering the recent report and how high the level of pollution is within Medway and how pollution is the forth highest killer of people, I think this should be the absolute number one for the council to be considering. Is atrocious that nothing is being addressed about it! If you keep agreeing to residents planning applications to cut down trees in their gardens whilst also allowing trees to be cut down to make room for new housing then this pollution issue will forever keep going. I've seen small saplings being planted along the A2 in Rainham (towards the High Street) however it is not enough when residents are cutting down trees in their gardens with & without planning permission. You must look to include all trees as needing Planning permission to be cut down to help combat this pollution issue. There must also be a provision for the safety of our resident wildlife. Their homes are being destroyed to make room for more concrete boxes for humans however they lived in the area long before anyone else. There must be provision within all of these builds to ensure that tunnels under roads for wildlife are made to ensure their safe travel. That nests are not disrupted during breeding seasons and that they are only	



relocated if it's an absolute necessity. I should also mention that flooding is a major issue within Medway. The green & brown land help to take the pressure off the drainage system which is maintained by yourselves however this will suffer greatly when the land is concreted over. And yes I am aware that there is this new fancy tarmac which allows water to flow down but once you stick a car over the top of it, what happens to the water then? More attention must be made to this. It's not right that anyone's home has to suffer from flooding yet many homes, including those at the North end of Station Road and along Lower Rainham Road do already suffer and are expected to just get on with it. It's not right that yet more pressure is put on these old houses just to accommodate new ones.

CR\_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

**Q15** Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?

No

CR\_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

**Q17** Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?

No

CR\_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

**Q20** Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?

I guess it depends on what you are including in 'infrastructure'. Personally for me this includes roads, drainage, telephone/internet provisions, gas & electric supplies, cycling & horse riding paths. What you note doesn't include drainage (unsurprisingly!) when it really should as you have responsibilities over the surface water. With regards to 'developer contributions', I don't understand why you aren't allowing a vote to the local residents on this? This very small amount of money they provide isn't enough to make a huge difference but seeing that the difference is made in local area, it should be the local people who decide where it's spent so that it isn't wasted and we know it's being spent on our area. No one tells us what the money paid to Medway Council by McCulloch homes gets spent on. We saw a tiny road change at a junction which has little effect on the site and should have been used at the North end of Station Road to ease congestion on Lower Rainham Road. There was no note of what Riverside Primary's school spent their little pot of money on. There should be more sayso from the residents. There certainly should be enough open spaces for people to ride their bikes, swing on swings and investigate what makes wildlife so important. There are major flooding issues in the Berengrave Nature Reserve which makes it dangerous to walk around at times. This needs to be addressed and we should be encouraging school children on how special these spaces are. Many of these new housing developments have tiny gardens so it's important to have somewhere that children can play safely and enjoy the polluted air..... Ahhhh..... GFC. What can I say other than it's a complete waste of money. You should be supporting small local community projects, not large football clubs. They do not benefit the whole of the local community. This must be reassessed.

CR\_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

**Q23** Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?

I think it's ridiculous that your transport plan is 7 years old!! This should have been updated within 12/6 months of preparing this plan. You should not guess these figures! It's so very important to get this right and guessing is not how you go about it. Each road should be assessed in relation to how wide it is, how much pavement there is, what the speed limits are, any traffic/speed restrictions and then a traffic survey should be placed. For the council to say they've only had a hand full of people report they have been hit by a car on a road with no pavement is just not good enough. I think you'll find the figure is higher and you just don't hear about it. I know that there are too many roads in the rural areas which have no pavements and yet people are expected to travel down these roads with prams or in wheelchairs. This must be accessed and in areas where there is little or no pavement, the speed limits should be no more than 20mph and there must be full traffic calming solutions (speed humps, rough tarmac leading to junctions & roundabouts etc) in place. Pedestrian, horse riding & cyclist safety must be at the forefront of your

minds where this is concerned and currently they are being ignored.

CR\_Q23 Council response:

#### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26 Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?

Sadly, with the influx of new housing destroying the natural habitats of foxes, you'll also find that more and more rubbish bags will be destroyed leaving huge amounts of mess which will increase the costs of the road sweepers as they must follow the bin men.

CR\_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP45

## Representor Details

Full Name	michael busbridge
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
I do not agree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway. The proposed 'Airport' £4million plus improvement will in effect be a waste of money and result in a paradoxical situation as follows :- :At present the two existing runways permit the current light aircraft to take off and land from the most advantageous runway dependent on prevailing wind conditions. The proposed closure of runway16/34 will increase the traffic onto the remaining runway by historically greater than 30% under what would be less than optimal conditions. To then state that this would not require a full environmental and safety study when this additional light aircraft air traffic is transited over heavily populated residential area and infrastructure beggers belief As a matter of interest the term Rochester Airport ceased to be strictly applicable over 50 years ago when the CAA ordered Channel Airways to relocate from Rochester Airfield for safety reasons. No scheduled commercial passenger flights have operated from this 'PORT' since this time and no Passenger Terminal/s,,Customs and Excise., Immigration Passport Control exist. Is this part of the 'masterplan' and will this further increase the expected air movement. If this is not the case then I suggest the term Airport is dropped and the less controversial Aerodrome or Airfield is used.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
What is the impact of increasing the airtraffic over the Bluebell Hill area by in excess of 30% due to proposed closure of Runway16/34////	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Policy NE2: Conservation and Enhancement of the Natural Environment

NE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	
NE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
NE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	maintain Runway 16/34 or close the airfield	
	CR_NE2 Council response:	

## Policy NE3: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Policy 12: Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty		
NE3a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB?	No
NE3b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing the special features of the Kent Downs AONB	
The proposed closure of Runway16/34 and enhanced airfield development will increase light aircraft traffic over the Bluebell Hill area of AONB by over 30% in less than optimal wind conditions causing significant increase in noise and pollution.		
NE3c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the components of natural beauty?	

	CR_NE3 Council response:

Policy NE 8: Air Quality

NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
AS stated previously proposed closure of Runway 16/34		
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP46

## Representor Details

Full Name	Mrs Frances Mercer
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Firstly public transport which is very poor on the Hoo Peninsula which means more cars on the inadequate roads. Secondly our surgeries are having difficulties recruiting and retaining doctors now so how will this be solved with a much larger population.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
The proposed devolpment on the Hoo Peninsula will mean building on agricultural land, which may very well be needed in future years to produce food, especially after we leave the EU and tariffs apply.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
More use of Brown Field sites		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Houses needed near to employment areas which should reduce the need to travel so far.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Good employers offering well paid permanent jobs.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Cheaper car parking to encourage visitors into the town centres therefore keeping local shops in business. Not to much emphasis on sprawling out of town retail parks which take up too much land.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
No building on SSSI areas especially Lodge Hill Training Area All the extra housing means the loss of space for rain water to drain off which could cause local flooding, the area on the Hoo Peninsula is already prone to flooding during heavy rainfall. Air quality will worsen with the increased traffic.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Utilities, education, sports Facilities Developer contributions.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Better and cheaper public services especially the bus service. Hoo Peninsula Rail connection. Beer Roads.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP47

