

## Chapter 12 - Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure

Document Section Path	12 - Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure Diagram 1 - Hierarchy of Nature Conservation Designations GI01
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Barar		375			Support	<p>12 - Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure</p> <p>12.2 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are nationally designated sites under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, which have important wildlife or geological value. This Act as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 imposes a duty on public bodies exercising statutory functions which may affect SSSIs, to take reasonable steps to further enhance the features for which the site is designated. The nationally designated sites (SSSI and National Nature Reserve), also cover the coastline, and have similar features to the international sites, including over 30 nationally rare species of terrestrial and marine plants, 19 nationally rare and 149 nationally scarce invertebrate species and roost sites for migrating and wintering birds. Thanet has two SSSIs which are Thanet Coast SSSI and the Sandwich Bay and Hacklinge Marshes, one National Nature Reserve at Pegwell Bay which straddles the District boundary with Dover. The Thanet Coast is also a designated Marine Conservation Zone.</p> <p>Protection of Nationally Designated Sites (SSSI), National Nature Reserve (NNR) and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ)</p> <p>Policy GI01- Protection of Nationally Designated Sites (SSSI) and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ)</p> <p>Development which would materially harm either directly, indirectly or cumulatively, or detract from the scientific or nature conservation interest of a Site of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserve or Marine Conservation Zone will not be permitted. Exceptionally, where it can be demonstrated that the need for the proposed development is compelling and overrides the national importance of the site, and it has been demonstrated that no suitable alternative site exists, mitigating measures will be required to maintain the integrity of the site, to the satisfaction of the appropriate authority.</p> <p>I wish to make my representation on this policy that as Birchington is a coastal village and the Thanet Coast has been designated a SSSI, I wish to comment that this is a welcome stance by the Council Planning Authority and should be encouraged, throughout especially in areas, identified as strategic sites with the retention / creation of green corridors / wildlife corridors. Evidencing this policy, is the results of the latest Birchington Village Appraisal 2018</p>		1100		Email

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						(see attached) which shows the majority of Birchington residents, attach significant importance to this issue, namely, 69.78% of the people who participated in the Birchington Village Appraisal 2018, consider 'preserving green space' and 67.17% consider 'respecting the landscape' an important issue. In addition, please see the following link on protecting the coast for people and nature <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/news/protecting-the-coast-for-peopleand-nature">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/news/protecting-the-coast-for-peopleand-nature</a> .				
Blackburn	Camilla	385	Kent Wildlife Trust		Observation	Thank you for inviting Kent Wildlife Trust to respond to your consultation on site allocations and policies within the draft Thanet Local Plan. We would like to take this opportunity to commend you on the content of this document with regard to the protection of the natural environment. We would like to make a few recommendations, as follows: The Trust fully supports the policies in Chapters 4 and 12. However, given the implementation deadline of the new NPPF, it may be advisable to reference the wording from the new NPPF (particularly paragraph 17 4) regarding 'mapping and safeguarding' and 'net gain'. This will make it clearer that policies within these Chapters are a requirement of the NPPF.		1133		Email
Cooper	Barbara	514	Kent County Council (KCC)		Observation	Sport and Physical Activity Service: KCC supports the reference to Sport England and recommends that KCC has consideration of the guidance provided by Sports England.		1526		Email
Johnson	Elisabeth	51	Monkton Residents Association		Observation	It would appear to be counter productive to have a policy to protect something from development only to have a "get out clause" that allows it.		600		Web
May	Raymond	238			Observation	I have already made a comment on the adverse affect that potentially future,highly concentrated aviation activity (supported by this Council) at Manston, could have at the Pegwell Bay nature reserve. For this reason I also include Monkton Chalk Pit Nature reserve which lies just 330 metres from the western flight path.		806		Web
Stevens	Angela	163			Observation	Brett's have been allowed onto Port Ramsgate without due diligence having been carried out. They are on the edge of a protected and conservation marine environment, without proper studies and reports having been carried out.	I suggest TDC practices what it preaches instead of stating one thing and ignoring their own policies! Port Ramsgate is blighted by Brett's concrete factory, without the necessary reports having been carried out by TDC in a marine conservation area!	688		Web
Twizell	Heather	512	Natural		Object	<b>Diagram 1 - Hierarchy of Nature Conservation Designations</b>		1473		Email

