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Introduction

1. LUC was appointed by Dover District Council in July 2017 to undertake Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of their emerging Local Plan. There have been four key outputs from the SA of the Local Plan to date.
 - SA Scoping Report dated February 2018.
 - SA Report for the Draft Dover District Local Plan (Regulation 18) dated December 2020.
 - SA Report for the Publication Dover District Local Plan (Regulation 19) dated September 2022 ([SD03a](#)).
 - Errata Sheet I: Updates to the SA regarding the location of GP surgeries ([SD03b](#)).
 - SA Addendum to the SA Report for the Publication Dover District Local Plan (Regulation 19) dated March 2023 ([SD03c](#)).
 - Updates to the SA in response to changes to the Habitats Regulations Assessment.
 - Errata Sheet II: Updates to the SA regarding two site boundary changes.
2. The Publication Dover District Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent Examination on 31st March 2023. On 18th April 2023, two Inspectors were appointed to examine the 'soundness' of the Local Plan. The Examination Hearings were held between 14th November and 15th December 2023.
3. This SA Addendum presents the SA of the proposed Main Modifications to the Dover District Local Plan and considers their implications for the SA findings reported previously. Together with the September 2022 SA Report and the subsequent errata sheets and addendum listed above, this Addendum represents an appraisal of the Dover District Local Plan as proposed to be modified, updating the findings that were presented in these documents. This SA Addendum should therefore be read alongside the September 2022 SA Report and those subsequent SA documents.

Proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan

Inspector's initial findings

4. After considering representations made to the Local Plan this SA document, as well as a series of Matters, Issues and Questions that were discussed during Public Hearings in 2023, the Inspectors published their Initial Findings ([ED45](#)) setting out their advice to the Council with regards to proposed Main Modifications to the Dover District Local Plan in order to ensure the Plan is sound. In summary, the Inspectors requested three further modifications to those already discussed in the hearings, as described here.
 - Policy SAP1: Whitfield Urban Expansion is to be guided through an updated masterplan instead of a Supplementary Planning Document and Strategic Policy 12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure should no longer require upgrades to the A258/A256 junction and refer to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. According to the Inspectors, their conclusions on the soundness of Policies SAP1 and SP12 will be set out in their final report in due course, after considering any representations made in response to the Main Modifications consultation.
 - One of the sites allocated under Policy SAP40: St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Small Housing Sites (STM010) is to be deleted from the Plan due to the visual effects its development would have, particularly on the Kent Downs National Landscape (formerly referred to as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or AONB).
 - Eythorne and Elvington are to remain separate Local Centres and Policy SAP28: Land between Eythorne and Elvington must include wording that ensures development does not lead to any harmful coalescence.

Main Modifications Summary

5. As outlined in **Table 1**, 182 Main Modifications are proposed to the Publication Dover District Local Plan. These are detailed in the Schedule of Main Modifications April 2024. Of the 182 proposed Main Modifications, 10 are to strategic policies,

53 to site allocation policies and 31 to development management policies. The other proposed Main Modifications comprise changes to the supporting text to the policies in the Local Plan, in addition to the appendices. All of the Main Modifications have been subject to SA in this document and are presented in **Appendix A**.

Table 1: Number of proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan

Local Plan Chapter	Number of proposed Main Modifications
Chapter 1: Introduction	0
Chapter 2. Vision and Objectives	2
Chapter 3. Strategic Policies	20
Chapter 4. Housing and Employment Sites	100
Chapter 5. Climate Change	12
Chapter 6. Place Making	7
Chapter 7. New Homes	10
Chapter 8. Employment and Local Economy	6
Chapter 9. Retail and Town Centres	0
Chapter 10. Transport and Infrastructure	8
Chapter 11. The Natural Environment	9
Chapter 12. The Historic Environment	2
Appendices	6

6. The proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan are the changes that have been identified through the examination process as being necessary for soundness. In addition to those listed above in relation to the Inspector's initial findings, a summary of the key modifications which have influenced the original assessment in the Sustainability Appraisal are set out below.

7. Policy SP3: Housing Growth and Housing Trajectory is modified to reflect housing requirement and supply changes as of 1st April 2023. Overall, the Local Plan still seeks to deliver 10,998 new homes, including affordable homes, resulting in no key changes to the findings of the SA. No substantive changes have been made to the Settlement Hierarchy other than the order of settlements, although it is now presented in the supporting text to Policy SP3: Housing Growth instead of an appendix to the Local Plan.

8. In accordance with the update to the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) conclusions (to be published alongside the Main Modifications consultation), the proposed Main Modifications remove the requirement for conducting a wintering bird survey for some site allocations, and require developments within 500m of the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA and Ramsar site, Policy SP13: Protecting the District's Hierarchy of Designated Environmental Sites and Biodiversity Assets now requires the submission of a Construction Environmental Management Plan. Policy NE1: Biodiversity Net Gain has been rewritten to reflect updated national policy and guidance, although its overall purpose remains the same.

9. As set out above in relation to the Inspector's initial findings, one site allocation, Policy SAP40 (STM010), has been deleted from the Plan as not justified due to the visual effects its development would have on the landscape. Therefore, the effects of this allocation recorded in the full SA report will no longer occur. Several other site allocations have had capacity changes which have not resulted in changes to the outcomes of the September 2022 SA Report.

10. Numerous site allocations in the Dover area now incorporate on and off-site sustainable transport measures, in alignment with Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel. These measures encompass financial contributions aimed at increasing the frequency and reliability of Dover Fastrack, and towards provision of highway infrastructure improvements for Dover Fastrack as set out in Policy SP12: Sustainable Transport Infrastructure. Further to this, a number of allocations now seek to enhance the Public Rights of Way Network and the integrity and setting of the England Coast Path where they are in close proximity to the route.

11. The proposed Main Modifications identify two Heritage Regeneration Opportunity sites that were previously identified as site allocations, namely the former Snowdown Colliery in Aylesham (previously referred to as Policy SAP25) and Western Heights in Dover (previously referred to as Policy SAP4). Furthermore, most sites referencing the requirement for a Heritage Assessment/Statement now include detailed specifications regarding the specific heritage assets to be considered and all mentions of 'Heritage Assessment' throughout the Plan's site allocations have been replaced with 'Heritage Statement' in alignment with Policy HE1: Designated and Non-designated Heritage Assets.

12. There is no longer a requirement to submit a Climate Change Statement which was a requirement of SP1 and other climate change policies, and all references to the Future Homes Standard have been removed. However, planning applications must still demonstrate how carbon emissions will be reduced.

Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan

13. The Council has also prepared a series of Policies Map Modifications which in many cases are consequential to a proposed Main Modification. As set out in the Schedule of Policies Map Modifications, there have been changes to the boundaries of the following sites:

- Policy SAP3: Dover Waterfront (increase in size of site to reflect land ownership and to include Marina Curve).
- Policy SAP12: Charlton Shopping Centre, High Street, Dover (reduction in size of site). The site name is also proposed to be amended to 'Car Park rear of Charlton Shopping Centre, Crafford Street'.
- Policy SAP13: Dover Small Housing Sites – Albany Place Car Park, Dover (DOV019) (increase in size of site).
- Policy SAP52: Prima Windows, Easole Street/Sandwich Road, Nonington (reduction in size of site).
- Policy SAP17: Land south of Stonar Lake and to north and east of Stonar Gardens, Stonar Road, Sandwich (increase in size of site).
- Policy E2: Loss or Redevelopment of Employment Sites and Premises Deal Business Park (ELR10) (reduction in size of site).

14. The appraisal of site options in Chapter 5 of the full SA Report (September 2022) are 'policy-off', i.e., detailed consideration has not been given to measures that might help to avoid and mitigate adverse effects or enhance positive effects in any given location. This is to ensure that all site options were appraised fairly, based on the same assumptions and to the same level of detail before the Council's final site allocations had been selected. The effects of the Council's selected site allocations, including the policy measures employed to avoid and mitigate identified adverse effects and enhance positive effects are appraised in Chapter 7 in the full SA Report.

15. The boundary change to Policy SAP3 has already been appraised, in the March 2023 SA Addendum ([SD03c](#)). The remaining boundary changes do not alter the effects recorded in the SA because the boundary changes are relatively small and therefore do not significantly change the distances of the sites to known environmental sensitivities and local services and facilities. The only exception is Policy SAP12. The policy-off and policy-on assessments of Policy SAP12 are set out below.

Policy-off effects

16. The policy-off appraisal of the updated Charlton Shopping Centre boundary (now Car Park rear of Charlton Shopping Centre, Crafford Street) (SAP12r) has resulted in the significant negative effect against '2k Exposure to noise pollution from roads and railways' being changed to a negligible effect, as the revised site boundary reduces the size of the site so that it no longer contains the area affected by noise pollution from the High Street. This changes the overall effect against SA objective 2b: Health risk, from significant negative to minor negative.

17. The site assessment proforma for the original site boundary (SAP12) can be found in Appendix F of the full SA Report under the site reference 'DOV028'. **Table 2** shows the policy-off effects recorded for both the original (SAP12) and revised Car Park rear of Charlton Shopping Centre, Crafford Street (SAP12r) site allocation boundary.