## Representor Details

Full Name	Carl Kroon
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Why has this CONsultation dragged on for so long? This is only designed for people not to answer. 99% of medway residents will be wondering why the council has wasted £1000's printing this survey to what is a forgone result. Currently the council does not know how many people there are in medway who were non native medway residents. Current building and oncoming building sites are not addressing the issue of the ordinary resident needs for affordable accommodation. These new sites are for incomers who commute to london. The infrastucture shortfalls are not being addressed presently, so what about the future?		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Development in the Capstone area has been rejected many times by Medway residents as you know. But apparently that doesnt matter to M/C (as it is not rochester). There does not seem any reference to the major infrastructure expansion that would be needed, gas, electricity, phones, water, sewerage, roads, shops, doctors, dentists, community centres, hospitals, expensive buses that stop at 6:30 pm in towns or once a day in villages when there is a Z in the day.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
According to the new medway vision, medway is rochester, chatham dockyard, upnor. The development benefits need to cover all areas of medway including the villages.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
medway needs more proper affordable housing for its citizens. The proposed new development at whiffens car park look nice but are not affordable to the average medway citizen especially when you factor in the hidden annual charges. What medway is loosing is community, what m/c propose does not include community. Compulsory registration of all HMO with a public listing of owners. More provision for elderly accommodation, reversing the m/c cuts. More provision of elderly services that work together.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
medway still has not achieved since medway was shut down. m/c idea of employment is working in a fast food shop or off license or london.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Some m/c councillors think that opening a fast food outlet near schools is an acceptable policy, going against residents and health professionals. Why is this acceptable. Why is it acceptable to park and drive on pedestrian shopping areas putting shoppers at risk? what are m/c doing about the vast number of empty shop units and the trafalgar centre.	
	CR Q8 Council response:



### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
medway needs green and open spaces but they need to be accessible to its citizens. Capstone, riverside and cliffe pools are not accessible without a car.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
medway need more gas, electricity, roads, shops, doctors, dentists, hospitals, schools, nurseries, open spaces, affordable buses.	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Hoo peninsula rail will never happen. need affordable buses that run after 6:30 pm and to villages as well. buses are NOT an alternative to cars. Need the roads repaired. need the gullies cleared because they havent been in 2 yrs+. Need more affordable use of the river.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

### Minerals, Waste and Energy

Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
Need wider use of recycling bins, as well as having them emptied very regularly. Policy on charging to collect large waste is a FAILURE.	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP48

## Representor Details

Full Name	Jennifer Sovra Newman
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Transport infrastructure, including calculating how many extra vehicles will come with the quantity of homes being built. There has to be built into the strategy to spread journey types as widely as possible between various modes of transport. Or there will be extra congestion and/or the risk of the new residents feeling isolated.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	Yes
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
This development does look good - on paper. And seems a good way to expand the area. So long as the High Standards include a mix of properties, not just flats, which seem to be in the majority. The infrastructure serving these new communities must be well thought out and maintained. It seems the that developers are struggling to fill the retail spaces on the new developments all ready in existence. Population numbers are always changing and it is possible that the demographic make up of the area is going to change in unexpected ways and this must be built into the development strategy.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
A mix of housing. In fact most of those mentioned below. Giving all income groups a chance to live in a comfortable home whether they own or rent. A good range of Older Persons Accommodation. Older people will increasingly want somewhere to live where they are independent but have access to help if required. If accepting a high amount of HMOs in the area there must be stringent, ongoing, assessments of these properties with a view to introducing licences to run them. As they can be open to some of the worse infringements of any housing standards.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H1: Housing Delivery

H1a	Does the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach?	Yes
H1b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach	
H1c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
	CR_H1 Council response:	

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	No
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
It does sound vague and full of aspirations, but no substance. But those aspirations are good. A good mix in demographics - encouraged by a variety of accommodation should encourage a pleasant society to live in.		
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
	CR_H2 Council response:	

### Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision.	
I think the percentage of affordable housing should be higher. Or have an equivalent percentage built solely for the council to rent out. Or find a way to prevent the purchased houses immediately becoming part of individuals rental portfolio. That would defeat the purpose of Affordable Housing.		
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?	
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?	
50/50. This I believe is the system used in E20 (the new area of Stratford, London) and that is an extremely interesting area of development.		
	CR_H3 Council response:	

### Policy H4: Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation

Policy H4: Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation		
H5a	Do you agree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation?	Yes
H5b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation.	
Yes, there must be a good range of accommodation for all needs. But so long as the Older generation don't feel segregated. 'Accessible to public transport, shops, local services, community facilities and social networks for residents' Should be be accessible to all age groups, not just Older Persons.		
H6a	Do you consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs?	Yes
H6b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs	
But with easy access to other communities. So the residents don't feel they are living in a bubble.		
H7a	Do you consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme?	Yes
H7b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme	
	CR_H4 Council response:	

### Policy H5: Student Accomodation

Policy No: Student Accommodation		
H8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for student accommodation?	Yes
H8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for student accommodation.	
H8c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_H5 Council response:	

### Policy H6: Mobile Home Parks

Policy for Mobile Home Parks		
H9a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for houseboats?	Yes
H9b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for houseboats	
But mobile homes should not be allowed to proliferate as a cheap way of housing the poor.		
H9c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_H6 Council response:	

### Policy H7: Houseboats

Policy H7: Houseboats		
H10a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for mobile home parks?	Yes
H10b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for mobile home parks.	
Use of the river as an alternative way of living should be encouraged.		
H10c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR H7 Council response:	

### Policy H8: Houses of multiple occupation

H11a	Do you agree with the policy approach for HMOs?	Yes
H11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the policy approach for HMOs.	
	I agree in principal. But they are hard to police for any infringements. London Borough of Newham had to bring in a licencing system to reduce the number of problem HMOs in the borough.	
H12a	Do you consider that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs, such as consideration neighbouring uses and proximity to other HMOs?	Yes
H12b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs.	
H13a	Should the council make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs?	Yes
H13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs	
	HMOs are, in theory, a good way to provide cheap housing for individuals. But they do tend to be run by unscrupulous landlords and have a high turn over of residents. This can make living near such properties unpleasant for long term neighbours.	
	CR_H8 Council response:	

### Policy H9: Self-build and Custom Housebuilding

H14a	Do you agree with the self build and custom housebuilding approaches taken above?	Yes
H14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the self build and custom housebuilding approaches taken above	
	Self builds can lead to a good mix of property designs. A mix of architecture gives an area visual interest, not just rows of the same houses or blocks of flats.	
H15a	Do you think that the council should allocate specific sites for self/custom housebuilding development?	Yes
H15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should allocate specific sites for self/custom housebuilding development	
H15c	Do you have any sites suitable for this use that you wish to promote for us to consider?	
H16a	Do you agree with the approach set above?	Yes
H16b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the approach set above	
H16c	What proportion of the allocated site do you agree is an acceptable percentage to be sold and built out before the remaining plots could be offered to the council/housing association or other non self/custom builders?	
	50%	
H16d	After what further period of time of unsuccessful marketing do you feel it would be acceptable to offer the remaining plots on to the council/housing association or other non self/custom builders?	
	6 months to 9 months. If they are not all sold in the first 6 months they are unlikely to sell at all, but a further 3 months leigh way should be given.	
H17a	Do you agree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders?	Yes
H17b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders	
	But a bit more than 5%.	
H17c	Please explain why you agree or disagree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders	
	No	
H17d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed 5% share of plots for self/custom build and the threshold of sites at 400 dwellings and over	
	About 7 to 10%. And they mustn't be shoved in one corner of the development, but dotted in among the main development.	
H18a	Do you agree with this approach outlined above?	Yes
H18b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this approach	
H19a	Do you agree with this approach outlined above?	Yes
H19b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this approach	
	CR_H9 Council response:	

### Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling

Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling		
H20a	Does this represent a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs?	Yes
H20b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this is a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs	
H21a	Do you consider that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan?	Yes
H21b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan	
	CR_H10 Council response:	

