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Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment

Officers are currently assessing the suitability, availability and achievability of a range of sites including:

- Sites submitted as part of Call for Sites (summer 2017)
- Unimplemented allocations
- Unimplemented permissions
- Refused/withdrawn applications etc.



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Sustainability Appraisal – (being undertaken by consultants LUC)

- Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) runs alongside plan development.
- Assesses effects of all ‘reasonable alternatives’.
- Reports cumulative effects of Plan as a whole and in-combination with neighbouring and national policy.
- SA Reports tell the story of how and why the Council have arrived at the final contents of the Plan.
- SA Reports are published alongside the Local Plan consultations and submission.

SA Scoping Report Consultation undertaken February/March 2018

Next Step - Appraisal of preferred options and ‘reasonable alternatives’ to these options to draw out significant effects of options to inform final selection of options.



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Habitat Regulations Assessment – (being undertaken by consultants LUC)

- HRA is the Formal assessment of the **implications** of any new **plans** or **projects** capable of affecting European Sites.
- The formal Screening and Appropriate Assessment stages can only be carried out once a Plan has been fully drafted (Reg 18).
- Thanet Coast SPA Mitigation Strategy (2012-2022) is being reviewed to ensure baseline evidence base is fully up to date for the HRA
- Currently the results of recent visitor surveys undertaken at Pegwell and Sandwich are being considered by officers in conjunction with LUC and Natural England.



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Statement of Community Involvement

- Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how, when and where the Council undertakes public consultation on Planning matters.
- Updated SCI was consulted upon for six weeks from Thursday, 24th May until midnight on Thursday, 5th July 2018
- A final draft of the SCI incorporating consultation responses will be taken to Cabinet for adoption on 10th September.



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Neighborhood Planning

- **Ash Neighborhood Plan** – currently preparing their evidence base – Regulation 14 consultation to be informed by Housing Need Survey and site assessments undertaken by consultants AECOM
- **Dover Town Council** - administrative area of Dover Town Council has been designated as a Neighborhood Area following a valid application by the Town Council.