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			England			<p>As we have stated previously when providing informal advice on this section of the Local Plan we assume that this diagram is for illustrative purposes only as it does not contain all designated sites within Thanet District, notably missing off both the Thanet Coast SSSI and Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ). Despite our previous advice the word Ramsar is still incorrectly shown in capitals, this is not an acronym but the name of the place in Iran where the Ramsar Convention was originally signed.</p> <p>Paragraph 12.2 – we are very pleased to see that this paragraph now makes reference to the Thanet Coast MCZ.</p> <p><b><i>Policy GI01- Protection of Nationally Designated Sites (SSSI) and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ)</i></b></p> <p>We welcome the policy protection given to nationally important nature conservation sites but as stated in our comments on SP27, for Thanet to achieve real gains in biodiversity the Local Plan needs to go far beyond protectionist policies such as this one.</p>				
Ward	Linda	157			Observation	Greedy developers will always be able to find a way to demonstrate that no alternative site exists!		514		Web

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Barar		375			Support	<p>Policy GI02 - Locally Designated Wildlife Sites</p> <p>Development which would have a detrimental impact on locally designated wildlife sites will not be permitted unless suitable mitigation can be provided either on or off site within Thanet. Exceptionally, where a strategic need for a proposed development is identified which outweighs the importance of the locally designated sites and cannot be located elsewhere, an equivalent area of habitat will be created elsewhere at a suitable location well related to other existing habitats.</p> <p>Wherever possible and appropriate, new developments will include measures to enhance and improve connectivity to designated wildlife sites.</p> <p>I wish to make my representation on this policy that as Birchington is a coastal village and the Thanet Coast has been designated a SSSI, I wish to comment that this is a welcome stance by the Council Planning Authority and should be encouraged, throughout especially in areas, identified as strategic sites with the retention / creation of green corridors / wildlife corridors. Evidencing this policy, is the results of the latest Birchington Village Appraisal 2018 (see attached) which shows the majority of Birchington residents, attach significant importance to this issue, namely, 69.78% of the people who participated in the Birchington Village Appraisal 2018, consider 'preserving green space' and 67.17% consider 'respecting the landscape' an important issue. In addition, please see the following link on protecting the coast for people and nature <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/news/protecting-the-coast-for-peopleand-nature">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/news/protecting-the-coast-for-peopleand-nature</a></p>		1101		Email
Twizell	Heather	512	Natural England		Support	<p><b>Policy GI02 - Locally Designated Wildlife Sites</b></p> <p>We support the final clause of this policy requiring new development to enhance and improve connectivity to local wildlife sites and would like to see something similar appended to Policies SP25 and GI01.</p>		1474		Email

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Twizell	Heather	512	Natural England		Object	<p><b><i>Policy GI03 - Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS)</i></b></p> <p>We would query why this policy contains no caveat around permitting development if the need for it in a particular location outweighs the importance of the designated site as there is in all the policies covering non-geological sites. This seems inconsistent.</p>		1475		Email

<b>Document Section Path</b>	Amenity Green Space and Equipped Play Areas GI04
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Bacon	Joseph	255			Object	<p>I don't feel there is enough play spaces in Cliftonville and Margate area - and those which exist are under-maintained and a health and safety hazard as a result (both through the possibility of a child picking up dangerous litter such as needles and the potential to be harmed in using less than perfect equipment). With the loss of the playground at the Wheatsheaf Pub in the East Cliftonville ward there are now barely any spaces for children to play in that area.</p> <p>It is proposed that there could be more sympathetically designed play areas built along the coastline, and that there could be far more provision for older children and teenagers, for example storage units (such as shipping containers) for the loan of sports equipment, areas with basketball hoops, ping pong tables and football nets, and clean well kept shelters where teenagers can hang out and feel at home and cared for. Any new play areas should consider the environment, with wind breaks on the seaward side to ensure shelter from the winds, and clever wild planting. There is the opportunity here to work with local artists to create some wonderful spaces, for which funding would surely be available.</p>		776		Web
Davies	Julie	147	CPRE Kent		Observation	<p>Table 11.</p> <p>The tables refer to LAPs LEAPs and NEAPs and in Table 11 also to MUGA. These are not explained in the preamble nor in the Glossary. It would be helpful to explain these acronyms.</p>		415		Web
Davies	Julie	147	CPRE Kent		Observation	<p>Table 10.</p> <p>The tables refer to LAPs LEAPs and NEAPs and in Table 11 also to MUGA. These are not explained in the preamble nor in the Glossary. It would be helpful to explain these acronyms.</p>		416		Web
Gregory	Amelia	119	Friends of Cliftonville Coastline		Observation	<p>FOCC believes that there are not enough play areas in the Cliftonville and Margate area - and those which exist are under-maintained and a health and safety hazard as a result (both through the possibility of a child picking up dangerous litter such as needles and the potential to be harmed in using less than perfect equipment). With the loss of the playground at the Wheatsheaf Pub in the East Cliftonville ward there are now barely</p>	<p>FOCC believes that there are not enough play areas in the Cliftonville and Margate area - and those which exist are under-maintained and a health and safety hazard as a result (both through the</p>	320		Web