### Employment

Employment	
Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Ease of access to work premises through good transport infrastructure.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

### Policy E1: Economic Development

Policy E1: Economic Development		
E1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy?	Yes
E1b	Please explain why you think that this is / is not an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy	
E2	Which locations do you consider are the most appropriate for employment growth?	
As part of the the waterfront developments. Offices mixed in with residential can make for interesting living. Or Work Live units.		
E3a	Do you agree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses?	Yes
E3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses	
E4a	Do you support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway?	Yes
E4b	Please explain why you support / do not support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway	
Bringing in higher value jobs to Medway will help in diversification. This may not be true, but it does feel like the area has a high percentage of low skilled low paid employment.		
E5a	Do you consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway?	Yes
E5b	Please explain why you consider / do not consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway	
So long as there is the right incentives for companies to come to Medway to use them. Good transport to and from the office is one of those incentives.		
	CR_E1 Council response:	

### Policy E2: Rural Economy

Policy E2: Rural Economy		
E6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy?	Yes
E6b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy	
E6c	What alternative approaches would you propose?	
	CR_E2 Council response:	

### Policy E3: Tourism

E7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards tourism?	Yes
E7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach towards tourism	
E7c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	

	CR_E3 Council response:

#### Policy E4: Visitor accommodation

Policy E4: Visitor accommodation		
E8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards visitor accommodation?	Yes
E8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach for visitor accommodation	
There does seem to be a shortage of good visitor accommodation in the immediate area. Most are in the more rural settings. A good destination hotel on the waterfront would be a good draw.		
E8c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	
	CR_E4 Council response:	

#### Retail and Town Centres

Retail and Town Centres	
Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Imagination. Using empty units for pop up shops or local activities until a new retailer can be found to take the space over. Encourage independent shops or start up businesses. As the Business Design Centre in Islington, London does. Making sure the public transport reflects the opening times of the shops, especially the out of town shops. The bus service to and from Hempstead Valley do not keep the same hours as the shops. This will restrict not only potential shoppers, but potential staff.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

#### Policy RTC1: Retail hierarchy

Policy RTC1: Retail hierarchy		
RTC1a	Do you consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for managing a retail hierarchy in Medway?	No
RTC1b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for managing a retail hierarchy in Medway	
Mainly because I don't think Chatham can sustain its position in the hierarchy. Retail is changing so much and so quickly.		
RTC2a	Do you agree with the definition of Chatham as the primary centre at the top of the hierarchy?	No
RTC2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the definition of Chatham as the primary centre at the top of the hierarchy	
If Debenhams closes there will be a huge gap on the high street there. There are empty shops in the Pentagon.		
RTC3a	Do you agree with the identified district centres?	Yes
RTC3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the identified district centres	
RTC4	How do you consider that Dockside should be recognised in Medway's retail hierarchy?	
As part of it. Otherwise it could decline further.		
RTC5	Would you propose any alternative approaches to Medway's retail hierarchy?	
There is nothing wrong with the idea, but the whole retail model is changing. Perhaps Medway needs to think of what have been traditional shopping areas as community spaces where there are shops but also mixed use properties. Pop Up shops and food outlets. Temporary activity centres. Places that bring people into the centre of the towns to help sustain the shops that remain.		
	CR_RTC1 Council response:	

#### Policy RTC2: Sequential Assessment

Policy RTC2: Sequential Assessment		
RTC6a	Do you consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for securing and strengthening the role of Medway's traditional town centres?	Yes
RTC6b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for securing and strengthening the role of Medway's traditional town centres	
RTC6c	Do you agree with the proposed sequential approach?	No
RTC6d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed sequential approach	
Not sure about this. The areas should be different, offer different types of retail, reflecting the different towns. All of this is going to be difficult when even Rochester has empty shops.		
RTC6e	Would you propose alternative approaches?	
	CR RTC2 Council response:	



### Policy RTC3: Impact Assessments

RTC7a	Do you consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for securing and strengthening the role of Medway's traditional town centres?	No
RTC7b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that the proposed policy represents an effective approach for securing and strengthening the role of Medway's traditional town centres	
I think no more out of town shopping centres are needed. The council should focus on sustaining what is already here. Why build potential white elephants.		
RTC8a	Do you agree with the proposed approach to impact assessments?	Yes
RTC8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to impact assessments	
I think no more out of town shopping centres are needed. The council should focus on sustaining what is already here. Why build potential white elephants.		
RTC9a	What do you consider would represent an appropriate size threshold for developments to undertake an impact assessment?	
RTC9b	Would you propose alternative approaches?	
	CR_RTC3 Council response:	

### Policy RTC4: Frontages and Policy RTC5: Role, Function and management of uses in centres – Frontage

RTC10a	Do you agree that this proposed approach represents an effective approach to planning for the city and district centres in Medway?	Yes
RTC10b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this proposed approach represents an effective approach to planning for the city and district centres in Medway	
RTC11a	Do you consider that changes are required to the town centre boundaries as defined in the figures 5a to 5f on pages 83 to 85 of the Development Strategy Document ?	No
RTC11b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that changes are required to the town centre boundaries as defined in the figures 5a to 5f in the Development Strategy Document	
They seem fine as they are. Especially as there more empty properties since those plans were drawn up.		
RTC12a	Do you agree with the classification of primary and secondary shopping frontages as shown in figures 5a to 5f on pages 83 to 85 of the Development Strategy Document ?	Yes
RTC12b	Do you agree with the classification of primary and secondary shopping frontages as shown in figures 5a to 5f in the Development Strategy Document?	
RTC13	Do you consider that there are alternative approaches to manage this aspect of Medway's main centres?	
	CR_RTC4_5 Council response:	

### Policy RTC6: Temporary uses

RTC14a	Do you agree that this proposed approach represents an effective approach to planning for temporary uses in centres in Medway?	Yes
RTC14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this proposed approach represents an effective approach to planning for temporary uses in centres in Medway	
Units should not be left empty. However hard a council tries to hide that fact it is an empty property it is still a hole on the high street. Allowing temporary use, so long as the building is well maintained can only help with the look of the shopping area.		
RTC14c	Would you propose alternative approaches?	
	CR_RTC6 Council response:	

### Policy RTC7: Supporting Sustainable and Healthy centres

Policy R16C7: Supporting Sustainable and Healthy Centres		
RTC15a	Do you agree that development of specific uses should be restricted where it could result in an unhealthy and unsustainable overconcentration of premises in one area?	Yes
RTC15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that development of specific uses should be restricted where it could result in an unhealthy and unsustainable overconcentration of premises in one area	
RTC16a	The council considers such specific uses to include 'high energy density food' outlets, which sell foods high in fat and/or sugar; betting shops; gaming centres; and premises selling alcohol, particularly for off licence sales. Do you agree with this	Yes



	definition?	
RTC16b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the definition	
The only consideration should be not taking away income from the 'corner shop'. They often sell alcohol and a sudden restriction could impact on their income.		
RTC16c	Do you think that the list should be amended?	
RTC17a	Do you think that the council should introduce a maximum percentage for units in an area that are allowed for use by the specific businesses noted above?	Yes
RTC17b	Please explain why you think / don't think that the council should introduce a maximum percentage for units in an area that are allowed for use by the specific businesses noted above	
RTC18a	Do you think that such uses should be restricted near schools and youth facilities?	Yes
RTC18b	Please explain why you think / don't think that such uses should be restricted near schools and youth facilities	
So long as it doesn't result in the demise of the shops with essential goods.		
RTC19a	Do you think that the council should not set policy in this area, but rather consider proposals for such uses on a case by case basis?	Yes
RTC19b	Please explain why you think / don't think that the council should not set policy in this area, but rather consider proposals for such uses on a case by case basis	
But there should be some flexibility.		
	CR_RTC7 Council response:	

