

Maidstone Borough Council

Core Strategy 2011

Appendices

Regulation 25 Public Participation Consultation

8. Glossary

CORE STRATEGY APPENDIX 8

Glossary of terms

ACRONYM	TERM	DESCRIPTION
	Affordable rented housing	Rented housing provided by registered providers of social housing, that has the same characteristics as social rented housing except that it is outside the national rent regime, but it is subject to other rent controls that require it to be offered to eligible households at a rent of up to 80 per cent of local market rents.
AAP	Area action plan	AAPs target specific areas of development or change. AAPs have the status of DPDs.
AMR	Annual monitoring report	The AMR provides a framework with which to monitor and review the effectiveness of local policies, and to establish whether policy targets or milestones for LDDs set by the LDS have either been met or progress made towards meeting them.
ANGSt	Accessible natural greenspace standard	Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) provides a set of benchmarks for ensuring access to places near to where people live. (www.naturalengland.org.uk)
CIL	Community infrastructure levy	The levy will help pay for the infrastructure required to support new development. This includes development that does not require planning permission. The levy should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies unless the new development makes the deficiency more severe. The levy can be charged by local authorities in England and Wales – but they do not have to. Authorities that wish to charge a levy need to develop and adopt a CIL charging schedule. Councils must spend income from the levy on infrastructure to support the development of the area but they can decide what infrastructure to spend it on and it can be different to that for which it was originally set. Authorities should set out on their Web site what they will use CIL for (Reg 123 list).
CLG	[Department of] Communities and Local Government	The Department of Communities and Local Government sets policy on local government, housing, urban regeneration, planning and fire and rescue. It has responsibility for all race equality and community cohesion related issues in England and for building regulations, fire safety and some housing issues in England and Wales. The rest of its work applies only to

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		England. (www.communities.gov.uk)
	Core Strategy	The Core Strategy is a Development Plan Document. Once adopted it will set out in general terms, how, where and when development will take place in Maidstone Borough over a 20-year period 2006 to 2026.
	Development plan	In accordance with legislation all planning applications should normally be determined in accordance with Development Plan policies. Maidstone's development plan comprises adopted DPDs, saved local plan policies and the regional strategy until such time as the Localism Bill is enacted.
DPD	Development plan document	A DPD is a spatial planning document that is subject to independent examination. DPDs form part of the development plan for a local authority's area, and include the Core Strategy. AAPs have the same status as DPDs.
EA	[The] Environment Agency	The Environment Agency is the leading public body for protecting and improving the environment in England and EA Environment Agency Wales, with particular responsibilities for river, flooding and pollution. (www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
GBI	Green and blue infrastructure	The term is used in Maidstone borough to collectively refer to the active planning, creation, management and protection of multifunctional green spaces and water bodies (the blue element) in built and urban environments. The terms includes but is not limited to parks and gardens, natural and semi natural open spaces, green corridors, outdoor sports facilities, allotments and river corridors. The primary functions of GBI are to conserve and enhance biodiversity, create a sense of space and place, and support healthy living by increasing outdoor recreational opportunities for people.
	Growth point	Growth Points are communities that are pursuing large-scale, sustainable housing growth through a partnership between local organisations and central government. (www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/growth_points)
	Gypsies and travellers	Circular 01/06 defines Gypsies and Travellers as "Persons of nomadic habit of life whatever their race or origin, including such persons who on grounds only of their own or their family's or dependants' educational or health needs or old

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		age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excluding members of an organised group of travelling show people or circus people travelling together as such."
HRA	Habitat regulations assessment	HRA tests the impacts of a proposal on nature conservation sites of European importance – Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas – and is also a requirement under EU legislation for certain plans and projects.
HCA	Homes and Communities Agency	The national housing and regeneration agency, responsible for providing funding for affordable housing, bringing land back into productive use, and raising standards in the physical and social environment.
	Index of multiple deprivation	The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. The Indices of Deprivation are produced at Lower Super Output Area level. (Definition from www.communities.gov.uk)
	Intermediate affordable housing	Housing at prices or rents above those of social rent but below market price or rents. These can include shared equity products (e.g. HomeBuy), other low cost homes for sale and intermediate rent but does not include affordable rented housing.
KCC	Kent County Council	The first tier of local government for the County. Responsible for highways, children's services and education, social services, minerals and waste planning etc. The AMR uses statistics from various sources collated by KCC.
	Knowledge economy	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) definition: "The knowledge based economy" is an expression coined to describe trends in advanced economies towards greater dependence on knowledge, information and high skill levels, and the increasing need for ready access to all of these by the business and public sectors. The Employment Land Review interprets what it means for Maidstone Borough.
	Lifetime homes standard	The Lifetime Homes standard is a set of 16 design criteria that provide a model for building accessible and adaptable homes. (www.lifetimehomes.org.uk)