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Hudson	Pam	240	Mrs		Observation	FOCC believes that there are not enough play areas in the Cliftonville and Margate area - and those which exist are under-maintained and a health and safety hazard as a result (both through the possibility of a child picking up dangerous litter such as needles and the potential to be harmed in using less than perfect equipment). With the loss of the playground at the Wheatsheaf Pub in the East Cliftonville ward there are now barely any spaces for children to play.		731		Web

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Ptarmigan Land and Millwood Designer Homes		493	Ptarmigan Land and Millwood Designer Homes	Joshua Mellor - Barton Willmore LLP	Object	6.5 Policy GI04 (Amenity Green Space and Equipped Play Areas) provides specific standards, set out in tables 10, 11 and 12, for amenity green space and equipped play areas. Whilst we have no comments on the soundness of this proposed policy, it may be sensible to combine it with Policy SP31 providing a single policy relating to Public Open Space requirements.		1388		Email
Shoul	Matt	107	FOCC - FRIENDS OF CLIFTONVILLE COASTLINE		Object	<p>As a founder member of FOCC - Friends of Cliftonville Coastline - I endorse &amp; include the FOCC statement about the lack of explicit commitment within the draft plan to the vital importance of preserving existing trees in our urban spaces &amp; in our streets &amp; a policy of increasing the number of trees in Thanet generally &amp; in particular the towns within Thanet:</p> <p>Amenity Green Space and Equipped Play Areas:</p> <p>FOCC believes that there are not enough play areas in the Cliftonville and Margate area - and those which exist are under-maintained and a health and safety hazard as a result (both through the possibility of a child picking up dangerous litter such as needles and the potential to be harmed in using less than perfect equipment). With the loss of the playground at the Wheatsheaf Pub in the East Cliftonville ward there are now barely any spaces for children to play in that area.</p> <p>It is proposed that there could be more sympathetically designed play areas built along the coastline, and that there could be far more provision for older children and teenagers, for example storage units (such as shipping containers) for the loan of sports equipment, areas with basketball hoops, ping pong tables and football nets, and clean well kept shelters where teenagers can hang out and feel at home and cared for. Any new play areas should consider the environment, with wind breaks on the seaward side to ensure shelter from the winds, and clever wild</p>	<p>The legal safety of trees covered by tree protection orders ought to be given proper prominence &amp; weight within the draft plan, as there are notable examples of TPIs being ignored &amp; the law flouted within Thanet.</p> <p>An explicit policy statement must be included within the draft plan to ensure the protection, preservation &amp; planting of trees within Thanet's public spaces &amp; its urban streets - this is imperative to ensure the health &amp; environmental benefits of substantially increasing the number of trees in these key areas - Thanet being currently noted for having significantly less trees than many comparable areas of the UK.</p>	339		Web

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						<p>planting. There is the opportunity here to work with local artists to create some wonderful spaces, for which funding would surely be available.</p> <p>Make your own comment here!  <a href="https://consult.thanet.gov.uk/consult.ti/TLP_PRE_SUB/viewCompoundDoc?docid=9428628&amp;sessionid=&amp;voteid=&amp;partId=9435092">https://consult.thanet.gov.uk/consult.ti/TLP_PRE_SUB/viewCompoundDoc?docid=9428628&amp;sessionid=&amp;voteid=&amp;partId=9435092</a></p>				
Shoul	Matt	402			Object	<p>FOCC believes that there are not enough play areas in the Cliftonville and Margate area - and those which exist are under-maintained and a health and safety hazard as a result (both through the possibility of a child picking up dangerous litter such as needles and the potential to be harmed in using less than perfect equipment). With the loss of the playground at the Wheatsheaf Pub in the East Cliftonville ward there are now barely any spaces for children to play in that area.</p> <p>It is proposed that there could be more sympathetically designed play areas built along the coastline, and that there could be far more provision for older children and teenagers, for example storage units (such as shipping containers) for the loan of sports equipment, areas with basketball hoops, ping pong tables and football nets, and clean well kept shelters where teenagers can hang out and feel at home and cared for. Any new play areas should consider the environment, with wind breaks on the seaward side to ensure shelter from the winds, and clever wild planting. There is the opportunity here to work with local artists to create some wonderful spaces, for which funding would surely be available.</p>		1167		Email