#### Policy RTC8: Hempstead Valley District Centre

Policy RTC8: Hempstead Valley District Centre		
RTC20a	Do you consider this is the appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre?	Yes
RTC20b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre	
RTC21a	Do you think that further developments at Hempstead Valley should be restricted, so that greater priority is given to retail and leisure in the main town centres in Medway?	Yes
RTC21b	Please explain why you think / don't think that further developments at Hempstead Valley should be restricted, so that greater priority is given to retail and leisure in the main town centres in Medway	
Hempstead Valley is only really open to those with cars. Visiting by Public transport is not easily acheived. Unless there is proof that expansion is necessary then it should stay the size it is. I have lived in Medway just over 5 years and have visited just twice. There is nothing there that I cannot find elsewhere with more ease.		
RTC22a	Do you support a policy approach that seeks to achieve a balance of uses across all centres in Medway?	Yes
RTC22b	Please explain why you support / don't support a policy approach that seeks to achieve a balance of uses across all centres in Medway	
	CR_RTC8 Council response:	

#### Dockside

RTC23a	Do you consider this is the appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre?	Yes
RTC23b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Hempstead Valley shopping centre	
RTC24	Please explain why you think / don't think that further developments at Hempstead Valley should be restricted, so that greater priority is given to retail and leisure in the main town centres in Medway	
Support as wide a range of services and shops as it practicable. This way communities will have the potential to thrive.		
	CR_Dock Council response:	

#### Policy RTC9: Medway Valley Leisure Park

RTC25a	Do you consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park?	Yes
RTC25b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park	
RTC26a	Do you think that there should be a specific policy to manage the development of	Yes

	Medway Valley Leisure Park, or if proposals should only be determined by use of wider retail policies?	
RTC26b	Please explain your answer	
	CR_RTC9 Council response:	

#### Policy RTC10: Healthy sustainable communities

RTC27a	Do you consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park?	Yes
RTC27b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an appropriate approach to planning for Medway Valley Leisure Park	
RTC27c	Please explain your answer	
	CR_RTC10 Council response:	

#### Policy RTC11: Local Centres and Shopping Parades

RTC28a	Do you consider that this is the appropriate approach to planning for small retail areas?	Yes
RTC28b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is the appropriate approach to planning for small retail areas	
RTC28c	Do you think that it would be better if there were no specific policy for local centres and shopping parades, and development proposals were considered on a case by case basis?	No
RTC28d	Please explain why you think / don't think that it would be better if there were no specific policy for local centres and shopping parades, and development proposals were considered on a case by case basis	
	CR_RTC11 Council response:	

#### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?	
	We want Medway to become somewhere where people want to live and being able to access green spaces is a major attraction.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:	

#### Policy NE4: Landscape

NE4a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway?	Yes
NE4b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to landscape policy in Medway	
NE4c	What alternative approaches would you recommend?	
	CR_NE4 Council response:	

#### Policy NE5: Securing strong Green Infrastructure

NE5a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	Yes
NE5b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to securing effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway	
	This policy should also include encouragement to residents to retain greenery on their property, especially when a request is submitted for parking in the front garden.	
NE5c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure effective and healthy green infrastructure in Medway?	
	CR_NE5 Council response:	

### Policy NE7: Flood and Water Management

NE7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	Yes
NE7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for flood and water management?	
NE7c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE7 Council response:	

### Policy NE 8: Air Quality

NE8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for air quality?	Yes
NE8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for air quality?	
NE8c	Do you have suggestions for alternative approaches for this policy area?	
	CR_NE8 Council response:	

### Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?	
	Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:	

### Policy BE 1: Promoting High Quality Design

BE1a	Does the proposed policy for sustainable design represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for sustainable design does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
	This does seem like a comprehensive proposal that covers all the elements. I like the idea of not being 'overly car dominated'. But this can only be achieved through good public transport.	
BE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable design in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE1 Council response:	

### Policy BE2: Sustainable Design

BE2a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment?	Yes
BE2b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider that this is an effective approach to conserving and enhancing Medway's natural environment	
	Water is precious. Alternatives should be found and encouraged to reduce water usage.	
BE2c	What alternative approaches would you recommend to secure the favourable condition of these areas?	
	CR_BE2 Council response:	

### Policy BE3: Housing Design

BE3a	Does the proposed policy for housing design represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE3b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for housing design does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
	Cycle storage incorporated into new developments is a very good idea.	
BE3c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for housing design in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE3 Council response:	

### Policy BE4: Housing Density Approach

BE4a	Does the proposed policy for housing density represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE4b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for housing density does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
BUT, transport to and from the hubs must be there. Or it will just encourage more car use.		
BE4c	Is there an alternative way to express optimum net residential density, e.g. habitable rooms per hectare?	
BE4d	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for housing density in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE4 Council response	

#### Policy BE5: Historic Environment and Policy BE6: Managing development in the historic environment

Policy BE5: Historic Environment and Policy BE6: Managing development in the historic environment		
BE5a	Do the proposed policies for the historic environment represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan?	Yes
BE5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policies for the historic environment do / don't represent the most appropriate approach for the Medway Local Plan	
So long as this isn't only relevant to Rochester. There are buildings in the other towns that have architectural and historical value that need looking after.		
BE5c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for the historic environment in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_BE5 Council response:	

#### Health and Communities

Health and Communities	
Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
Yes	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Policy HC1: Promoting Health and Wellbeing

HC1a	Does the proposed policy for Health and Wellbeing represent the most appropriate approach to planning for health improvements in Medway?	Yes
HC1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Health and Wellbeing does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for health improvements in Medway	
But there is no mention of arts activities. Singing is a good cardio vascular exercise, helps encourage endorphins and is a great help in mental wellbeing. So being part of a choir could come under that third bullet point.		
HC2a	Do you agree with the proposed threshold for HIAs?	Yes
HC2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed threshold for HIAs	
Though I think they may be difficult to enforce.		
HC3a	Do you agree with the council's proposed approach to managing Hot Food Takeaways?	Yes
HC3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the council's proposed approach to managing Hot Food Takeaways	
But, these places only appear if there is a market for them. Education is the key.		
HC4	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for health in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_HC1 Council response	

#### Policy HC2: Community Facilities

HC5a	Does the proposed policy for Community Facilities represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway?	Yes
HC5b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Community Facilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for this aspect of social needs in Medway	
Community spaces are so important. They only fail if they are not well maintained. They also need to attract a wide mix of uses. From Knit & natter to yoga. They should also have the ability to be multi functional with the access to wifi and sufficient sockets and power for when music is needed. That can be the Zumba class a performance or a party.		
HC5c	Do you agree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community	

	facilities?
Agree	
HC5d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to addressing the presumption against loss of community facilities
HC5e	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for community facilities in the Medway Local Plan?
	CR_HC2 Council response