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LDD	Local development document	LDDs comprise statutory Development Plan Documents (DPD), Area Action Plans and the LDF Proposals Map, and non statutory Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD).
LDF	Local development framework	Introduced by the Planning Act 2004, the LDF is a folder of documents containing DPDs, AAPs, saved local plan policies, SPDs, the Proposals Map, the SCI, the LDS and the AMR. Together these documents provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for the borough.
LDS	Local development scheme	The LDS is a business programme or timetable listing the documents the Council will produce under the LDF within a minimum 3-year time frame, explaining how documents will be prepared and when they will be published.
LNR	Local nature reserve	Local Nature Reserves are formally designated areas for both people and wildlife. They are places with wildlife or geological features that are of special interest locally. They offer people special opportunities to study or learn about nature or simply to enjoy it. (www.naturalengland.org.uk)
LSP	Local strategic partnership	The LSP is a partnership of stakeholders who develop ways of involving local people in shaping the future of their neighbourhood, particularly in determining how local services should be provided. LSPs are often single non-statutory, multi-agency bodies, which aim to bring together the local public, private, voluntary and community sectors.
MBC	Maidstone Borough Council	A second tier local authority. The local planning authority responsible for producing the LDF and the determination of most planning applications.
MBWLP	Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000	The Local Plan was adopted by the Council in 2000 and it set the policy framework for determining planning applications. The MBWLP contains planning policies for protecting the environment and proposals for allocating sites for new development in the Borough. From 28 September 2007 only some of the policies in the MBWLP continue to form part of the Development Plan: such policies are called "saved" policies. LDF documents will gradually delete or replace saved local plan policies. MBWLP policies that have NOT been saved, or have been replaced by LDDs, will NOT be used in the determination of planning applications.
NPPF	National	The future replacement for all PPG, PPS and

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	planning policy framework	circulars – in one document. Intended to 'simplify' the planning system.
PPG	Planning policy guidance [note]	Published by the government, PPGs set out national guidance for the determination of planning applications. They are gradually being replaced by Planning Policy Statements.
PPS	Planning policy statement	Published by the government, PPSs set out national policy to guide development. PPSs are gradually replacing Planning Policy Guidance.
	Regional hub	A regional hub is a location identified at regional level as a focus for transport services and economic activity. 21 are identified in the South East.
RSS/RS	Regional strategy	The regional strategy, previously the regional spatial strategy, is the regional level of plan making. The regional strategy for the south east is the South East Plan. Government has signalled its intention to abolish regional strategies through the enactment of the Localism Bill 2010.
	Registered provider	Registered Providers (RPs) are independent housing organisations registered with the Homes & Communities Agency under the Housing Act 1996. Most are housing associations, but there are also trusts, co-operatives and companies.
S106	Section 106 legal agreement	Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a Local Planning Authority to enter into a legally binding agreement or planning obligation with a land developer. The obligation is termed a Section 106 Agreement. Such agreements can cover almost any relevant issue and can include sums of money. (www.idea.gov.uk)
	Social rented housing	Rented housing owned and managed by local authorities and registered social landlords, for which guideline target rents are determined through the national rent regime, or rented housing owned or managed by other persons and provided under equivalent rental arrangements to the above, as agreed with the local authority or with the Homes and Communities Agency as a condition of grant.
	Sustainability/sustainable	Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This definition was created in 1987 at the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission).
SA	Sustainability	The SA is a tool for appraising policies to ensure

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	appraisal	they reflect sustainable development objectives, including social, economic and environmental objectives. Under the Act, an SA must be undertaken for all DPDs or AAPs.
SCI	Statement of community involvement	The SCI specifies how and when the community and stakeholders will be involved in the process of preparing LDF documents.
SEA	Strategic environmental assessment	SEA is a generic term used to describe the environmental assessment of policies, plans and programmes. The European SEA Directive requires a formal environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use.
SEP	South East Plan	See Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)
SHLAA	Strategic housing land availability assessment	MBC published its SHLAA in May 2009. The primary role of the SHLAA is to identify sites with potential for housing within and adjacent to defined settlements; to assess the housing potential on sites; and to determine if or when sites are likely to be developed. The SHLAA aims to identify as many sites with housing potential in and around as many settlements as possible in the study area, and the Council then undertakes public consultation on which sites should be developed in accordance with its development strategy. (www.communities.gov.uk)
	Spatial planning	Spatial planning brings together and integrates policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes which influence the nature of places and how they function.
SHMA	Strategic housing market assessment	A Strategic Housing Market Assessment aims to estimate housing need and demand, and indicate how the distribution of need and demand varies across the plan area. It considers future demographic trends and identifies the accommodation requirements of specific groups. (www.communities.gov.uk)
SoS	Secretary of State	Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
SPD	Supplementary planning document	An SPD provides detailed supplementary guidance about how adopted planning policies will be implemented. Unlike a DPD or AAP, an SPD does not have to undergo Independent Examination, but it is still subject to stakeholder and public participation and consultation.
SCS	Sustainable community	The Sustainable Community Strategy is produced by a partnership of the local public,

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	strategy	private, voluntary and community sector with the aim of improving the social, environmental and economic well being of their areas. Local authorities must have regard to the SCS when preparing LDF documents. Maidstone's Community Strategy was adopted in 2009.
	Supplementary guidance	Supplementary Guidance was introduced as part of the plan making system in June 2008 (PPS12: creating strong safe and prosperous communities). Local authorities can endorse publications prepared by regional or strategic bodies as supplementary guidance to their LDF. The Guidance is not part of the LDF but, if documents are subject to adequate stakeholder and public consultation, it carries commensurate weight to an SPD in decision making processes.
	Travelling showpeople	Circular 04/07 defines Travelling Showpeople as "members of a group organised for the purposes of holding fairs, circuses or shows (whether or not travelling together as such). This includes such persons who on the grounds of their own or their family's or dependants' more localised pattern of trading, education or health needs or old age have ceased to travel temporarily or permanently, but excludes Gypsies and Travellers as defined in Circular 01/96".
	Windfall/ unidentified sites	Sites which become available for development which were not previously identified as allocations in a local plan or LDD, nor identified as commitments through previous planning permissions.