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Hutson	Laura	348	Sport England		Object	<p><b>Site allocations and playing field provision</b> Development that would either involve the loss of playing field or prejudice the use of the playing field (for example, housing immediately adjacent to an existing playing field) would be strongly resisted by Sport England.</p> <p><b>Playing Pitch Strategy</b> The Local Plan should be informed by a robust and up to date assessment such as the Playing Pitch Strategy which I understand was recently completed for Thanet. Sport England's most recent Guidance is clear that PPSs should be updated <u>at least annually</u> (Stage E). I would strongly encourage you to ensure a Stage E review is undertaken as soon as possible in order to ensure the evidence base for the local plan is up to date and robust – I am happy to advise on this should you wish. I am unclear as to whether this document has been formally adopted; I was unable to find it as part of the evidence base listed on the website. The PPS should form part of the Local Plan evidence base. This document should also be used to inform questions around sporting infrastructure that is required (either in terms of updating or new provision).</p> <p><b>Protecting playing fields and sport facilities</b> Currently the NPPF states:</p> <p><i>Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:</i>  <i>an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements</i>  <i>the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location</i>  <i>the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss.</i></p> <p>With regard to policy <b>GI05</b>, the draft policy does not comply with the NPPF as above due to the inclusion of point 6 (<b>The playing field does not make a visual contribution to the amenity of and its loss would not be detrimental to the character of the area</b>) which is not in compliance with the NPPF, and therefore Sport England does not consider it adequately protects outdoor sport facilities in compliance with national policy. Sport England objects to the lack of protection for sport facilities as set out in the NPPF. Point 1 should also refer to the requirement for a</p>		1038		Email

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						robust and up to date assessment in order to demonstrate any excess of playing field – ideally the recently completely Playing Pitch Strategy should be referred to by name in order to ensure both applicants and DM colleagues are easily able to refer to it.				
Latchford	Barry	45			Observation	Sports facilities are included in the SHP proposal for Manston and would prove a valuable asset to the community. This is another reason to designate Manston for Mixed Development.		110		Web
Solly	C	419			Object	<p>As this is the best policy to feedback on the Open Space Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Facility Strategy 2017 Executive Summary June 2018 here is feedback for this document:</p> <p>Overall the report fails to illustrate the current participation rates in the current level /number of clubs/teams/ fixtures in 2017. The report only covers shortfall. Therefore no future comparison can be made with potential growth in club provision. For example Thanet Colts largest youth football provision in Thanet highlights on their website <a href="https://www.thanetcolts.uk/">https://www.thanetcolts.uk/</a> that they have 30 youth teams. To enable for clubs to aim for clubmark, the lack of quality and quantity of pitches plays will be a factor in being able to achieve this mark.</p> <p>These figures are based on current demand. The report clearly states that life expectancy in Thanet is down by 10.6yrs (M) 6.2yrs (W) Where Thanet also is on the bottom 5% least active district in UK.</p> <p>Limited reference to these stats which are substantial and should be targeted in relation to funding priorities. Additional detail in relation to whole sport plans for each of the key sports would warrant a better reflection on the demand. With the rise in obesity levels, increased level of funding would reflect an increase in participation rates.</p> <p>Outdoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bearing in mind the influx of a proposed 1600 houses to Birchington (as stated in this report) the level of enhanced sports facilities for Birchington remain absent in this report both from an indoor and outdoor in relation to the “PROVIDE” element of TDC report. The report makes a recommendation that the change of use to youth level which limits access to adult football within this area.</li> <li>• Pavilion provision for outdoor sports are very poorly reflected in this report. If youth/ adult pitches were to be present/ provided the current pavilion within Birchington is very poor.</li> <li>• The main provision of pavilions for outdoor sports in Thanet have been underinvested alongside parking facilities.</li> <li>• The quality of the pitches in the TDC area are very poor inc. drainage, due to poor maintenance and overplay. The quality of the pitches remain absent in this report alongside any current investment on sports</li> </ul>	<p>Prioritise financial contributions on this policy address the comments arising from the Open Space Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Facility Strategy 2017 (in the evidence base). The policy should address inside sporting facility as many sports are considered indoor sports and has a increase value in the winter months. Policy should reflect parking need and accessibility. Policy should reflect sporting activities in the transport plan. Policy should cover other outside sporting activities. (Golf, watersports, skateboarding)</p>	1264		Email