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
<p>Infrastructure is as important to the future of the Medway towns as any of the developments. Good and imaginative public transport will be the key to getting Medway Moving. Or all efforts for clean air etc will be negated. Encouraging a mindset where the car is not always king. The trains system is already here (though with some glitches at the moment), the cycle network is improving, But due to the geography of the area, only really ardent cyclers will be going further than 2 miles on a bicycle. There are a couple of car clubs in Medway, but it is another way for people to use a car, but have fewer cars parked about the place. Walking is also great exercise, but there are limits to how far people will walk to the shops or work. But having a pleasant journey on foot helps and ease of negotiating the pavements is also encouragement. There places where there is no pavement and what is there is reduced by cars parked half on the pavement. BUSES is where a huge improvement can be made. Some of the journeys the buses are making are too long and the buses themselves are too big for the routes. And the fare structure is a mystery There is a high percentage of low wage/no wage families in the area. Physical access to jobs is essential and public transport could be a start in getting this group of residents to new jobs or better paid work. Then that money will be spent in Medway</p>	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Policy I1: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

Policy 11: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery		
I1a	Does the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway?	Yes
I1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway	
So long as it does keep reviewing it.		
I1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I1 Council response:	

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

Policy 12: Developer Contributions		
I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	Yes
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
If a developer wants to build in the middle of nowhere then they need to make a contribution to the local infrastructure, especially transport.		
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Policy I4: Communications Technology

Policy 14: Communications Technology		
I4a	Does the proposed policy for Communications represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I4b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Communications does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
Definitely improve the broadband access. It seems daft in 2018 that broadband coverage is so poor in north Kent.		
I4c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for communications infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	

	CR_I4 Council response:

#### Policy I5: Utilities

I5a	Does the proposed policy for Utilities represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I5b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Utilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
I5c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for utilities infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I5 Council response:	

#### Policy I6: Open Space and Sports Facilities, Policy I7: New Open Space Provision, and Policy I8: New Playing Pitches

I6a	Do the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I6b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches do / don't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
	Open spaces are so important to the well being of a community. They should be retained and never built on.	
I6c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I6 Council response:	

#### Policy I9: Gillingham Football Club

I7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Gillingham Football Club?	Agree
I7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Gillingham Football Club	
	If the club is to expand then it needs more space. The ability to host concerts at the new space will be an asset for the area.	
I7c	Do you support the relocation of Gillingham Football Club to a new stadium in Medway?	Yes
I7d	Please explain why you do / don't support the relocation of Gillingham Football Club to a new stadium in Medway	
	Not only will more space be beneficial to the club but will also relieve those residents who might find living near a football stadium unpleasant.	
I7e	Where do you consider would be a suitable location for a relocated stadium?	
	Not too far from transport. And it must be easily accessible by good regular transport, not just on match days. This will improve possibilities of the stadium use when not being used for football.	
I8	What uses would you expect to see come forward as part of any new stadium proposals?	
	Concerts. The facilities would be of a better standard and would attract private hire outside of the football season.	
	CR_I8 Council response:	

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?	
	As I have written earlier GOOD, CHEAP, IMAGINATIVE and RELIABLE public transport is essential for the growth of a community. And in Medway the primary public transport for travelling between the towns and the outskirts is BUSES. The major cities have proven that having good public transport is a huge contribution to making a community vibrant and buzzing. Evening commerce will improve if the transport is there to take people to and fro. Not stop at 7.30. A journey on a bus should take only marginally longer than a car journey. But there are some journeys that take 4 times longer than the car. So people will only drive to those destinations. The introduction of an Oyster style travel card or leapfrog that and make all bus fare 'contactless' payments. And a simple fare pricing system that is easy to understand by the general public.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:	

#### Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport

T1a	Do you agree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway?	Agree
T1b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway	



Improving public transport and only have a positive impact on the area. If people can move about freely, they will stay in an area and spend in that area. If not the money will be spent elsewhere.	
T1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable transport in the Medway Local Plan?
	CR_T1 Council response:

#### Policy T2: Integrating Land Use and Transport

Policy 12: Integrating Land Use and Transport		
T2a	Do you agree/disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway?	Agree
T2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway	
T3a	Research has demonstrated the non-linear relationship between housing density and public transport use. However, in principle, do you agree/disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services?	Agree
T3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services	
T4a	The optimum densities set out at Table 11.1 are likely to be achieved in the absence of this policy due to their central locations. Is it appropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs?	Yes
T4b	Please explain why you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs	
But it will have to be done carefully. Car clubs are a great alternative to owning a car and should be encouraged regardless.		
T4c	Continuing to think about the optimum densities set out in Table 11.1. For peripheral areas, is it appropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	No
T4d	Please explain why, for peripheral areas, you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	
I don't think it should be dependent on the quantity of dwellings in the peripheral areas. There just has to be transport to these areas.		
T4e	Would it be appropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1?	Yes
T4f	Please explain why you think it would be appropriate / inappropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1	
They are going to be part of the expansion of Medway.		
T5	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards the integration of land use and transport planning in Medway?	
	CR_T2 Council response	

#### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	Yes
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
The more public transport the better.		
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
Extending the bus service to the area.		
	CR_T3 Council response:	

#### Policy T4: Rochester Airport

Policy 7.1: Rochester Airport		
T7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway?	Yes
T7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway	
Having Rochester airport is another reason for visitors to come to area. So long as any enhancement is done sympathetically with the local environment.		
T7c	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for aviation in Medway?	



	CR_T4 Council response:

#### Policy T5: Riverside Infrastructure

T8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	Agree
T8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway	
	Could a river bus, like the Thames Clipper be a realistic option for the River Medway?	
T9a	Do you consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate?	Yes
T9b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate	
	Using the disused line from Gillingham Station would be brilliant. Might that route be more suited to a tram?	
T10	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	
	CR_T5 Council response	

#### Policy T6: Medway Riverside Path

T11a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for houseboats?	Agree
T11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for houseboats	
	Absolutely. It would be a real shame to close off any access to the river for walking or cycling.	
T11c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_T6 Council response	

#### Policy T7: Marinas and moorings

T12a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for marinas and moorings in Medway?	Agree
T12b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for marinas and moorings in Medway	
	BUT, Having House Boats in certain areas do enhance the surrounding areas. So long as they are well maintained.	
T12c	What alternative approach would you propose?	
	CR_T7 Council response:	

#### Policy T8: Urban Logistics

T13a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for logistics in Medway?	Agree
T13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for logistics in Medway	
T13c	This is believed to be the first local planning policy of its kind. It has been prepared in response to recent sector articles calling for planning policy interventions. The council would welcome responses to refine or develop an alternative policy to support the growth of this sector in Medway. Please make any suggestions below:-	
	This is a complex problem. And of course would ultimately impact on the existing retail in Medway, however this is the way the populous is now shopping. There should be some new development of these distribution centres, but if Medway wants to encourage a good mix of businesses, including jobs that require higher educational levels then there must be a limit. Medway being seen as the distribution centre of the South East will not make it an attractive location for certain types of business.	
T13d	What alternative approach would you propose for planning for the logistics sector and managing associated transport in Medway?	
	CR_T8 Council response:	

#### Policy T9: Connectivity and Permeability

T14a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway?	Yes
T14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway	
	I do agree but having a network of walkways and cycle routes always sound lovely, but they can become crime hotspots. So definitely make streets easier to negotiate and pleasanter to use for the pedestrian and cyclist but they mustn't be isolated.	
T14c	What alternative approach would you propose?	
	CR_T9 Council response:	

Policy T10: Vehicle Parking, T11: Cycle parking and storage, and Policy T12: Managing the transport impact of development

development

T15a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking?	Agree
T15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approaches for managing the transport impacts of development and provision for parking	
If a front garden is converted to parking space then it must be part of the consent that the area is landscaped. Not only does this soften the look, keep temperatures down but also allows water to sock away and not run off into the road.		
T15c	There may be opportunities to secure a 'dockless' bike sharing scheme in Medway, however this is likely to be initiated by the market. This may be appropriate for specific routes, such as to/from Chatham rail station and the university campuses. Would it be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy?	Yes
T15d	Please explain why you think it would / wouldn't be prudent to seek to manage this through planning policy	
To the university and around it. Then also to Chatham Dockside. Chatham to Rochester. It is only the hilly routes where there might not be much take up.		
T15e	What alternative approaches would you propose for policy in the new Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_T10_11_12	

