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Issue 1 – Implementation – Policy SP01
Q1. What is the justification for requiring development proposals to comply with the provisions of the IDP in Policy SP01?

Response:
There are issues on which items in the IDP which may not easily understand the phasing requirements and some items are to be determined.

As per my original representation additional costs for policing despite the representation by Kent Police appears not to have been considered. I have contacted Kent Police as they have not made a representation (Reg 19) due to the officers position was vacated however I have contained their previous representation which considered the same level of housing and therefore valid. I have concerns of the Westwood development and antisocial behavior with young people, as the slow build out of the site at Westwood has not delivered community assets and open spaces. I am currently in correspondence with the Police commissioner and a contact in crime prevention who is looking into a representation further.

Representation from Kent Police (Reg 18):
https://consult.thanet.gov.uk/gf2.ti/af/731202/120955/PDF/-/Hall_74_Kent_Police.pdf

In my representation I note the issue of funding for infrastructure by KCC.
Primary Schools could be affected by low delivery of housing (SP01 contains items of primary schools). Speaking to the executive headteacher of Minster Primary school, for which has just federated with Monkton Primary School. The Village schools have currently not filled out all of their school places in the past few years (historically all space have been allocated).
Birchington Primary school (as well as other schools such as St Georges) has increased its capacity and as listed as 1FE. This is understood due to the higher expectation of houses and population increase in the area and presumably driven by projected future demands. This has also been seen in population estimates, where population growth has not met as expected in the past few years. The issue is that the schools are only funded for the children that are provisioned, so for the case at Minster and Monkton as they have not filled the classes, the budget has not been as large as anticipated that risks general funding of the school. Minster and Monkton, as well as St Nicholas school could be affected by a unrealistic projection of population and over capacity of schools as proposed in the plan. This could lead to part of this policy to be unjustified on the grounds that there will be over provision of primary schools (Westgate and Birchington are due to build 2 new schools). Minster, Monkton and St Nicholas are essential to the rural area and provides good choices for schools and offer good ofsted ratings. They are currently suffering due to budget issues due to possible over provision. Plan delivery should be realistic and under delivery of housing could have adverse effects on the schools.

I have looked at data (table 1) for the school places which are available and then offer which are relevant to the 2 Strategic Allocations of Westgate and Birchington as well as the area around Salmestone for which there is some smaller sites. There was a underprovision of 90 school places (3FE) for 2018. The data is shown below, and taken from Kent County Councils guide for parents for primary schools document 2018. It would be appropriate to consider the number of children which is projected to need school places in the plan period to understand if there is a overprovision of schools in the plan period.

DFE number	School	Intake	Applications	Offers	Under Allocation By	Under Allocation %	Own Admissions authority	SEN	LAC	Linked Infant School	Lower Criteria	Last Distance Offered	Local Authority Allocation
3178	Birchington Church of England Primary School	90	155	76	14	15.56%	No	0	2	30	44	3.996	0
3917	Garlinge Primary School and Nursery	120	188	106	14	11.67%	No	1	0	46	57	11.165	2
3182	Minster Church of England Primary School	60	111	51	9	15.00%	No	0	0	16	35	4.973	0
3183	Monkton Church of England Primary School	15	51	10	5	33.33%	No	0	0	2	8	5.885	0
2011	Salmestone Primary School	60	74	39	21	35.00%	Yes	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	59.462	4
2337	St Crispin's Community Infant School	90	182	90	0	0.00%	No	0	0	38	52	0.832	0
3889	St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	45	55	27	18	40.00%	Yes	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.362	0
3186	St Nicholas At Wade Church of England Primary School	30	80	25	5	16.67%	No	0	0	12	13	4.931	0
3181	St Saviour's Church of England Junior School	96	91	91	5	5.21%	No	1	2	86	3	2.533	0
	All School Totals	**606**	**987**	**515**	**91**	**15.02%**							
					3FE (class of 30)								

Table1 Primary schools in the wide area of Westgate, Birchington and the Villages

For secondary Schools the data (table 2) is quite clear on what is known about 2 problematic schools in the area which have historic social issues. There is a lack of choice for Birchington and the Villages with many choices being made by local authority as can be seen in the allocations in the table below and are in poor schools (as seen in ofsted ratings below).

I would regard this as under provision and with choices being limited in the Birchington and the Villages. I am of the understanding there is a additional school planned for Westwood, but not for anywhere in the North Thanet area for which Birchington and Westgate has 2 large strategic sites. Please note what KCC states in their representation *“PRoW and Access Service: The suitability of a site for the expansion of a school should take into consideration sustainable accessibility and deliver sites where possible, with good links to the existing PRoW and cycle networks.”.*

Thanet has a clear divide of highways between North and South Thanet for which cycling would be difficult. I would question if its reasonable and sustainable if children should cycle from Birchington and the Villages to Westwood, as seen in the cycle tracks map this is wholly inadequate.

			Admissions 2018 Offer Day Outcome Offers						
DFE No.	School Name	Intake	Total Apps	Offers	Under Provision by	Under Provision %	Own Admissions Authority	SEN	Local Authority Allocation
4016	Charles Dickens School	232	732	232	0	0%	Yes	3	0
5462	Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School	190	443	190	0	0%	Yes	1	0
5460	Dane Court Grammar School	175	380	175	0	0%	Yes	0	0
4172	Hartsdown Academy	180	172	95	85	53%	Yes	1	85
4120	King Ethelbert School	150	773	150	0	0%	Yes	2	0
5468	Royal Harbour Academy	200	215	150	50	25%	Yes	0	50
5463	Sandwich Technology School	260	654	260	0	0%	Yes	0	0
4000	St Augustine Academy	160	539	160	0	0%	Yes	3	0
5447	St George's Church of England Foundation School	217	957	217	0	0%	Yes	5	0
4633	Ursuline College	180	596	180	0	0%	Yes	0	0
			Grammar Schools						
		Intake		Offers	Vacancies				
		1347		1212	135	11.14%			

Table 2, Secondary School places in Thanet (including Sandwich which is in the catchment area)

Ofsted ratings for Hartsdown and Royal Harbour:

Showing **2** schools and colleges

School name	Ofsted rating	Date of inspection	Link to report
Hartsdown Academy Remove	3 Requires Improvement	09/03/2018	Ofsted Report
The Royal Harbour Academy Remove	4 Inadequate	13/06/2018	Ofsted Report

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Issue 2 – Community Infrastructure – Policies SP36-SP40

Q4. Is it clear to decision-makers, developers and local communities where the new medical centre referred to in Policy SP38 will be provided? How will the medical centre be funded, who will provide it and is the centre deliverable within the plan period? Is Policy SP38 justified and effective?

Response:
As stated transport links to buses should be included into this policy. Elderly people may find a remote medical centre hard to reach if not considered. It is unclear if the CCG will extend the Medical Centre at Birchington, as stated on SP14 it is encouraged to extend this centre for the local area.