

## Developing a Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy for Medway

The council is preparing a green and blue infrastructure strategy as part of its work on the new Medway Local Plan. The strategy looks at the river and wider water resources, and the broad range of natural and built assets that make up our diverse local environment. It includes parks, woodland, allotments, cycle routes, flood storage areas and bat boxes. Government is promoting green and blue infrastructure as a key component of environmental planning, such as in the [25 Year Environment Plan](#).

We have worked with consultants to produce a draft vision for Medway's green and blue infrastructure. This will form part of a wider strategy document assessing our local environmental networks, and setting out priorities and actions for achieving the vision.

The council welcomes comments on this draft vision for Medway's green and blue infrastructure. It will take these comments and other relevant information into account in preparing a strategy document.

We have prepared some suggested topics and questions to help collect comments. Please do not feel you have to answer every question – by all means you can just provide your comments by way of email. It is designed as a guide to gather information, to support the new strategy document.

You can find the draft vision document on the council's website [here](#).

You can also view a copy of the document at the council's offices at Gun Wharf during normal opening hours, and at the council's main town centre libraries in Strood, Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham and Hoo. You can find details of the opening hours and locations of the libraries at:

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory/6/find\\_a\\_library](https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory/6/find_a_library)

**Please send your comments to the council's Planning Policy team at:**

Email: [futuremedway@medway.gov.uk](mailto:futuremedway@medway.gov.uk)

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If you have any queries, you can also telephone the team on 01634 331629.

**Comments must be received in writing by 12 pm on Monday 30 September 2019.**

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If you have any questions about this document and you want to speak to someone in your own language please ring 01634 335577

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<b>Developing Medway Green and Blue Infrastructure Vision – Stakeholder Comments</b>	
Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position (if applicable)	
Contact email/address	
<b>Background information for strategy</b>	
Can you tell us of any policy documents that the council should be aware of in producing this strategy?	
Do you have any information on the condition of Medway's environment?	
What do you think are the main issues facing Medway's green and blue infrastructure?	
Could you please briefly outline any of your projects or plans that are relevant to this strategy?	
<b>Developing the vision</b>	
What are your thoughts on the draft vision document? Are there further areas to raise?	
<b>Developing the strategy</b>	
How do you think the strategy could help delivery sustainable development in Medway?	
What role would you like to see for green and blue infrastructure in tackling climate change and carbon reduction?	
Do you have any specific comments and ideas for protecting and enhancing blue (ie water) infrastructure?	
What approaches should we take to achieving 'Net Gain for Nature' and strengthening local ecological networks.	

How should we approach planning for green and blue infrastructure in different parts of Medway, ie, our urban regeneration sites, suburban areas and the countryside?	
What actions should be taken to achieve the diverse benefits of green and blue infrastructure?	
What are the main things that you would like to see in place for Medway's environment?	
Do you have any other comments on the vision document, or the wider work on this strategy?	

We will record all comments received and take them into account in preparing the Medway green and blue infrastructure strategy. We will hold your personal details in line with our [data protection policy](#).

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