Table 2: Comparison of SAP12 and SAP12r policy-off effects

Site ID	SA1: Housing	SA2: Health and well-being		SA3: Employment	SA4: Transport/SA5: Resources	SA5: Resources	SA6: Air pollution	SA7: Flood risk	SA8: Climate change	SA9: Biodiversity	SA10 Historic environment	SA11: Landscape
		SA2a: Access to amenities	SA2b: Health risk									
SAP12	+	++	--	+	++	-	0?	--	++	0	-?	0?
SAP12r	+	++	-	+	++	-	0?	--	++	0	-?	0?
Key	++ Significant positive effect likely		+ Minor positive effect likely		0 Negligible effect likely		- Minor negative effect likely		-- Significant negative effect likely			

Policy-on effects

18. In the full SA Report, Policy SAP12 is recorded as having a mixed significant positive and significant negative effect in relation to SA objective 2: Health and well-being. The effect has now changed to a mixed significant positive and minor negative effect, as a result of the change in site boundary and the site no longer being vulnerable to noise pollution.

Overall conclusion

19. All of the proposed Main Modifications have been subject to SA in this document and are presented in **Appendix A**.

20. The nature of the proposed Main Modifications and proposed Policies Map Modifications does not result in the identification of reasonable alternatives that require consideration through the SA.

Proposed Additional Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan

21. The Council has also prepared a series of more minor Additional Modifications, covering minor corrections, clarifications and consequential changes to the Publication Dover District Local Plan, all of which have no effect on the findings of the SA.

Baseline and evidence update

22. Since publication of the SA Report for the Publication Dover District Local Plan dated September 2022, the following key evidence base documents of relevance to the SA have been produced or commissioned by the Council.

- **Water Cycle Study (March 2023)**¹: This study explores the different elements of the water cycle in Dover District and provides recommendations on policy approaches to ensure the emerging Dover District Local Plan does not have a detrimental effect on the water environment in the District. Pressure on water resources is increasing in the District but both water companies, Southern Water and Affinity Water, aim to reduce per capital consumption together with leakage as

¹ Dover District Council (March 2023). Water Cycle Study Update. (see <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Submission-Documents/CCEB03-Water-Cycle-Study-Update-March-2023.pdf>)

outlined in their Water Resource Management Plans. They also require some infrastructure schemes in the District, such as removing constraints around the Dover source and strengthening the network. Southern Water provides wastewater services to the whole District. The wastewater treatment works across the District have the capacity to accept additional wastewater flow from forecast housing growth. In terms of water quality, Dover District hosts three main watercourses – none of which are achieving 'good' status under the Water Framework Directive. Factors relating to the provision of water supply and wastewater treatment are key contributors to this. The Study concludes that its findings have been delivered through a number of policies in the Regulation 19 Publication Dover District Local Plan. The Study was originally published in September 2022 but was subsequently updated in March 2023 to take account of consultation representations received on the previous version of the Study and changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

- **Stodmarsh Water Quality Modelling (September 2022)**²: The Dambridge wastewater treatment works in Wingham, Kent, discharges nutrients into the environment in its treated final effluent, which eventually enter the Little Stour River and then the Great Stour River. There is concern that these nutrients may be contributing to the elevated nutrient levels in water bodies in Stodmarsh Lakes system. As such, APEM investigates potential connectivity between Dambridge WwTW and the Stodmarsh Lakes System. They conclude that although there is a potential hydrological connection between Dambridge WwTW and Stodmarsh, the concentrations anticipated are below the limits of detection and so there will be no measurable contribution of the effluent discharge to nutrient loading in the lake.
- **Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (October 2022)**³: This report sets out the overarching and latest conclusions of the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, following the Call for Sites that was undertaken in 2021 and a review of previously identified sites in 2020. It identifies 83 suitable residential sites with the potential for approximately 9,805 homes; 14 potentially suitable residential sites with the potential for approximately 900 homes; 9 mixed suitability residential sites with the potential for approximately 175 homes; and 241 unsuitable residential sites. It also identifies 22 suitable employment sites with the potential for approximately 190,000sqm of potential developable floorspace; 6 potentially suitable employment sites; and 2 unsuitable employment sites.
- **Indoor Sports Facility Audit and Strategy (April 2023)**⁴: This strategy contains an audit and assessment of indoor sports facilities to develop an understanding of supply and demand of these facilities within the District and opportunities to address any gaps in provision. There is a deficiency in indoor swimming pools and sports halls in the District, which should be explored – particularly where new housing is being proposed (e.g. Whitfield, Aylesham and Dover Town Centre). There is also a requirement to explore further provision of health and fitness suites, dance/aerobic studios, gymnastics facilities, and boxing and martial arts facilities. Although remaining indoor sports facilities meet demand, there will be an increase in demand as the population of the District continues to increase.
- **Regulation 19 Transport Modelling Forecasting Report (October 2022)**⁵: This report investigates the impacts that the sites allocated in the Publication Dover District Local Plan will have on the existing highway network and specific junctions. The Report identifies key areas where performance deteriorates, which resulted in junction modelling being undertaken to assess the impacts of the Local Plan and identify and assess the impacts of junction improvements. The junction modelling identifies the need for junction improvements at both the Whitfield and Duke of York roundabouts. The junction modelling at the A256/A2 and A256/Boys Hill roundabout identifies that the impacts of the Local Plan would be minimal and so no improvements were required. At London Road/Alkham Valley Road and the A258/Station Road/Grays Road, potential improvements are identified and modelled but need to be further discussed with Kent County Council. At the A256/A258 and A256/A257/Ash Road junctions, capacity issues have been identified and potential solutions need to be discussed with Kent County Council.

² APEM (September 2022). Stodmarsh Water Quality Modelling. (see <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Submission-Documents/NEEB03-River-Stour-Connectivity-Study.pdf>)

³ Dover District Council (October 2022). Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. (see <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Submission-Documents/GEBO9a-HELAA-Main-Report-October-2022.pdf>)

⁴ Dover District Council (April 2023). Indoor Sports Facility Strategy. (see <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy/PDF/Indoor-Sports-Facility-Strategy-2023.pdf>)

⁵ WSP (October 2022). Regulation 19 Transport Modelling Forecasting Report. (see <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Submission-Documents/TIEB02a-Regulation-19-Transport-Modelling-Forecasting-Main-Report-October-2022.pdf>)

- **Additional Junction Modelling (March 2023)**⁶: Following publication of the Regulation 19 Transport Modelling Forecasting Report, Kent County Council provided comments relating to: (1) the impacts of their proposed mitigation improvements at the A256/A258 Deal Road junction; (2) the impacts of their proposed mitigation improvements at the A256 Sandwich Road Bypass/A257/Ash Road junction; and (3) the assessment of the A258 Deal Road roundabout. The purpose of the further modelling was to identify how well these junctions would perform, taking into account proposed mitigation improvements for the first two. The first two junctions with the exception of the A257 arm of the A256 Sandwich Road Bypass/A257/Ash Road junction are expected to perform within capacity with no significant queues or delays, taking into account mitigation. Possible design changes could improve the performance of the A257 arm. The A258 Deal Road roundabout was not found to experience high delays and capacity issues, and so no further potential improvements to the junction are needed.
- **Authority Monitoring Report 2022/23 (October 2023)**⁷: In the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, 556 new dwellings were built in the District. 24% of these new dwellings were affordable, which is below the target of 30%. 36% were on brownfield land, 21% were in the Whitfield Urban Expansion and 12 self-build homes were granted permission. During the period between 2006 and 2023, the Dover urban area delivered 34% of all housing completions, Deal 26%, Sandwich 3%, Aylesham 16% and the rural areas 20%. Therefore, Deal, Sandwich, Aylesham and the rural areas have seen a higher number of completions than was planned for in the Core Strategy, whilst Dover has seen fewer housing completions as a proportion of planned growth. Of the 161 homes built in Dover, 72% of those completions were within the Whitfield Urban Expansion. During the period 2017 and 2023, the required amount of 1 and 3 bedroom homes was built in line with the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2017). However, more 2 bedroom homes have been permitted than is required and fewer 4 bedroom homes have been permitted. During the monitoring period, 135 affordable housing units were completed in the District, and planning permission was granted for further affordable housing units, which should help to maintain future delivery of affordable housing. A gross total of 17,551sqm of commercial floorspace was built. The net total for the monitoring period was 3,073sqm.
- **Five Year Housing Land Supply 2023-2028 (October 2023)**⁸: As of 1st April 2023, Dover District Council has a Local Housing Need of 609 dwellings per annum, which equates to a requirement of 3,045 dwellings over the five year period 2023 to 2028. There are 3,442 dwellings within the Council's housing land supply that are deemed deliverable within the next five years. The Council can therefore demonstrate 5.38 years' worth of housing supply.
- **Gypsy and Traveller Pitches Need and Supply Update Note (June 2023)**⁹: The 2018 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) Position of Need identified a cultural need for 30 pitches, of which there is a Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) need of 18 pitches. The cultural need includes all those who are ethnically defined as Gypsies and Travellers whereas the PPTS need does not. In 2020, the update to the GTAA identified a cultural need for 26 pitches, of which 16 would meet the PPTS need. In the Publication Dover District Local Plan, the cultural need and PPTS need were added together to give a need for 42 pitches. In the Gypsy and Traveller Pitches Need and Supply Update Note, Dover District Council explain that the PPTS need forms part of the cultural need, such that the figures should not have been added together. Although PPTS only requires the Council to meet the PPTS need of 16 pitches, the Council proposes to meet the full cultural need for 26 pitches, of which 16 would meet the PPTS need. Using the need figure set out in the Publication Dover District Local Plan (42 pitches), a land supply of 9 years can be demonstrated, with a remaining need for 8 pitches later in the Plan period. Using the GTAA position of total cultural pitch need (26 pitches), this results in a surplus of 8 pitches against the identified need, and a substantial land supply beyond the plan period. The Publication Dover District Local Plan identifies three sites for intensification (Policy H3), for an additional 5 pitches over the Plan period, which will add to the supply position over the Plan period. In summary, this demonstrates a five-year supply in both scenarios.