Minerals, Waste and Energy

Minerals, Waste and Energy	
Q26	Thinking about the minerals, waste and energy section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to manage minerals, waste and energy within Medway whilst supporting regional and national demand?
If the minerals development brings money into the area then it should be considered, so long as the impact is minimal. Medway should lead the way on waste management. The household system is very good in comparison with other areas in the uk.	
	CR_Q26 Council response:

Policy MWE1: Minerals Supply, Policy MWE2: Land-won extraction of sands and gravels, Policy MWE3: Land-won minerals: chalk and clay, Policy MWE4: Minerals wharves and railheads, Policy MWE5: Minerals infrastructure

Minerals: Chalk and clay, Policy MWE1: Minerals wharves and railroads, Policy MWE2: Minerals infrastructure		
MWE1a	Do the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway?	Yes
MWE1b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies MWE1-MWE5 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing the sustainable and steady supply of minerals in Medway	
My only concern is that of space for all of these plans.		
MWE1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for minerals planning in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE1_2_3_4_5 Council response:	

Policy MWE6: Waste Management, Policy MWE7: New Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE8: Existing Waste Management Facilities, Policy MWE9: Waste disposal to land, Policy MWE10: Waste Water Treatment Works

MWE2a	Do the proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste?	Yes
MWE2b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE6-MWE10 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's waste	
My only concern is that of space for all of these plans.		
MWE2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for waste management in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_MWE6_7_8_9_10 Council response:	

Policy MWE11: Energy and Renewables, Policy MWE12: Low Carbon Development

MWE3a	Do the proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway?	Yes
MWE3b	Please explain why you think that proposed policies MWE11- MWE12 do / don't represent the most sustainable approach to planning for energy in Medway	
But I do have a concern and this is safety. With so much potentially explosive material entering, being stored and exported to and from Grain. What is in place to mitigate a leak or a fire?		
MWE3c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative strategy for energy in the Medway Local Plan?	

CR_MWE11_12 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP49

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Before embarking of housebuilding concentrating there should be a coordinated plan for infrastructure. For example, where concentrated development is proposed roads should be in place before construction and not afterwards so the additional traffic and thoroughfare is eased into the system. Shops, GP surgeries and other facilities should come online during certain stages of development. The usual practice of build the houses first and worry about other stuff afterwards and eventually is unacceptable.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Insufficient emphasis on development of brown field sites or alternative sites that could be used for housing. Lack of aggressive policy on empty homes.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Inclusion of a strategy to develop brown field and alternative sites that could be used for housing rather than mass development.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Ensuring adequate infrastructure before development. Ensuring plans and commitment for facilities such as GP surgeries, shops and schools in place before developments commence. Penalties for those who sit on land banks or obtain planning permission and then fail to commence work choosing to simply sit on an asset.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Policy H1: Housing Delivery

Policy H1: Housing Delivery		
H1a	Does the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach?	Yes
H1b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing delivery represent a sound approach	
H1c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
	CR_H1 Council response:	

## Policy H2: Housing Mix

Policy for Housing Mix		
H2a	Does the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach?	Yes
H2b	Please explain why you do / don't think the proposed policy for housing mix represent a sound approach.	
H2c	Would you suggest an alternative approach?	
	CR_H2 Council response:	

## Policy H3: Affordable Housing

H3a	Do you agree with the threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the percentage requirements for its provision?	No
H3b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with threshold for contributions for affordable housing and the	

	percentage requirements for its provision.
	It should be 30% for both urban and rural and this should be mandatory
H3c	What do you consider would represent an effective alternative approach?
	Ensuring the affordable housing quota is mandatory
H4	What do you consider would represent an effective split of tenures between affordable rent and intermediate in delivering affordable housing?
	It should be 100% affordable rent.
	CR_H3 Council response:

#### Policy H4: Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation

H5a	Do you agree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation?	Yes
H5b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this policy approach for Supported Housing, Nursing Homes and Older Persons Accommodation.	
H6a	Do you consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs?	Yes
H6b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should promote the development of retirement villages, or other such clusters of specialist housing to meet needs	
	There are proven benefits to this type of development	
H7a	Do you consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme?	Yes
H7b	Please explain why you do / don't consider that the council should require large residential developments of over 400 homes to include provision for specialist and supported housing within its proposed scheme	
	Promotes integration in the community	
	CR_H4 Council response:	

#### Policy H5: Student Accommodation

H8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for student accommodation?	Yes
H8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for student accommodation.	
H8c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_H5 Council response:	

#### Policy H6: Mobile Home Parks

H9a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for houseboats?	No
H9b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for houseboats	
	There should be lower consideration for such schemes.	
H9c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_H6 Council response:	

#### Policy H7: Houseboats

H10a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for mobile home parks?	Yes
H10b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for mobile home parks.	
H10c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_H7 Council response:	

#### Policy H8: Houses of multiple occupation

H11a	Do you agree with the policy approach for HMOs?	No
H11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the policy approach for HMOs.	
	There should be an additional requirement for an extra contribution annually toward the costs of local services by way of additional Council Tax.	
H12a	Do you consider that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs, such as consideration neighbouring uses and proximity to other HMOs?	Yes

H12b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should set locational criteria for HMOs.	
H13a	Should the council make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs?	Yes
H13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should make use of Article 4 Directions to restrict the ability to convert properties to HMOs	
	CR_H8 Council response:	

#### Policy H9: Self-build and Custom Housebuilding

H14a	Do you agree with the self build and custom housebuilding approaches taken above?	Yes
H14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the self build and custom housebuilding approaches taken above	
H15a	Do you think that the council should allocate specific sites for self/custom housebuilding development?	No
H15b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should allocate specific sites for self/custom housebuilding development	
H15c	Do you have any sites suitable for this use that you wish to promote for us to consider?	
H16a	Do you agree with the approach set above?	Yes
H16b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the approach set above	
H16c	What proportion of the allocated site do you agree is an acceptable percentage to be sold and built out before the remaining plots could be offered to the council/housing association or other non self/custom builders?	
H16d	After what further period of time of unsuccessful marketing do you feel it would be acceptable to offer the remaining plots on to the council/housing association or other non self/custom builders?	
H17a	Do you agree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders?	No
H17b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders	
H17c	Please explain why you agree or disagree that sites over a certain size should offer a percentage of the plots to self/custom builders	
H17d	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed 5% share of plots for self/custom build and the threshold of sites at 400 dwellings and over	
H18a	Do you agree with this approach outlined above?	Yes
H18b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this approach	
H19a	Do you agree with this approach outlined above?	No
H19b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with this approach	
	3 years is too long 18 months is achievable	
	CR_H9 Council response:	

#### Policy H10: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling

H20a	Does this represent a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs?	Yes
H20b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this is a sound approach to planning for gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople's accommodation needs	
H21a	Do you consider that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan?	Yes
H21b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that the council should identify site allocations for new gypsy and traveller, and travelling showpeople in the Local Plan	
	CR_H10 Council response:	

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
	Sustainable and adequate transport links and infrastructure
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Policy E1: Economic Development