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						<p>facility maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ursuline Sports College – has previously offered an opportunity as a previous specialist sport college secondary school within Thanet does not feature at all in the provision of outdoor opportunities in the area of Birchington/ Westgate. Lack of resources to improve safe road access and permission for floodlighting was a factor in underdevelopment.</li> <li>• New road networks do not feature safe cycle routes into and around Birchington. Existing cycle route are unsafe due to poor maintenance of highways (glass, overgrown hedges/ trees, road debris)</li> <li>• Not all outdoor sports are included in the report e.g. athletics, golf, watersports provision, skateboarding (urban sports)</li> </ul> <p>Indoor provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not all indoor sports provision are included in the report inc. martial arts, table tennis</li> <li>• Boxing – should have a provision which should feature a boxing ring (cannot train specifically for boxing without the presence of a boxing ring.</li> <li>• Useful to understand the improvement of indoor facilities on educational sites, which educational sites should feature.</li> <li>• Studio access is not featured where a large proportion of sport/ activity take place inc. martial arts, dance, fitness classes (all recognised Sport England sports)</li> <li>• Access and Car parking availability is poor re: Ursuline, Hartsdown, Jackie bakers Where the increase in housing within the Birchington area will spike, the level of sporting provision reflected in this report in either the short or long term will reflect the demand. With the increase in level of traffic across the region, this report does will not service the needs of its residents and has not exploited potential growth areas in relation to Sports pavilion development</li> <li>• Outdoor and indoor facility development to respond to residents within this area</li> <li>• Improved access to facilities and car parking</li> <li>• Focused safe and accessible cycle, walking, jogging routes</li> <li>• Shortfall of facilities are not a true reflection of current usage and proposed trend in participation rates.</li> <li>• Figures do not reflect additional shortfall of indoor studio space</li> </ul>				

<b>Document Section Path</b>	Landscaping and Green Infrastructure in New Developments GI06
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Barar		375			Support	<p>Landscaping and Green Infrastructure in New Developments</p> <p>12.19 A positive natural environment can have economic benefits by making the area a place where people want to live. New developments should contribute to and enhance the natural environment.</p> <p>12.20 Green infrastructure can be created through landscaping and design by providing wildlife corridors and stepping stones in new developments, creating links between existing habitats. This can contribute to people's health and well-being by keeping people in touch with their natural environment, providing opportunities for residents to manage their local environment and reinforce a sense of community.</p> <p>12.21 Landscaping can create a pleasant setting for development, provide shade from the sun and pollution attenuation as trees and shrubs absorb water and dust. It should be an integral part of the design of a development, rather than consisting of 'offcuts' of leftover land or as a way of camouflaging poor design.</p> <p>12.22 Landscaping designs should, in the first instance, be related to each plot of land so that each future owner would be responsible for its upkeep, reducing the burden on Council resources. If this is not possible or desirable, commuted payments through legal agreements may be negotiated in appropriate circumstances. Accordingly, landscaping matters should be considered at the earliest stages of the design process. For developments that fall within the identified landscape character areas, further guidance is available within the landscape strategy for each character areas in the 2017 assessment.</p> <p>12.23 Thanet has relatively few trees. The Council will therefore seek to retain existing trees as part of any proposed developments through the making of Tree Preservation Orders and through use of planning conditions where appropriate. British Standard BS5837: 2012 (Guide for Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction) gives guidance regarding the best approach to new site development in relation to existing trees.</p> <p>12.24 The Council seeks to retain hedges and other semi-natural habitat, such as ponds and species-rich grassland, together with new planting, as they lend maturity to a development and can enhance biodiversity and wildlife habitats, through the following policy.</p> <p>Policy GI06 - Landscaping and Green Infrastructure</p>		1102		Email