⁶ WSP (March 2023). Additional Local Junction Modelling for Dover District Local Plan. (see

<https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Submission-Documents/TIEB03-Additional-Junction-Modelling-March-2023.pdf>)

⁷ Dover District Council (October 2023). Authority Monitoring Report. (see <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy/PDF/Authority-Monitoring-Report-22-23.pdf>)

⁸ Dover District Council (October 2023). Five Year Housing Land Supply 2023-2028. (see <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy/PDF/Five-Year-Housing-Land-Supply-23-28.pdf>)

⁹ Dover District Council (July 2023). Gypsy and Traveller Pitches Need and Supply Update Note. (see

<https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Examination-Documents/ED12A-Appendix-1-Gypsy-and-Traveller-Pitches-Need-and-Supply-Update-Note-July-2023.pdf>)

Policies, plans and programmes update

23. Since the publication of the SA Report for the Publication Dover District Local Plan, the following key policy documents of relevance to the SA have also been produced or updated.

International

24. There are no policies, plans or programmes at international level of relevance to the SA of the Dover District Local Plan that have been published since the September 2022 SA Report.

National

- **National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023)**¹⁰: Since the publication of the September 2022 SA Report, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was updated. On 5th September 2023, wording relating to onshore wind development in England was updated. On 19th and 20th December 2023, revisions were made in response to the planning reforms outlined in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act. In summary, Local Planning Authorities should now “meet as much of an area’s identified housing need as possible”. Although the five year housing land supply remains, it is not required for plans adopted in the last five years, which identified at least a five year supply of specific and deliverable sites at the time its Examination concluded. If this is the case, authorities must instead demonstrate a four year housing land supply. The 5% and 10% buffers previously applied to the five year supply have been removed, but where there has been significant under delivery of housing over the previous three years, paragraph 77 confirms that a 20% buffer will continue to be applied once the plan is more than five years old (where the Housing Delivery Test indicates delivery was below 85% of the requirement). There is an added emphasis on housing for older people and authorities are now required to seek opportunities to support small sites to come forward for community-led development for housing, and self-build and custom-build housing. The criteria set out in paragraph 14 for when a conflict with a Neighbourhood Plan is likely to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits have been relaxed. Further to this, there is now an emphasis on beautiful buildings and the use of local design codes setting out when the density of development is considered appropriate or not. There is no longer a requirement to review Green Belt boundaries, strengthening their protection. As the Publication Dover District Local Plan was submitted under the previous NPPF and so will be appraised under the July 2021 NPPF, it will not need to be revised to reflect the most recent changes to policy.
- **Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (October 2023)**¹¹: On 26th October 2023, the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill received royal assent. The Act outlines a number of reforms to the planning system, including the replacement of SA/SEA with ‘Environmental Outcomes Reports’; replacement of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) process and much of the section 106 payments system with a new National Infrastructure Levy; a shared framework of National Development Management Policies, removing much of this detail from Local Plans; replacement of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) with Supplementary Plans that carry more weight but would be subject to examination; repeal of the Duty to Cooperate; a duty on public bodies and infrastructure providers to assist the local plan-making process; a speeded up plan-making process (plans to be prepared and adopted within 30 months); a strengthened role for the ‘National Model Design Code’; replacement of Neighbourhood Plans with Neighbourhood Priorities Statements; removal of the current NPPF requirement to demonstrate a rolling five-year supply of housing land, provided that the local plan is up-to-date; and removal of the ‘soundness test’ for local plans to be ‘justified’. Much of the detail of these reforms is yet to be finalised and implemented through regulations. The specific requirements for the new Environmental Outcomes Reports will be set out in forthcoming regulations, along with information about transition arrangements; however, at present the requirement for SEA remains as set out in existing legislation.
- **Homes England Strategic Plan 2023 to 2028 (2023)**¹²: This Plan provides five interconnected strategic objectives to level up communities across England. These strategic objectives together seek the creation of sustainable high-quality homes in well-designed places that reflect community priorities by taking an inclusive and long-term approach.

¹⁰ Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (December 2023). National Planning Policy Framework. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>)

¹¹ Legislation.gov.uk (October 2023). Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023. (see <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/55/enacted>)

¹² Homes England (Mar 2023). Homes England Strategic Plan 2023 to 2028. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homes-england-strategic-plan-2023-to-2028>)

- **Future of Transport: Supporting Rural Transport Innovation (2023)**¹³: This document shows how innovative and emerging transport technologies could address some of the major challenges in rural communities. It highlights the importance of transport to everyday life rural life and provides guiding principles for the introduction of new technologies and services.
- **Air Quality Strategy for England (August 2023)**¹⁴: This Strategy sets out local authorities powers and responsibilities as well as the actions that Defra expects local authorities to take in support of the governments long-term air quality goals, including new PM2.5 targets.
- **Waste Prevention Programme for England: Maximising Resources, Minimising Waste (August 2023)**¹⁵: This programme sets out the Government's priorities for managing resources and waste, in line with the resources and waste strategy for England. The programme aims to move to a circular economy by keeping goods in circulation for as long as possible and at their highest value. This includes increasing the reuse, repair and remanufacture of goods.
- **Establishing the Best Available Techniques for the UK (2022)**¹⁶: This document sets out a new framework that aims to improve industrial emissions and protect the environment through the introduction of a UK Best Available Techniques (BAT) regime. It aims to set up a new structure of governance with a new independent body in the form of a Standards Council and the Regulators Group, consisting of government officials and expert regulators from all UK nations. It aims to also establish a new UK Air Quality Governance Group to oversee the work of the Standards Council and the delivery of the requirements under this new framework. It is anticipated that the BAT for the first four industry sectors will be published in the second half of 2023.
- **Biomass Strategy 2023**¹⁷: This Strategy builds on the 2021 Biomass Policy Statement and the Powering up Britain Strategy which emphasised the important role that biomass will play in Britain's fully decarbonised power system by 2035, subject to security of supply. It sets out steps the government intends to take to strengthen biomass sustainability and the opportunities for the use of sustainable biomass across multiple sectors of the economy in support of achieving the UK's net zero target.
- **Carbon Budget Delivery Plan (March 2023)**¹⁸: This Plan explains how the government intends to meet its legally-binding climate goals, setting out a package of quantified and unquantified proposals and policies, and associated timescales and delivery risks. This also includes:
 - wider matters in connection with carbon budgets;
 - the contribution of these proposals and policies to sustainable development; and
 - the impact the package has on sectors of the economy.
- **Powering up Britain (April 2023)**¹⁹: This is a collection of policy documents relating to climate change, setting out the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's approach. Powering Up Britain includes four key areas of action:
 - decarbonising electricity generation;
 - improving energy efficiency;

¹³ Department for Transport (October 2024). Future of Transport: Supporting Rural Transport Innovation. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-of-transport-supporting-rural-transport-innovation>)

¹⁴ Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (August 2023). The Air Quality Strategy for England. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-air-quality-strategy-for-england>)

¹⁵ Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (August 2023). Waste Prevention Programme for England: Maximising Resources, Minimising Waste. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/waste-prevention-programme-for-england-maximising-resources-minimising-waste>)

¹⁶ Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (December 2022). Establishing the Best Available Techniques for the UK. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/establishing-the-best-available-techniques-for-the-uk-uk-bat/establishing-the-best-available-techniques-for-the-uk-uk-bat#current-situation>)

¹⁷ Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (August 2023). Biomass Strategy 2023. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biomass-strategy>)

¹⁸ Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (March 2023). Carbon Budget Delivery Plan. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/carbon-budget-delivery-plan>)

¹⁹ Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (April 2023). Powering Up Britain. (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powering-up-britain>)

- electrifying transport; and
- and developing low-carbon heating.

Sub-national

- **Move Together: Kent and Medway's 2023 – 2027 Strategy for Getting More People, More Active, More Often Across the County**²⁰: This Strategy seeks to address inactivity whilst also recognising the diverse needs of residents and the wide range of organisations with a part to play in getting more people more active, more often. In order to achieve this, the Strategy seeks to work in partnership, focus where need is greatest, listen to local communities, and connect and empower people to create change.