E1a	Do you consider that this is an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy?	Yes
E1b	Please explain why you think that this is / is not an effective approach to securing and strengthening Medway's economy	
E2	Which locations do you consider are the most appropriate for employment growth?	
E3a	Do you agree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses?	Yes
E3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to assessing GVA with planning applications for employment uses	
E4a	Do you support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway?	Yes
E4b	Please explain why you support / do not support the proposed approach for higher value jobs in Medway	
E5a	Do you consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway?	No
E5b	Please explain why you consider / do not consider that there is demand for further serviced office accommodation in Medway	
	CR_E1 Council response:	

## Policy E2: Rural Economy

E6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy?	Yes
E6b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy	
E6c	What alternative approaches would you propose?	
	CR_E2 Council response:	

## Policy E3: Tourism

E7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards tourism?	Yes
E7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach towards tourism	
E7c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	
	CR_E3 Council response:	

## Policy E4: Visitor accommodation

E8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach towards visitor accommodation?	Yes
E8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy approach for visitor accommodation	
E8c	Would you suggest an alternative policy approach?	
	CR_E4 Council response:	

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to
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	meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
Adequate and affordable parking, Transport links. Sustainability of town centre shopping	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

#### Natural Environment and Green Belt

Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Air Quality. Ability for leisure and learning.	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

#### Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
Putting infrastructure as a priority over a developers cashflow and profit	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Policy I1: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery

Policy 11: Infrastructure Planning and Delivery		
I1a	Does the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway?	Yes
I1b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for Infrastructure planning and delivery does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach to planning for infrastructure improvements in Medway	
Ic	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards planning for infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I1 Council response:	

#### Policy I2: Developer Contributions

Policy 12: Developer Contributions		
I2a	Does the proposed policy for developer contributions represent the most appropriate approach?	No
I2b	Please explain why you think the proposed policy for developer contributions does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach	
There is no specific mention of the level of developer contributions. These should be set in stone and mandatory - not open to negotiation and offer.		
I2c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for developer contributions in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I2 Council response:	

#### Policy I4: Communications Technology

I4a	Does the proposed policy for Communications represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I4b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Communications does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
I4c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for communications infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I4 Council response:	

#### Policy 15: Utilities

I5a	Does the proposed policy for Utilities represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	Yes
I5b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policy for Utilities does / doesn't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
I5c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for utilities infrastructure in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I5 Council response:	

#### Policy 16: Open Space and Sports Facilities, Policy 17: New Open Space Provision, and Policy 18: New Playing Pitches

I6a	Do the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan?	No
I6b	Please explain why you think that the proposed policies for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches do / don't represent the most appropriate approach for the Local Plan	
There are many open spaces already available and these should be preserved.		
I6c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach for planning for open spaces, sports facilities and playing pitches in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_I6 Council response:	

#### Policy 19: Gillingham Football Club

Policy 16: Gillingham Football Club		
I7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for Gillingham Football Club?	Agree
I7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for Gillingham Football Club	
I7c	Do you support the relocation of Gillingham Football Club to a new stadium in Medway?	Yes
I7d	Please explain why you do / don't support the relocation of Gillingham Football Club to a new stadium in Medway	
Ease traffic flow on match days. Allow for housing development on existing site. Allow for a multi purpose mutli-use stadium		
I7e	Where do you consider would be a suitable location for a relocated stadium?	
I8	What uses would you expect to see come forward as part of any new stadium proposals?	
	CR_I8 Council response:	

#### Transport

Transport	
Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Ensuring safe and adequate traffic flow	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP50

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Over reliance on Hoo Peninsula in all 4 scenarios, it seems there is a strong bias and focus on forced conversion of Hoo into a town, although this is already in action with the intended selling off of public space such as Deansgate Ridge. There is already a severe shortage of health and education facilities for the existing and additional development work under way. I have not seen any additional facilities to complete the extra development already taking place. There is now an attempt to catch up by proposed primary opposite the academy but this is after already having built up new developments and with more in the pipeline before even considering the ~9,000 extra homes		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
It seems all scenarios focus on conversion of Hoo Peninsula into a town. It is already suffering from a surplus of new development without the facilities to match the extra population density. Many are already forced to seek facilities such as health and education in neighbouring villages.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
Develop existing brownfield sites first before destroying communities by over commercialisation of Hoo. Is there not already adequate shopping facilities nearby in Strood and Chatham. And with the way shoppers habits are change this strategy fails to take that into consideration and risks destroying Hoo Peninsula and leave it as a ghost town .		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Policy E2: Rural Economy

Policy E2: Rural Economy		
E6a	Do you agree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy?	No
E6b	Please explain why you agree / disagree with the proposed policy approach for the rural economy	
E6c	What alternative approaches would you propose?	
	CR_E2 Council response:	

## Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
Additional health facilities and education particularly primary.	
	CR_Q23 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP51

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
Infrastructure cannot cope at present and has not improved as stated previously to cope with the increase of recent housing developments. We have lost the feel of a lovely community and a village feel. There is an increase of violence, speeding cars and general lack of respect for the village. We do not need any more houses or indeed any more affordable housing. Put the houses somewhere else not in our community. My family have lived in this village for over 80 years, we have seen it change considerably and not for the better. Have you tried to get a Doctors appointment recently, unfortunately they appear to be reserved for those not working or the weekly club members. Think again council, put the new development on your own doorstep and see how you react then!!		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
Majority of affordable housing people are not working so put them in the towns to make it easier for them to get about, we won't have to pay for their bus fares. There are a lot of empty houses already in and around Medway, fix them up and put these people there. Hoo St Werburgh is a village, KEEP it that way.	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Employment

Q5	Thinking about the employment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's economic needs?
Put the houses in a town, village infrastructure cannot cope with the increase on people or cars.	
	CR_Q5 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
What has this to do with building in Hoo ??	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Health and Communities	
Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

## Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
More more people up north	
	CR_Q20 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP52

## Representor Details

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Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
The use of previously developed land for housing has seen large scale demolition of areas in Medway such as Rochester waterfront that have then been dormant for many years. The urge to displace businesses for housing should be resisted. The Capstone Valley is an important green area and its value to the area would be diminished with housing developments.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
More focus on the regeneration of town centres as retail declines and the investment on the Hoo peninsula.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Policy T1: Promoting sustainable transport

T1a	Do you agree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway?	Agree
T1b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach to transport planning in Medway	
T1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards sustainable transport in the Medway Local Plan?	
	CR_T1 Council response:	

## Policy T2: Integrating Land Use and Transport

T2a	Do you agree/disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway?	Agree
T2b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that this approach offers an appropriate strategic approach towards a pattern of development which facilitates sustainable transport in Medway	
T3a	Research has demonstrated the non-linear relationship between housing density and public transport use. However, in principle, do you agree/disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services?	Agree
T3b	Please explain why you agree or disagree that densification is more likely to increase the viability of additional and/or improved public transport services	
T4a	The optimum densities set out at Table 11.1 are likely to be achieved in the absence of this policy due to their central locations. Is it appropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs?	No
T4b	Please explain why you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to increase these thresholds, subject to good design, and complemented by other initiatives, such as car clubs	
With more people, there will be a need for more car parking, even though people are close to stations. There is a risk that surrounding streets will be filled with parked cars.		
T4c	Continuing to think about the optimum densities set out in Table 11.1. For peripheral areas, is it appropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	No
T4d	Please explain why, for peripheral areas, you think it is appropriate / inappropriate to require a minimum of 35 dwellings per hectare?	