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						<p>When a development proposal requires a design and access statement, it will include a landscape survey. The landscape survey should describe the current landscape features on the application site, and demonstrate how the proposed development will provide landscaping and Green Infrastructure to enhance the setting of the development, where possible and appropriate, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an attractive environment for users and occupiers</li> <li>• Establish a sense of enclosure with hedges and trees</li> <li>• Soften hard building lines and the impact of new buildings</li> <li>• Provide screening from noise and sun</li> <li>• Create new wildlife corridors and stepping stones</li> <li>• Create new wildlife habitats and improve biodiversity</li> <li>• Retain historic features including boundaries and layouts</li> <li>• Improve connectivity between new and existing features</li> </ul> <p>The developer will need to satisfy the Council that adequate arrangements to ensure continued maintenance of landscaping has been made. The Council may seek to secure arrangements for this purpose through a planning agreement.</p> <p>I wish to comment that this is a welcome stance by the Council Planning Authority and should be encouraged, throughout especially in areas, identified as strategic sites with the retention / creation of green corridors / wildlife corridors. I cannot represent more strongly the importance of retaining the borders of SP14 as 'unmanicured' areas of landscape and not subjected to developers, sculpting clean and uniform areas of green space which is totally out of character to the way nature intended. In other words, green corridors / wildlife corridors should be preserved in their present condition – nature as nature intended.</p>				
Barar		375			Observation	<p>Green Corridors / Wildlife Corridor areas would help to reconnect and restore landscape so that wildlife is no longer struggling to survive in isolation. This supports a living landscape, which benefits both people and wildlife and makes nature more resilient to future change. They provide vital wildlife corridors for many species, particularly reptiles, birds and mammals. Please refer to the Birchington Village Appraisal 2018 attachment which evidences that 69.84% of the population of Birchington that responded, are strongly in favour of the 'preservation of green space'. Furthermore, 67.18% strongly agree that the 'Landscape must be respected'. This and other consensus data collected within the Village Appraisal, will in due course underpin the formulation of the Birchington Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>More recent developments in Thanet have been designed around a central and communal car-parking space or condensed in size and increased in height so as to maximise the availability on the land</p>		1111		Email

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						available to build on – for example, nearby Westwood Cross has experienced such a housing development expansion, in the last few years. Generally, cost and time factors dictate that ‘new builds’ appear ‘clone like’ in design as identical building materials adorn each property within an estate and effectively create an ongoing urban sprawl and housing coalescence at existing residential boundaries with manicured lawns and hedges. This is not traditional to our village and provides little positive character or sense of place. It effectively sanitises any hint of the natural environment of the location. There appears to be a distinct absence of any kind of consideration for Green Corridors / Wildlife Corridors. A mutually beneficial policy such as this would be favourable for both the existing and potential residents of our village in terms of satisfying the need for housing, allow a ‘foothold’ for our natural habitat to survive and sustain indigenous species of plants and animals, whilst preserving the character and serenity of our village.				
Cooper	Barbara	514	Kent County Council (KCC)		Object	SUDS: KCC considers that this policy should be revised to include <i>“Creating new wildlife and biodiversity habitats, including integration with surface water management.”</i> This would reflect the multi-functional objectives of SuDS within the revised NPPF.		1527		Email
Johnson	Elisabeth	51	Monkton Residents Association		Observation	Unfortunately the landscaping shown on the beautifully presented computer generated images of plans does not always translate itself into reality when a site is developed as often the actual site is not large enough for the landscaping images to materialise, it is to be hoped that in the future this problem will be addressed and the landscaping will actual comply with all the ideals in Policy G106		601		Web
Rossi	Elizabeth	453			Observation	Please incorporate my comments to the Local Plan Inspector.  Trees and hedgerows promote sustainable, well designed, development that ensures biodiversity and landscaping are at the heart to help create green spaces for wildlife and people, to contribute to a high quality natural and built environment, and contribute to a better quality of life. Thanet has the least density of trees and hedgerows in Kent, given intensive farming during WW2 and in terms of hedgerows, Thanet wasn’t part of the enclosures act 200 years ago, resulting in numerous barren landscapes in this District. Moreover, many buyers of houses often remove trees as seen here in the village of Minster in recent years.  Consideration should be given, wherever possible, to the retention of suitable trees within development, or to incorporating new planting into the design. Trees are a valuable addition to any		1300		Email

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						development, helping to enhance biodiversity and achieve a high quality development in the local landscape or townscape. Ideally, local planners should consider planting additional woodland on land they own, seeking funding for specific tree planting projects. I understand in recent years, a new woodland was planned for the Hartsdown area of Margate but due to lack of funding was cancelled.				
Twizell	Heather	512	Natural England		Support	<b><i>Landscaping and Green Infrastructure in New Developments</i></b> The supporting text makes many laudable points, particularly around GI improving peoples wellbeing by keeping them in touch with their natural environment (Paragraph 12.20) and stating that landscaping should be an integral part of the design of a development (Paragraph 12.21).		1476		Email

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Samme	Linda	16	Manston Parish Council		Support	Jacky Bakers should be allowed to grow as a sports and recreation facility , no commercial use.		27		Web