Local

- **Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2023 (July 2023)**²¹: This document assesses what current infrastructure there is in Dover District, what is being planned with committed investment and what will be needed in the future to meet the overall growth strategy set out within the Publication Dover District Local Plan to 2040.
- **Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay Special Protection Area Strategic Access Mitigation and Monitoring Strategy (March 2023)**²²: This provides a strategic approach to mitigating the potential in-combination impacts of new housing development in the vicinity of the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay Special Protection Area arising from the Dover District Local Plan. The mitigation measures proposed in this strategy will address the impacts arising from development within the Zone of Influence whilst the effect of this impact remains.

Neighbourhood Plans

25. Since publication of the Publication Dover District Local Plan, the designation of the Ringwould with Kingsdown Neighbourhood Area was approved. The Parish Council is in the early stages of producing the Neighbourhood Plan for the area.

Summary of SA findings

Effects of the Main Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan

26. The likely effects of each proposed Main Modification is set out in the final column of **Table A.1** in **Appendix A** below. Where effects have been identified, the cell in the final column has been coloured to reflect the effect identified (see **Figure 1** for colour explanations). **Appendix B** contains a copy of the SA framework used to appraise the Local Plan, its reasonable alternatives and the Main Modifications.

27. In general, many of the proposed Main Modifications will not alter the findings set out in the SA to date because they represent factual or minor updates to the wording of policies and supporting text, and add clarity rather than altering the meaning of policies and how they will be implemented. Notable proposed Main Modifications which are likely to result in additional effects to those identified in the SA to date are:

- Policy SAP12r: Car Park rear of Charlton Shopping Centre, Crafford Street, Dover (DOV028) is now expected to have a mixed significant positive and minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 2: Health and well-being, as the site is no longer vulnerable to noise pollution as a result of the site boundary change (Main Modification 48).

²⁰ Active Kent & Medway (May 2023). Move Together: Kent and Medway's 2023 – 2027 Strategy for Getting More People, More Active, More Often Across the County. (see <https://activekent.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Move-Together-Strategy-2023-27.pdf>)

²¹ Dover District Council (July 2023). Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2023. (see <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Examination-Documents/ED7-Infrastructure-Delivery-Plan-V3-July-2023.pdf>)

²² Dover District Council (March 2023). Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay Special Protection Area Strategic Access Mitigation and Monitoring Strategy. (see <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/Submission-Documents/NEEB04a-Thanet-Coast-and-Sandwich-Bay-SPA-SAMM-Strategy-Final-Rev-1.1-March-2023.pdf>)

- Policy SAP15: Land at Rays Bottom between Liverpool Road and Hawksdown, Walmer (WAL002) is now expected to have a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport (as part of a mixed effect), as footway provision and extending the existing footway will encourage more walking (Main Modification 56).
- Policy SAP17: Land south of Stonar Lake and to north and east of Stonar Gardens, Stonar Road, Sandwich (SAN004) is now expected to have a negligible effect in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity, instead of a minor negative effect, as the policy requires a HRA of the site, which is likely to be more comprehensive in identifying and addressing the potentially for adverse effects on the integrity of the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA and Ramsar site (Main Modification 64).
- Policy SAP26: Former Snowdown Colliery, Aylesham is now expected to have a minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity, instead of a significant negative effect, as it requires at least a 50 metre buffer zone around the wood which has the potential to help protect biodiversity (Main Modification 77).
- Policy CC1: Reducing Carbon Emissions no longer receives uncertainty against SA objectives 1: Housing, 2: Health and well-being, 3: Employment, 6: Air pollution, 8: Climate change, 10: Historic environment and 11: Landscape, as the dependency of Policy CC1 on the Future Homes Standard, which had uncertain implementation, has been removed, resulting in a change in its rating (Main Modification 124).
- Policy H3: Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers no longer receives uncertainty against SA objective 1: Housing, as the baseline behind this policy has changed in that the policy is now over providing the number of pitches required. This removes the uncertainty against the significant positive effect because the policy is no longer as reliant on windfall sites coming forwards (Main Modification 147).
- Policy E4: Tourist Accommodation and Attractions is now expected to have a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 5: Resources, as it supports development on brownfield land, which is an efficient use of previously developed land (Main Modification 157).

Figure 1: Cell colours for changes in effects

Significant positive effect likely
Mixed significant positive and minor negative effects likely
Minor positive effect likely
Mixed minor or significant effect likely
Minor negative effect likely
Mixed significant negative and minor positive effects likely
Significant negative effect likely
Negligible effect likely
Likely effect uncertain

Duration of effects

28. As outlined in the full SA Report, most of the effects will be long-term, in that the Publication Local Plan aims to facilitate and manage growth and associated infrastructure that will last over time. The effects of the Main Modifications outlined above will be long-term, although there will also be some temporary and short- or medium-term effects during construction.

Secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects

29. The proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan have not altered the secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects previously recorded in the full SA Report and presented in Table 7.19 in the full SA Report²³.

Cumulative effects at the settlement level

30. The proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan have not altered the cumulative effects at the settlement level previously recorded in the full SA Report. Although there have been some changes to the housing numbers being delivered at certain sites, these changes do not alter the overall findings of the SA, as they are either minor increases or relatively minor reductions within the already assessed site boundary. Key settlement changes are as follows:

- Minor site capacity changes on SAP3 and SAP13, and the removal of Dover Western Heights to a Heritage Regeneration Opportunity Site results in Dover delivering 1,083 new homes, a reduction from 1,181 new homes.
- The increase in site capacity of SAP14 results in Deal delivering 263 homes, rather than 223.
- Increases of site capacities at SAP17 and SAP21 in Sandwich increase the new homes from 227 to 282.
- There are now only three site allocations at St Margaret's at Cliffe delivering 86 new homes in total, instead of 96 new homes as a result of the deletion of SAP40 (STM010).
- Site SAP52 in Nonington has reduced from 35 to 27 homes.

Potential in-combination effects with other policies, plans and programmes

31. Dover District abuts three other local authority areas each of which plan for their respective housing and employment needs through their own Local Plans. The effects of the planned growth within Publication Local Plan also interact with the effects of the development and infrastructure planned at the County level by Kent County Council.

32. **Table 3** draws on the latest regional plan, programme and project information to summarise planned housing and employment growth within the immediate vicinity over the next 20 years.

Table 3: Other projects, plans and programmes delivering growth in and around Dover District

Project/Plan	Time Period	Housing Growth	Employment Growth	Strategic Infrastructure
Canterbury Local Plan (Adopted July 2017) ²⁴	2011-2031	Approximately 16,000 dwellings.	Approximately 125,000sqm.	N/A
Folkestone and Hythe Places and Policies Local Plan (Adopted September 2020) ²⁵ Folkestone and Hythe Core Strategy Review (Adopted July 2022) ²⁶	2020-2037	A minimum of 13,284 dwellings.	Approximately 72,500sqm.	Otterpool Park is a proposed new garden town northwest of Folkestone on the M20 and HS1 railway line. It will provide a minimum of circa 5,600 new homes and

²³ Secondary (or indirect) effects are effects that are not a direct result of a policy or site allocation but occur away from the original effect or as a result of a complex pathway. Cumulative effects occur where two or more impacts combine to form a significant impact. Synergistic effects occur as the result of interactions between individual effects producing a total effect greater than the sum of each of the individual effects. Secondary, cumulative or synergistic effects may be either positive or negative.

²⁴ Canterbury City Council (Adopted July 2017). Canterbury Local Plan (see https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/downloads/file/868/canterbury_district_local_plan_adopted_july_2017)

²⁵ Folkestone & Hythe District Council (Adopted September 2020). Places and Policies Local Plan. (see https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/media/2969/Places-and-Policies-Local-Plan-2020/pdf/Places_and_Policies_Local_Plan_2020.pdf?m=637370773065900000)

²⁶ Folkestone & Hythe District Council (Adopted July 2022). Core Strategy Review. (see https://folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/media/4873/Core-Strategy-Review-2022/pdf/Core_Strategy_Review_2022.pdf?m=6378484302166700000)

Project/Plan	Time Period	Housing Growth	Employment Growth	Strategic Infrastructure
				approximately 36,760sqm net of employment floorspace by 2037 ²⁷ .
Thanet Local Plan (Adopted July 2020) ²⁸	2020-2031	A minimum of 17,140 dwellings.	A minimum of 5,000 additional jobs.	N/A
Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan, as amended by the Early Partial Review (Adopted September 2020) ²⁹	2013-2030	N/A	N/A	Dover's wharves and rail depots are safeguarded through Policy CSM 6 Safeguarded Wharves and Rail Depots. Rowling Chalk Quarry.
Lower Thames Crossing ³⁰	Estimated 2026-2033	N/A	Estimated 700+ early career opportunities. Approximately 22,000 people will work on the Lower Thames Crossing during construction.	The Lower Thames Crossing is a proposed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) that will connect Kent, Thurrock and Essex through a tunnel beneath the river Thames. The project would include the longest road tunnel in the UK, stretching 2.6 miles, 14.3 miles of new road and roughly 50 new bridges and viaducts.
The managed expansion of Whitfield ³¹	2010-2050	A minimum of 5,750 dwellings.	Supporting services, including restaurants, retail, financial and professional offices.	The urban expansion of Whitfield (CP11) identified as a strategic allocation in the Dover Core Strategy 2010 will continue during the lifetime of this Local Plan and will be delivered over the period to 2050, in accordance with the

²⁷ Folkestone & Hythe District Council (February 2020). Core Strategy Review. (see [https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/media/2218/Folkestone-Hythe-Core-Strategy-Review-Submission-Draft-2020-EB-01-00-/pdf/Folkestone_Hythe_Core_Strategy_Review_Submission_Draft_2020_\(EB_01.00\).pdf?m=637200457103070000](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/media/2218/Folkestone-Hythe-Core-Strategy-Review-Submission-Draft-2020-EB-01-00-/pdf/Folkestone_Hythe_Core_Strategy_Review_Submission_Draft_2020_(EB_01.00).pdf?m=637200457103070000))

²⁸ Thanet District Council (Adopted September 2020). Thanet Local Plan (see <https://www.thanet.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Thanet-Local-Plan-July-2020-1-1.pdf>)

²⁹ Kent County Council (Adopted September 2020). Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan. (see <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/environment-waste-and-planning-policies/planning-policies/minerals-and-waste-planning-policy#tab-1>)

³⁰ Kent County Council (n.d.). Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock 2016-2031. (see https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/72668/Local-transport-plan-4.pdf)

³¹ Adopted Dover Core Strategy 2010. Available at: <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy-and-Regeneration/PDF/Adopted-Core-Strategy.pdf>.

Project/Plan	Time Period	Housing Growth	Employment Growth	Strategic Infrastructure
				timescale set out in a revised masterplan which will accompany this Plan.
Bifurcation of Port traffic (M2/M20) and A299/A249 ³²	2016-ongoing	N/A	N/A	Measures to split traffic to and from the Channel ports between the M20/A20 and M2/A2 routes, specifically the Dover Western and Eastern Docks and the Channel Tunnel.
Solution to Operation Stack	2018-ongoing	N/A	N/A	Plans to develop an area for up to 3,600 Heavy Goods Vehicles to alleviate congestion to sections of M20 when there is disruption at the Port of Dover and/or Eurotunnel.
Manston Airport Expansion ³³	2020-ongoing	N/A	N/A	Plans to develop an air freight hub at Manston Airport, including passenger services and business aviation. It is estimated that the expansion will accommodate 10,000 air cargo movements a year by its sixth year of operation, which equates to 14 arrival and 14 departures a day.

33. As illustrated in the above table, a significant amount of development is proposed in and around Dover District. As such, there are a number of potential in-combination effects with these plans, policies and programmes. The proposed Main Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan will not alter these potential in-combination effects and so will not change the in-combination effects already identified in the full SA Report.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

34. There have been three key outputs from the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Local Plan to date:

- HRA for the Draft Dover District Local Plan (Regulation 18) dated January 2021; and

³² Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock 2016-2031. Available at: https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/72668/Local-transport-plan-4.pdf.

³³ RSP. Building a strong economic future in Kent. Available at: <https://rsp.co.uk/reopening-manston/>

- HRA for the Publication Dover District Local Plan (Regulation 19) dated September 2022 and updated in March 2023 (SD09).

35. The HRA was updated in March 2023 following Natural England's comments on the September 2022 HRA regarding the distance buffer used to screen-in policies with potential to result in physical damage and loss of land functionally linked to European ecological sites.

36. During the course of the Local Plan examination, additional updates have been made to the HRA to reflect findings of the revised Air Quality Assessments in relation to ammonia. The latest HRA (April 2024) is a composite version of all updates that have taken place to the HRA and is produced in response to the proposed Main Modifications concludes that the proposed Main Modifications will not have any adverse effects on the integrity of the European sites either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects subject to the provision of safeguarding and mitigation measures detailed in Chapter 5 of the HRA.

Monitoring

37. In addition to the proposed monitoring indicators outlined in Chapter 8 of the full SA Report (September 2022), the monitoring indicators listed below can also be used for monitoring the effects of the Dover District Local Plan, specifically in relation to SA objective 3: Employment. These have been proposed by the Council as Additional Modifications to the Plan:

- Gains and losses of tourism by area of District:
 - Serviced visitor accommodation (hotels and B&Bs);
 - Self-catering tourism accommodation (caravans, camping, glamping, lodges, huts, treehouses, and pods); and
 - Other tourism uses (including holiday lets).

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Schedule of Main Modifications and SA implications

Table A.1: Schedule of proposed Main Modifications and implications for the SA

Ref	Page	Policy / Paragraph	Will the proposed Main Modification alter the SA findings set out in the full SA Report (September 2022) and associated Errata/Addendum (September 2022 and March 2023)?
Chapter 2. Vision and Objectives			
MM1	21	Strategic Objectives - Paragraph 2.2	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification would further contribute towards the significant positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity.
MM2	22	Figure 2.1 Local Plan Key Diagram	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification is a presentational change that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
Chapter 3. Strategic Policies			
MM3	26	Strategic Policy 1 - Planning for Climate Change - Implementation paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification which clarifies the relationship of Policy SP1 with other policies in the Plan will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy SP1: Planning for Climate Change instead of Policy SP1 itself (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM4	27	Strategic Policy 1 - Planning for Climate Change	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes the requirement for applications to be supported by a climate change statement. However, applications must still demonstrate how development has addressed the criteria in the policy. Overall, there will be no changes to the SA findings.
MM5	29	Strategic Policy 2 - Planning for Healthy and Inclusive Communities	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to Policy SP2: Planning for Health and Inclusive Communities that will not alter the overall findings of the SA
MM6	30-34	Strategic Policy 3 Housing Growth – Housing Supply section 3.36 Table 3.1 3.39 3.40 Table 3.2 3.43 3.46 3.48 3.51 3.52 Table 3.3	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it comprises factual updates in relation to housing numbers, which reflect completion, supply and requirements.
MM7	35	Strategic Policy 3 Supporting text – Gypsy	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to factual data in relation to needs and not the implementation of Policy SP3: Housing Growth.

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		and Traveller Accommodation section Para 3.56 Para 3.57 Para 3.58 Para 3.59 Para 3.60 Para 3.61 Table 3.4	
MM8	37	Strategic Policy 3 - Housing Growth Policy – Paragraph 4, 5 & 8	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification mainly comprises factual updates regarding the number of homes allocated and Gypsy and Traveller pitches to be delivered in the District, in addition to some minor text additions. As the figures are not significantly different to the original figures assessed, or the strategy for distribution of housing, this proposed Main Modification is not considered to alter the findings of the SA.
MM9	41	Strategic Policy 4 – Residential Windfall Development Supporting Text – Paragraph 3.71 Implementation - Paragraph 3.74 onwards	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises changes to the supporting text to Policy SP4: Residential Windfall Development so as to ensure the effectiveness of the Policy. It does not alter the purpose of the policy in supporting the delivery of new homes, and so will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM10	39 & 40	Strategic Policy 4 - Residential Windfall Development – Paragraph 1 & 2	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to ensure the effectiveness of Policy SP4: Residential Windfall Development. The proposed Main Modification does not alter the purpose of the Policy to support the delivery of new homes, and so will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM11	43, 45 and 46	Strategic Policy 5 - Affordable Housing Justification for approach Paragraphs 3.79 & 3.88 and Implementation Paragraph 3.91	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises factual updates to reflect the evidence base, plus added clarity to ensure effectiveness of Policy SP5: Affordable Housing. It will not affect the strategy for the delivery of affordable housing, and so will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM12	46	Strategic Policy 5 - Affordable Housing	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification allows for off-site financial contributions to be made where it may not be viable for affordable housing to be delivered on-site. As the original version of Policy SP5: Affordable Housing already included a level of flexibility in terms of allowing for off-site contributions to be made, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall findings of the SA.

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MM13	49-52	Strategic Policy 6 - Economic Growth Supporting Text Justification for approach Paragraphs 3.109, 3.113, 3.115, 3.116 and 3.117, Table 3.5 Implementation paragraph 3.122	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to factual updates to the supporting text to Policy SP6: Economic Growth and does not alter the economic growth strategy.
MM14	52	Strategic Policy 6 - Economic Growth	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification identifies the exact use classes relevant to the strategy and adds clarity, it reorders sections of the policy and updates the site specific names and details alongside some minor text clarifications. The proposed Main Modification does not alter the strategy for economic growth, and so will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM15	55	Strategic Policy 7 - Retail and Town Centres	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some clarity on the consolidation of the form and function of the town centres in the District, and some additional text regarding the historic environment. As these changes are minor and do not alter the overall purpose of Policy SP7: Retail and Town Centres, this proposed Main Modification is not considered to alter the findings of the SA.
MM16	73 76	Strategic Policy 12 Policy - Strategic Transport Infrastructure – Supporting Text Paragraph 3.234 Implementation – Paragraph 3.244	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it adds clarity to the supporting text to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure based on evidence updates.
MM17	75	Strategic Policy 12 Policy - Strategic Transport Infrastructure	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it reflects updated evidence in relation to the removal of one of the strategic highway mitigation schemes, but not does alter the principles or purpose of the Policy.
MM18	79, 80, 85	Strategic Policy 13 - Protecting the District's Hierarchy of Designated Environmental Sites and Biodiversity Assets - Other International Sites - Paragraphs 3.259 and 3.275 Implementation – Paragraphs 3.280, 3.281 & 3.282	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy SP13: Protecting the District's Hierarchy of Designated Environmental Sites and Biodiversity Assets and does not alter the purpose of the policy.

Ref	Page	Policy / Paragraph	Will the proposed Main Modification alter the SA findings set out in the full SA Report (September 2022) and associated Errata/Addendum (September 2022 and March 2023)?
MM19	83 & 84	Strategic Policy 13 Protecting the District's Hierarchy of Designated Environmental Sites and Biodiversity Assets	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification requires development within 500m of the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA to submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan, to further protect the environment from the impacts of development. As such, this proposed Main Modification will further contribute towards the significant positive effect already recorded in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity. The removal of the text regarding the mitigation hierarchy will not alter the findings of the SA, as this is already a requirement of the NPPF.
MM20	86	Strategic Policy 14 - Enhancing Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity – Justification for approach Paragraph - 3.290	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification is minor and will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy SP14: Enhancing Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity instead of Policy SP14 itself (see next row).
MM21	88	Strategic Policy 14 - Enhancing Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor text additions that will not alter the strategy or the overall findings of the SA.
MM22	89	Strategic Policy 15 - Protecting the Districts Historic Environment – Justification for approach - Paragraph 3.296	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it comprises factual updates to the supporting text to Policy SP15: Protecting the District's Historic Environment.
Chapter 4. Housing and Employment Sites Allocations			
MM23	91 & 92	Housing and Employment Allocations title page and Introduction – Paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording change to the introduction to the 'Housing and Employment Allocations' section of the Dover District Local Plan that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM24	92, 94 & 95	Housing and Employment Allocations - Introduction Master planning for Urban and Village Extensions Paragraphs 4.9 and 4.10,	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to the introduction to the 'Housing and Employment Allocations' section of the Dover District Local Plan that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM25	93, 94 & 96	Housing and Employment Allocations Supporting Text Requirements for Planning Applications Paragraph 4.11 Landscape and Biodiversity paragraphs 4.16, 4.24 and Noise, Contamination & Air Quality paragraph 4.38	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to the introductory section of the 'Housing and Employment Allocations' section of the Dover District Local Plan that will not alter the findings of the SA.

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MM26	100	Figure 4.1	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a minor wording change and change to the Key within Figure 4.1 to reflect other modifications that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM27	101	Table 4.1	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes and confirmation of the indicative housing capacity of the Whitfield Urban Expansion already set out in Policy SAP1, and other site capacity changes which are assessed in other rows. The changes themselves will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM28	102, 103, 104 & 105	SAP1 Whitfield Urban Expansion - Paragraphs 4.55, 4.56, 4.57, 4.64, 4.73, 4.76 & 4.79	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes to the supporting text to Policy SAP1: Whitfield Urban Expansion, plus some factual updates and additional detail. Overall, it will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM29	106, 107 & 108	Policy SAP1 - Whitfield Urban Expansion	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes and removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey based on the updated evidence in the HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall purpose of Policy SAP1: Whitfield Urban Expansion and so there will be no changes to the SA findings.
MM30	109	SAP2 White Cliffs Business Park Supporting Text Paragraph 4.83, 4.84, 4.86 and 4.87	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although it provides an update on the development and phasing of the White Cliffs Business Park in the supporting text to Policy SAP2: White Cliffs Business Park, it does not alter the actual purpose of Policy SAP2.
MM31	111	Policy SAP2 - White Cliffs Business Park (Phases 2, 3, and 4), Whitfield	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although it provides further detail regarding sustainable transport measures, the policy already receives a significant positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport due to the site's proximity to services and facilities, and sustainable transport options. The proposed Main Modification also contains some minor wording changes and removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey to reflect the updated evidence in the HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall purpose of Policy SAP2: White Cliffs Business Park, and will therefore not alter the findings of the SA.
MM32	112 & 113	SAP3 – Dover Waterfront Supporting Text Paragraphs 4.96 and 4.100	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although it provides information about the safeguarded mineral facilities, this was already known. The wording around the use classes and completions adds clarification and it does not alter the actual purpose of Policy SAP3.
MM33	114	Policy SAP3 – Dover Waterfront	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although Policy SAP3: Dover Waterfront now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is not located as close to services and facilities, and sustainable transport

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			options, as some of the other site allocations. The additional text that has been added to the policy adds clarity in relation to the allocated uses. Overall, the proposed Main Modification does not change the overall purpose of the policy and so also does not result in any changes to the effects previously recorded.
MM34	115	Policy SAP4 - Dover Western Heights (Citadel) Title and supporting text paragraphs 4.101 and 4.105	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification reflects the fact Dover Western Heights is no longer a site allocation but a Heritage Regeneration Opportunity site. As the site will still come forward in the Plan period, this proposed Main Modification to the supporting text will not alter the findings of the SA (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM35	116	SAP4 - Dover Western Heights (Citadel)	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification would further contribute towards the significant positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 10: Historic environment, as it refers to enhancing the significance of the heritage asset. It would also further contribute towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 2: Health and well-being, as enhancements made to the PRoW network and England Coast Path (South East National Trail) are likely to further encourage walking. As mentioned above, this proposed Main Modification reflects the fact Dover Western Heights is no longer a site allocation but a Heritage Regeneration Opportunity Site. As the site will still come forward in the Plan period, this aspect of the proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM36	116	Policy SAP5 - Fort Burgoyne, Dover - Supporting Text Paragraphs 4.107, 4.109 & 4.110	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy SAP5, adding clarity around the heritage assets and other constraints on the site, and proposed uses which were already known (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM37	117	Policy SAP5 - Fort Burgoyne, Dover	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification adds clarification about the proposed uses for the development of 3,500sqm of floorspace at Fort Burgoyne in Dover. Although the policy focuses on the conservation, interpretation, promotion and enhancement of the District's historic environment and assets, developing 3,500sqm of floorspace could have some adverse effects on the historic environment. However, the development of this site was assessed in the September 2020 SA Report and as written in section j, detrimental effects of developing within the boundary will not be permitted, and therefore there will be no change to the SA findings. Although the proposed Main Modification supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy TI1: Sustainable Transport and Travel, Policy SAP5 already receives a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is located within close proximity of some services and facilities, and sustainable transport options, but is not located as close to these amenities as some of the other site allocations. The removal of criterion d will not result in any changes to the SA findings.
MM38	118	SAP6 – Dover Mid Town (DOV018) Supporting Text	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although it provides further detail regarding the location of the site and context of the heritage assets in

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		Paragraph 4.113	the supporting text to Policy SAP6: Dover Mid Town, it does not alter the implementation of Policy SAP6.
MM39	119	Policy SAP6 – Dover Mid Town (DOV018)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification includes some minor changes to the wording of Policy SAP6: Dover Mid Town that do not alter the actual purpose of the policy and so do not result in any changes to the SA findings. Although the revised policy now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a significant positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is located within close proximity of services and facilities, and sustainable transport options. In relation to the protection of open space, the proposed Main Modification adds clarity and cross references Local Plan Policy PM5: Protection of Open Space, Sports Facilities and Local Green Space. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM40	122	Policy SAP7 - Bench Street Dover (DOV017)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification includes some minor changes to the wording of Policy SAP7: Bench Street Dover (DOV017) that do not alter the actual purpose of the policy and so do not result in any changes to the SA findings. The site capacity was also known at time of the previous assessment. Although the revised policy now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a significant positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is located within close proximity of services and facilities, and sustainable transport options.
MM41	123	Policy SAP8— Land including the Gas Holder, Coombe Valley Road, Dover (DOV022B)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although Policy SAP8: Land adjacent to the Gas Holder, Coombe Valley Road, Dover (DOV022B) now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is not located as close to services and facilities, and sustainable transport options, as some of the other site allocations.
MM42	124	SAP9— Land at Barwick Road Industrial Estate, Dover (DOV022E) – Supporting Text Paragraph 4.136	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor factual changes to a site description that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM43	125	Policy SAP9— Land at Barwick Road Industrial Estate, Coombe Valley, Dover (DOV022E)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although Policy SAP9: Land at Barwick Road Industrial Estate, Coombe Valley, Dover (DOV022E) now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is not located as close to services and facilities, and sustainable transport options, as some of the other site allocations in Dover.

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MM44	126	Policy SAP10— Buckland Paper Mill, Dover (DOV023)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes to Policy SAP10: Buckland Paper Mill, Crabble Hill, Dover (DOV023) criteria that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM45	127	SAP11— Westmount College, Dover (DOV026) – Supporting Text Parag 4.141	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some additional detail to the supporting text site description to Policy SAP11: Westmount College, Folkestone Road, Dover (DOV026) that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM46	127 & 128	Policy SAP11 - Westmount College, Dover (DOV026)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes to Policy SAP11: Westmount College, Folkestone Road, Dover (DOV026), taking into account the location of the solar PV, that will not alter the overall findings of the SA. Although Policy SAP11 now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is not located as close to services and facilities, and sustainable transport options, as some of the other site allocations.
MM47	128	Policy SAP12— Charlton Shopping Centre, Dover (DOV028) Supporting text	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides an update to the supporting text site description to Policy SAP12 to reflect other modifications to the site boundary that will not alter the overall findings of the SA themselves (see below for SA findings related to policy and boundary change).
MM48	128	Policy SAP12— Charlton Shopping Centre, Dover (DOV028)	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes to the site name – now Policy SAP12: Car Park rear of Charlton Shopping Centre, Crafford Street, Dover (DOV028), which will not alter the overall findings of the SA. This is because although Policy SAP12 now supports the provision of sustainable transport measures through references to Policy SP12: Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Policy T11: Sustainable Transport and Travel, it already receives a significant positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport as the site is located within close proximity of services and facilities, and sustainable transport options. As mentioned at the start of this report under the heading 'Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan', the boundary for this site has changed, which has altered the policy-on appraisal of the site. The site now receives a mixed significant positive and minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 2: Health and well-being.
MM49	129	Policy SAP13— Dover Small Housing sites – DOV019 – Albany Place Car Park, Dover	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some further detail regarding the Heritage Statement and preserving the integrity and setting of the England Coast Path. As acknowledged in the full SA Report, there is still potential to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets. As such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall findings of the SA. The slight change to the dwelling number will also not alter the SA findings. As mentioned at the start of this report under the heading 'Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan', the boundary for this site has changed, but has not altered the policy-off and policy-on appraisals of the site.
MM50	130	Policy SAP13— Dover Small Housing sites –	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification would further contribute towards the significant positive

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		DOV022C-- Land to the north of Coombe Valley Rd, Dover	effect already identified in relation to SA objective 4: Transport, as connecting to the wider network for pedestrians and cyclists is likely to encourage uptake of more sustainable and active travel modes.
MM51	130	Policy SAP13-- Dover Small Housing sites – DOV030-- Land at Durham Hill, Dover	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some further detail regarding the Heritage Statement. As acknowledged in the full SA Report, there is still potential to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets. As such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall SA findings.
MM52	130	Policy SAP13-- Dover Small Housing sites – TC4S026-- Military Road, Dover	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some further detail regarding the Heritage Statement. As acknowledged in the full SA Report, there is still potential to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets. As such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall SA findings.
Deal, Walmer, Sholden and Great Mongeham			
MM53	132	Figure 4.3 Map of site allocations in Deal, Walmer, Sholden and Great Mongeham	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification shows the revised boundary of Deal Business Park. As mentioned at the start of this report under the heading 'Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan', this boundary change has not altered the policy-off appraisal of the site (the site receives protection under Policy E2: Loss or Redevelopment of Employment Sites and Premises).
MM54	133	Table 4.2 Deal, Walmer, Sholden and Great Mongeham Site Allocations	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a change to the dwelling numbers to policies in this settlement but as supporting text updates consequential to other modifications, which will not alter the SA findings.
MM55	134	Policy SAP14-- Land off Cross Road, Deal (DEA008)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes, and an increase to the indicative capacity. There has been no change to the site boundary. Overall, these changes will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM56	136	Policy SAP15-- Land at Rays Bottom, Walmer (WAL002)	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification has the potential to encourage walking through footway provision and extending the existing footway to create a continuous connection along Gram's Road. Therefore, the minor negative effect identified in relation to SA objective 4: Transport is now coupled with a minor positive effect to reflect this.
MM57	137	Policy SAP16-- Deal Small Housing Sites – GTM003 - Land to the east of Northbourne Road, Great Mongeham	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification would further contribute towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 4: Transport, as connecting to the PRow network is likely to encourage more walking. Although further detail is provided regarding the content of the Heritage Statement, there is still potential to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall SA findings.
MM58	137	Policy SAP16-- Deal Small Housing Sites-- TC4S008-- Bridleway Riding School, Station Road, Deal	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a minor wording addition to provide footway connections to proposed footways as well as existing and so will not result in any changes to the SA findings.

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MM59	137	Policy SAP16— Deal Small Housing Sites -TC4S032 - Ethelbert Road garages, Deal	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some additional text regarding flood risk mitigation to reflect the evidence base. As the SA of this policy already gives consideration to flood risk mitigation measures, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM60	138	SAP16— Deal Small Housing Sites— TC4S047— - 104 Northwall Road, Deal	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some additional text regarding flood risk mitigation to reflect the evidence base. As the SA of this policy already gives consideration to flood risk mitigation measures, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
Sandwich			
MM61	140	Figure 4.4 – Site Allocations in Sandwich	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification shows the revised boundary of SAP17. As mentioned at the start of this report under the heading 'Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan', this boundary change has not altered the policy-off or policy-on appraisal of the site.
MM62	141	Table 4.3— Site Allocations in Sandwich	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification is consequential to changes to dwelling numbers for two sites in Sandwich. The change will not alter the SA findings.
MM63	141	SAP17 -Land south of Stonar Lake and to north and east of Stonar Gardens, Sandwich (SAN004) – Supporting Text Paragraph 4.177	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a change to the dwelling number but which is not considered significant. As mentioned at the start of this report under the heading 'Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan', the boundary for this site has changed, but has not altered the policy-off and policy-on appraisals of the site. All constraints remain the same as the previous site assessment and so the capacity increase will not alter the SA findings.
MM64	142	Policy SAP17 - Land south of Stonar Lake and to north and east of Stonar Gardens, Stonar Road, Sandwich (SAN004) – Paragraph 1 – Criteria e & f	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification involves some text revisions and replacing the requirement for a wintering bird survey with a project level HRA. Undertaking HRA of this site is likely to be more comprehensive in identifying and addressing the potential for adverse effects on the integrity of the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA and Ramsar site. As such, the minor negative effect identified in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity is replaced with a negligible effect. This proposed Main Modification also involves considering connecting to the wider movement network for pedestrians and cyclists. However, this will not alter the SA findings as the policy is already identified as having a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport, as the site is located within close proximity of a range of local services and facilities, in addition to sustainable transport options.
MM65	144	Policy SAP18— Sandwich Highway Depot, Sandwich (SAN006)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to the naming of specific heritage assets and timing of application requirements for surveys that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM66	146	Policy SAP19 – Land at Poplar Meadow, Adjacent to Delfbridge House, Sandwich (SAN007)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to national requirements for minimising harm to heritage assets that will not alter the findings of the SA.

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MM67	148	SAP 20 -Woods' Yard, r/o 17 Woodnesborough Road, Sandwich (SAN008)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to national requirements for minimising harm to heritage assets that will not alter the SA findings.
MM68	149	SAP21— Land adjacent to Sandwich Technology School, Sandwich (SAN013) – Supporting text Paragraph 4.191	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although the capacity of the site has increased, the boundary of the site has not changed. The proposed Main Modification adds clarification on the size of the new football/sports field which was already required, but decreased from 1.2ha to 0.8ha.
MM69	150	Policy SAP21 – Land adjacent to Sandwich Technology School Deal Road, Sandwich (SAN013)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification involves a change to the dwelling number but which is not considered significant and does not alter the site boundary, so will not alter the SA findings. The proposed Main Modification also adds clarification on the size of the new football/sports field which was already required, but has decreased from 1-2ha to 0.8ha
MM70	152	Policy SAP22— Land at Archers Low Farm, Sandwich (SAN023)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification no longer requires an environment assessment study to be undertaken. As this original requirement was not identified as avoiding any adverse effects in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity, the policy continues to have a minor adverse effect in relation to SA9. The proposed Main Modification involves the requirement for a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment to be undertaken. However, such a measure is unlikely to avoid all adverse effects and so the policy continues to have a minor adverse effect in relation to SA objective 11: Landscape. The remaining minor wording changes will not alter the findings of the SA.
Aylesham			
MM71	155	Figure 4.5 Map of Site Allocations in Aylesham	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor presentational changes to the legend and so will have no implications for the SA.
MM72	156	SAP24— Land to the South of Aylesham (AYL003) – Supporting Text Paragraph 4.200 & 4.201	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some detail in the supporting text to Policy SAP24: Land to the South of Aylesham regarding the strategic nature of the site and the need for a masterplan. As this will not alter the overall purpose of Policy SAP24, there will be no change to the findings of the SA.
MM73	157	SAP24— Land to the South of Aylesham (AYL003) Figure 4.6 Indicative Development Strategy	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification updates Figure 4.6 to visually show which area is covered under Policies SAP24: Land to the South of Aylesham and SAP25: Aylesham Development Area. As this will not alter the overall purpose of Policies SAP24 or SAP25, there will be no change to the SA findings.
MM74	158	Policy SAP24 - Land to the South of Aylesham (AYL003)	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification provides clarity on where highway mitigation measures are required. The proposed Main Modification would further contribute towards the significant positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 4: Transport, as it requires a Travel Plan for the site to contribute towards achieving modal shift. With regard to the removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey to reflect the updated evidence in the HRA, the SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. The remaining changes are minor wording changes that will also not alter the findings of the SA.

