

Plan 2040 – a new Local Plan for Sevenoaks District

Regulation 18 Part 2 - Comments Form

Consultation Period: 23rd November 2023 – 11th January 2024

Please use a separate form for each Policy or Site that you wish to comment on.

1. Please specify the **policy or site** to which your comments relate:

T1 & T2 - Sustainable Movement Network

2. Do you have any comments on or suggested changes to the proposed policy/site?

Edenbridge Town Council supports this more detailed policy and the intention to “create and strengthen interchanges between different transport modes (such as rail, bus, walking, cycling) to improve access and support first and last mile journeys by active travel”. However, safe cycle routes continues to prove difficult to achieve in Edenbridge (the Baseline Transport Assessment identifies two of the District’s seven bicycle lanes as being in Edenbridge, but these are a mere 10 and 20 metres long respectively). Existing walking routes in the town are similarly under-delivered - the only route between library and centre has single-pavement in places that is too narrow to pass a pushchair, compelling people to make short journeys by car, and several edge-of-town roads lack pavements.

However, the policy does not address the road infrastructure issues which is serviced by the B2026, with several steep and narrow sections on the Kent/Surrey boundary. It is 7 miles to the nearest ‘A’ road (A264 and A25), and 10 miles to the nearest junction on the M25. Aged railway bridges constrain the flow of traffic into and around the town. The Policy Strategic Objectives already identifies Edenbridge by-pass as a congestion hotspot, and that a second Transport Assessment is needed. This should include the proposed developments in ST2.

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No (Please delete as appropriate)

Please give your: **Name and Address, Email and Contact Number** and those of your Agent (if you have appointed one to act on your behalf). If you live in the District, please also note which Parish you live in.

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Comments that are submitted anonymously will not be accepted. Comments will be published and attributed by name/organisation only. Contact details will not be published but will be used to keep you informed of the progress of the Local Plan.

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Please return this form by email to planning.policy@sevenoaks.gov.uk or to:
Strategic Planning Team, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HG

All comments must be received by no later than **11:59pm on 11th January 2024**. Comments received after the deadline may not be accepted.

Comments that are considered to be libelous, racist, abusive or offensive will not be accepted.