T4e	Would it be appropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1?	Yes
T4f	Please explain why you think it would be appropriate / inappropriate to include Cuxton and Halling stations in Table 11.1	
T5	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative approach towards the integration of land use and transport planning in Medway?	
	CR_T2 Council response	

#### Policy T3: Hoo Peninsula rail connection

T6a	Do you support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight?	Yes
T6b	Please explain why you support / do not support the principle of a rail upgrade to the Grain freight line to enable passenger services and increased rail freight	
T6c	The council welcomes responses indicating areas of land to be safeguarded. This information could be considered in a business case, subject to funding. Do you have any areas you would like to suggest:-	
T6d	What alternative approaches would you suggest?	
	CR_T3 Council response:	

#### Policy T4: Rochester Airport

T7a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway?	Yes
T7b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for aviation in Medway	
	It would be hard to find space for a new airport and therefore the runway at Rochester should be protected.	
T7c	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for aviation in Medway?	
	CR_T4 Council response:	

#### Policy T5: Riverside Infrastructure

T8a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	Agree
T8b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway	
T9a	Do you consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate?	No
T9b	Please explain why you consider / don't consider the flexible approach to Chatham Docks to be appropriate	
	At busy times, there are many vessels docked in Chatham with many people employed in materials handling and ship repair. It can handle large vessels and in the last few years had its entrance lock serviced. Such a facility, so close to the centre of the towns, with its potential for the future, links to the area's heritage, and role in recycling should be safeguarded to allow for flexibility in employment and transport options. If the use of housing is encourage in this areas, the businesses will be squeezed out.	
T10	What alternative approach would you propose for planning policy for riverside infrastructure in Medway?	
	CR_T5 Council response	

#### Policy T6: Medway Riverside Path

T11a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for houseboats?	Disagree
T11b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for houseboats	
	We already have plenty of riverside access in Medway, and I don't see the need for increasing it. I am concerned that making land free for a riverside path will end up removing the reasons for the river to be interesting.	
T11c	Would you propose an alternative approach?	
	CR_T6 Council response	

#### Policy T8: Urban Logistics

T13a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for logistics in Medway?	Agree
T13b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for logistics in Medway	
T13c	This is believed to be the first local planning policy of its kind. It has been prepared in response to recent	



	sector articles calling for planning policy interventions. The council would welcome responses to refine or develop an alternative policy to support the growth of this sector in Medway. Please make any suggestions below:-
T13d	What alternative approach would you propose for planning for the logistics sector and managing associated transport in Medway?
	CR_T8 Council response:

**Policy T9: Connectivity and Permeability**

T14a	Do you agree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway?	Yes
T14b	Please explain why you agree or disagree with the proposed policy for planning for connectivity in Medway	
T14c	What alternative approach would you propose?	
	CR_T9 Council response:	

# RESPONSE: SNAP53

## Representor Details

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Consultee Type	Developer/Consultant
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
The Council is considering objectively assessed needs in the context of the NPPF and housing projections published by the department for Communities and Local Government should provide the starting point estimate of overall housing need. The recent housing white paper fixing our broken housing market (February 2017) reaffirms the Governments commitment to significantly increased levels of housing delivery to meet widely recognised acute housing shortfall. Paragraph 1.29 of the housing white paper sets out that plans should put in place policies to allow a good mix of sites to come forward for development to support small and medium sized sites and thriving rural communities. Ensuring there is a choice for consumers and that places can grow in ways that are sustainable. There should be an emphasis on sustainable sites which relate well to existing infrastructure in particular public transport, making good use of the railways as well as bus services.		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
There are opportunities to identify other smaller sites and in particular to support some of the services and facilities for the smaller settlements such as Cuxton where no sites are identified. Some village expansion has been shown on the Hoo Peninsular. There are other opportunities to the south close to the M2 and A2 corridor as well as those sites identified within the main settlements.		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
With the Government requiring Local Authorities to identify greater housing growth every opportunity should be taken to allow for a reasonable level of housing within the sustainable smaller settlements, notwithstanding the identified large growth areas.		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
<p>The Council should allow for full range of housing tenure as set out in the strategic housing market assessment of 2015. There should be the right balance of affordable housing and flexibility for specialist housing growth including the full range of elderly persons accommodation from retirement housing, assisted living, specialist nursing homes including dementia care.</p> <p>The emerging document identifies the needs for specialist residential accommodation including people with learning disabilities and those with clinical mental ill health issues.</p> <p>With respect to older people it is advised that although Medway's population is predicted to increase by a fifth over the next 20 years growth in the elderly is most significant, identified that over 65's counts for just over half of the overall population growth in Medway with an extra 31,000 older residents by 2035.</p> <p>Downsizing is a factor which makes an important contribution to overall housing supply and there must be greater emphasis on providing for smaller units and opportunities for supported housing.</p> <p>With the Medway Towns affordability as with many of the outer edge Boroughs within good commuting distance of London remains a key issue. Thus opportunities for self-build and self-build site allocations will become of increasing importance.</p> <p>The Government did identify the opportunities for starter homes as contributing towards affordable housing although this has not been taken further at National Policy level as yet but the Medway Council should make suitable provision.</p>	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

# RESPONSE: SNAP54

## Representor Details

Full Name	mrs Maria Skinner
Consultee Type	Member of the Public
Notes	

## Development Strategy

Q1	Thinking about our approach, the scenarios and the development strategy section, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider about the scale of the development needed to support Medway's growth and provide sustainable development?	
the fact that you want to develop rural parts of Medway like the Hoo where I live is not an option that many people who have moved like we have to that part of Medway for the fact that ii is rural, and far a way from the congestion of the town your development would take that away and complete upset the area, not only that no matter how much you put in to the area it will not be able to cope with that amny people added to it		
DS1a	Does the proposed spatial development strategy represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth?	No
DS1b	Please explain why you think proposed spatial development strategy does / doesn't represent the most sustainable approach to managing Medway's growth	
Hoo can not take that level of development		
DS1c	What do you consider would represent a sound alternative growth strategy for the Medway Local Plan?	
build somewhere else		
	CR_DS: Council response:	

## Housing

Q2	Thinking about the Housing section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's housing needs?
the whole of Medway and not just the easy options, also look at the affect building would have on the area	
	CR_Q2 Council response:

## Retail and Town Centres

Q8	Thinking about the retail and town centres section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to meet Medway's retail and town centre needs?
this is the area that the council should be look at and help breath life back into the town centre and keep away from rural areas altogether.	
	CR_Q8 Council response:

## Natural Environment and Green Belt

Natural Environment and Green Belt	
Q11	Thinking about the natural environment and greenbelt section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support conservation and enhancement of the environment in Medway?
Leave Hoo alone and conservation and the environment of medway will be fine	
	CR_Q11 Council response:

## Built Environment

Q15	Thinking about the built environment section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support sustainable development and high quality design in Medway?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

## Health and Communities

Q17	Thinking about the health and communities section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to	
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	help improve the quality of life for Medway's residents?
No	
	CR_Q15 Council response:

#### Infrastructure

Q20	Thinking about the infrastructure section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to help improve Medway's infrastructure?
	Keep out of building in Hoo and there will no need to improve the infrastructure there so more can be spent on the town centre and more populated area
	CR_Q20 Council response:

#### Transport

Q23	Thinking about the transport section of the Development Strategy, please answer the following question. When developing the Local Plan what things do you think the council should consider to support a sustainable and effective transport network in Medway?
	as with my last question if you leave Hoo alone then there would no longer be the need for transport links to improve out there and you could improve transport links in the town centre and surrounding areas
	CR_Q23 Council response: