

Consultation Approach

Name of project	Dover District Council Green Infrastructure Strategy
Topic	<p>The Green Infrastructure Strategy will identify the needs and opportunities across the District to protect and enhance green infrastructure, helping to guide the investment and delivery of green infrastructure and to realise its associated benefits for people and nature. It will help the Council meet the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and supports the delivery of the Council’s emerging Local Plan.</p> <p>The draft Green Infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan will go to public consultation. The consultation will be available via the Council’s website and public comments can be made via the council’s online consultation portal.</p>
Period	Public Consultation: XX May 2023 – XX June / July 2023 (6 Weeks)
Promotion and Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email distributions to key stakeholders, including parish and town councils • Local press release • Keep Me Posted • DDC website • Social Media (Facebook, Twitter)
List of Consultees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stakeholders to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dover District Council Officers - Kent County Council Officers - Neighbouring Authorities - Town & Parish Councils - Kent Public Health & CCG - Local disability groups - Kent Wildlife Trust - Kent Nature Partnership - RSPB - CPRE - Kent Downs AONB - Other nature-focused NGOs - Local interest wildlife groups • Local communities • Dover District Ward Councillors
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce web and social media alerts and press releases to make the general public aware of the Strategy • Communicate with consultees via email providing a web link to an online version of the document or to the Council’s online consultation portal - https://dover-consult.objective.co.uk/kse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultees are requested to submit their comments online where possible; this will make analysis of comments more cost effective. • Alternatively, comments may be emailed to localplan@dover.gov.uk. Consultees can also make representations by post addressed to the Planning Policy Team. • The potential for using a web-based visual presentation of the Green Infrastructure Strategy is currently being explored and may also be consulted upon.
Data analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All comments will be compiled and analysed by the Planning Policy teams at DDC.
Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Policy will prepare an executive summary describing the main issues raised through consultation. • The revised report will be considered for adoption by Cabinet • The final report will be published electronically on the DDC website and potentially in a web-based interactive format. • Alerts will be sent via Keep me Posted and social media once the final document is published online.
Points of contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Policy Team (01304) 872477 or localplan@dover.gov.uk