

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:

ST2 - MX8 - 78-80 - 82-84 1-2 Leathermarket, Edenbridge

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

Edenbridge Town Council supports the site for development. However, the current information provided is too vague and therefore more work is needed on the design to ensure a better scheme and the right development takes place.

The Town Council would like to see provision maintain a public car park. The site is only single vehicle width set off the High Street between two listed buildings. To the rear of the site is Waitrose with pedestrian access. The site provides one of two general use car parks for the High Street, with both also used by residents who live along the High Street and nearby. It also provides two of six disabled parking spaces in the town. Loss of any public car parking facility would impact the parking facilities already used to capacity.

The SHELAA suggests 14 residential units and 30% retail with the rest for car park. The Town Council queries the low residential density and suggests this could be higher but should be within keeping of the area noting the site is within the conservation area.

The High Street has seen some retail units converted to smaller units and residential and therefore questions if there is a retail need for as much as 30%.

The Town Strategy suggests this site for retail expansion and relocating the charter market. However, the Town Council does not currently support this proposal, and further evidence would be needed to confirm this was the right use for this space. *See response to EDN1.*

Would you like to be added to our mailing list to be notified of updates to the Local Plan and future consultations?

~~Yes~~ / No (Please delete as appropriate) *Already on list*

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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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.

