Medway Local Plan

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Medway Local Plan

- Legal requirement setting out a framework for the future development of an area
- Medway is projected to grow significantly:

  2016 – 278,542   2035 – 330,200

- Need for c. 30,000 homes, employment, shopping, services and infrastructure
- Boost local economy and support community, in balance with historic and natural environment

Preparing the Local Plan

- Consulted on Development Options – broad approaches to development in urban, suburban and rural areas.

- Consulted on policy approaches, including Housing, Community Facilities andInfrastructure.

- Planning officers are assessing comments received to consider in emerging plan and its policies.

- Further consultation in early 2018.

Housing in the Local Plan

- Purpose of local plan to provide land to meet area's housing needs
- Need to consider which locations are most suitable for growth
- It's not just numbers – need to consider what type of housing needed and approaches in different areas
- Important issue for local people and key government priority

Policy approaches: Housing

- Housing delivery

- Housing mix

- Affordable housing and starter homes

- Supported housing, nursing homes and older persons

- Student accommodation

- Mobile home parks

- Houseboats

- Houses of multiple occupation

- Self build and custom housebuilding

- Gypsy, traveller, and travelling show people accommodation

Community facilities and services

- Local Plan aims for towns and villages with good access to services

- Need to plan infrastructure to support growth

- Particular issues for rural areas

- Plan at strategic level and at local levels

- Securing funding for services

- Neighbourhood plan has an important role in planning for local community facilities

Linking local and neighbourhood plans

- Sharing information

- Identifying housing need

- How can villages grow sustainably?

- How can the plans secure and improve local services?

- Policies need to align to avoid conflicting guidance between plans.