

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2nd EDITION

Thanet District Council response to Examiners Initial Determination and Procedural Matters 21/04/23

Questions for Thanet District Council

1. Can the Council please confirm the current timetable for the emerging Review of the Thanet Local Plan to cover the period to 2040, as referenced at Section 5.0 in the draft Plan and at Section 3 in the latest Local Development Scheme (LDS) dated June 2022?

The Council can confirm that the timetable set out in the [Local Development Scheme dated 2022](#) is the most up to date published timetable for the emerging review of the Thanet Local Plan.

2. Can the Council please confirm that they have no objections to the proposed definition of the five 'Areas of High Townscape Value' listed at paragraph 9.3.2 and specifically shown on Map 8 and on detailed maps at Appendix 3 in the Draft Plan?

The Council confirms that there is no objection to the inclusion and definition of the Areas of High Townscape Value (AHTV). The previous Thanet Local Plan (2006) included AHTVs, however it was considered that there was insufficient evidence to justify the policy on a district wide basis for inclusion in the current local plan, so they were not carried forward. However their inclusion in a Neighbourhood Plan is considered entirely appropriate.

The Council did comment on an earlier version of the Revised Neighbourhood Plan where the AHTVs had been renamed as 'Heritage Asset Areas'. It was our view that areas under that term should be better related to Heritage Assets rather than townscape features, and that the descriptions of the areas did not relate directly to Heritage Assets. The Town Council, in their Regulation 16 version of the plan, reverted the areas back to AHTVs which satisfied the Councils response to this issue.