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MM75	160	Policy SAP25 - Aylesham Development Area.	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to Policy SAP25: Aylesham Development Area to include the indicative capacity which was already known in the previous assessment, in addition to other minor changes. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM76	161	SAP26-- Former Snowdown Colliery, Aylesham Supporting Text Paragraphs 4.205 and 4.207	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification reflects the fact the Former Snowdown Colliery is no longer a site allocation but a Heritage Regeneration Site. As the site will still come forward in the Plan period, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM77	161	Policy SAP26 – Former Snowdown Colliery, Aylesham	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification reflects the fact the Former Snowdown Colliery is no longer a site allocation but a Heritage Regeneration Opportunity site. As the site will still come forward in the Plan period, this aspect of the proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA. Additional changes do, however, include the requirement for at least a 50 metre buffer zone for protection and enhancement of the ancient woodland near the site. This should include at least a 50 metre buffer zone around the wood to avoid root damage and protect the ancient woodland, unless it can be demonstrated that a smaller buffer would suffice. The buffer zone should consist of semi-natural habitat such as woodland, be planted with local and appropriate native species, contribute to wider ecological networks around the ancient woodland and contribute to the wider ecological network. Overall, the proposed Main Modification is considered sufficient to reduce the potential for adverse effects from the significant negative effect previously recorded against SA objective 9: Biodiversity to a minor negative effect. The proposed Main Modification also removes the need to undertake a wintering bird survey in accordance with the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. The remaining changes are minor wording changes that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM78	163	Policy SAP27 - Land at Dorman Avenue North (AYL001)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as although an Arboricultural Impact Assessment is now required, in addition to Tree Surveys, measures such as these would not avoid all adverse effects. The additional text regarding site capacity and layout will also not alter the findings of the SA, as it does not alter the overall purpose of Policy SAP27: Land at Dorman Avenue North.
Local Centres: Eythorne and Elvington, Eastry, Kingsdown, Shepherdswell, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, Wingham and Ash			
MM79	164	Local Centres: Eythorne and Elvington, Eastry, Kingsdown, Shepherdswell, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, Wingham and Ash Supporting Text	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides some factual updates to the supporting text in relation to the context and background of the settlements and so will not alter the findings of the SA.

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		Paragraphs 4.209, 4.211 & 4.212	
MM80	165	Figure 4.7 Map of Site Allocations in Eythorne and Elvington	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor presentational changes to the legend and so will have no implications for the SA.
MM81	166	Policy SAP28 - Land between Eythorne and Elvington (EYT003/EYT009/EYT012) Supporting Text - Paragraph 4.217, 4.220 and 4.222	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to the context of the two settlements that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM82	168 & 169	Policy SAP28 - Land between Eythorne and Elvington (EYT003/EYT009/EYT012)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes with some further detail added where it is considered necessary. The revised policy seeks to avoid settlement coalescence and requires visual and physical separation to be maintained between Elvington and Eythorne. However, as the policy already receives a negligible effect in relation to SA objective 11: Landscape, this additional wording will not alter the findings of the SA. Although the requirement for a wintering bird survey has been removed, it has been replaced by similar wording requiring more general species and habitats surveys to be undertaken, and so will also not alter the findings of the SA.
MM83	170	SAP29 - Land on the south eastern side of Roman Way, Elvington (EYT008)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a minor text addition in relation to national requirements for minimising harm to heritage assets that will not change the SA findings.
MM84	171	Policy SAP30 - Chapel Hill, Eythorne (TC4S039)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a minor text addition to clarify a boundary that will not change the SA findings.
MM85	173	Policy SAP31 – Statenborough Farm, Eastry Supporting Text paragraphs 4.229 & 4.230	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification clarifies the scope for development on the site which is consequential to the policy modifications listed below.
MM86	174	Policy SAP31 - Statenborough Farm, Eastry	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification requires development to reflect the rural character of the area. This Main Modification offers more scope for development than the original policy, which restricted development to the conversion of the existing buildings. The additional text regarding the future of the site will not result in any changes to the SA, as it does not alter the purpose of the policy.
MM87	175	Policy SAP32 - Land at Buttsole Pond, Eastry (EAS002)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides further detail on the location of the new pedestrian link, alongside some minor wording changes – none of which will alter the findings of the SA.
MM88	176	Policy SAP33 - Eastry Small Housing Sites -	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification contains a minor text addition and requires the Heritage Statement to avoid or

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		EAS009 - Eastry Court Farm, Eastry	minimise harm to specific heritage assets. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can do to achieve this and as already acknowledged in the SA, there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM89	176	Policy SAP33 - Eastry Small Housing Sites – TC4S023 - Eastry Court Farm, Eastry	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification requires the Heritage Statement to avoid or minimise harm to specific heritage assets. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can do to achieve this and as already acknowledged in the SA, there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. A such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM90	178	Policy SAP34 - Land at Woodhill Farm, Kingsdown (KIN002)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes the requirement for advanced tree planting. However, as this wording did not mitigate the minor negative effect identified for this site against SA objective 11: Landscape, the removal of this requirement will not alter the findings of the SA. The text relating to pedestrian and cycle connections has been reworded with more detail added in relation to how footways will be provided, and additional wording is added in relation to a requirement for road widening, but as it does not alter the meaning behind the original text, is also not considered to alter the findings of the SA. The removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey is also unlikely to change the findings of the SA, as such measures would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. The remaining changes are minor wording changes that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM91	179	Policy SAP35 - Land adjacent Courtlands (TC4S074)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides clarity on the hedgerows it is referring to and requires consideration to be given to the topography and views of the area. As already acknowledged in the SA, there is still potential for development to affect the significance of the District's landscapes, townscapes and seascapes despite the presence of an appropriate landscape buffer. As such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM92	181	Policy SAP36 - Land to the north and east of St Andrews Gardens and adjacent to Mill House, Shepherdswell (SHE004/ TC4S082)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification contains some minor wording changes and removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey to reflect the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM93	183	Policy SAP37 - Shepherdswell Small Housing Sites (SHE006) - Site-specific issues and requirements	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes the requirement to undertake a wintering bird survey, permits the removal of trees/hedgerows to facilitate access to the site, requires the Heritage Statement to avoid or minimise harm to heritage assets and some minor wording changes. With regard to the wintering bird survey, this change is proposed to reflect the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway.. With regard to the removal of trees/hedgerows, the site already receives a minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 7: Biodiversity, as the site is located within close proximity of biodiversity assets. With regard to the Heritage Statement, it is limited in what it can achieve, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly.

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			Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM94	184	Figure 4.12 – Map of Site Allocations in St Margarets-at-Cliffe	Site removed: This proposed Main Modification will alter the findings of the SA because the removal of the site will result in the effects recorded for that site to no longer occur. However, this is a consequential change to the Main Modification below and does not alter the SA findings itself.
MM95	184	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Small Housing Sites – Table 4.9	Site removed: This proposed Main Modification will alter the findings of the SA because the removal of the site will result in the effects recorded for that site to no longer occur. However, this is a consequential change to the Main Modification below and does not alter the SA findings itself.
MM96	185	Policy SAP38 - Land adjacent to Reach Road bordering Reach Court Farm, St Margarets-at-Cliffe (STM003) – Supporting text Paragraph 4.250	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to the site description that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM97	186	Policy SAP38 - Land adjacent to Reach Road bordering Reach Court Farm and rear of properties on Roman Way, St Margaret's at Cliffe (STM003)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes the requirement for advanced tree planting. This policy had received a negligible effect in relation to SA objective 11: Landscape, as it has no notable landscape, townscape or seascape sensitivities. However, the policy retains the criterion in relation to design and landscaping requirements, and mitigating the impacts of the development on those landscape designations.
MM98	187	SAP39 - Land to the west of Townsend Farm Road, St Margarets-at-Cliffe (STM007/ STM008)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to clarifications of wording and boundaries, and national requirements for minimising harm to heritage assets, that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM99	188	SAP40 - St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Small Housing Sites (STM010) - Land located between Salisbury Road and The Droveaway, St Margarets-at-Cliffe	Site removed: This proposed Main Modification will alter the findings of the SA because the removal of the site will result in the effects recorded for that site to no longer occur.
MM100	188	Policy SAP40 - St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Small Housing Sites (STM006) – Land at New Townsend Farm, Station Road, St Margarets	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to highway safety that will not alter the findings of the SA.
Larger Villages: Alkham, Capel-le-Ferne, East Langdon, Lydden, Preston and Worth			
MM101	191	Policy SAP41 - Footpath Field, Staple Road, Wingham (WIN014)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification replaces some of the existing text regarding the footway and PRoW network with new wording but which has the same meaning, and removes the

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			requirement to undertake a wintering bird survey. The removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey reflects the updated evidence in the HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway.
MM102	192	Policy SAP42 - Wingham Small Housing Sites – (WIN003)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to highway safety that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM103	192	Policy SAP42 - Wingham Small Housing Sites – (WIN004)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to highway safety that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM104	195	Policy SAP43 - Land at Short Lane, Alkham (ALK003) - Table	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to a title of a column in the table that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM105	197	Policy SAP44 - Land to the east of Great Cauldham Farm, Capel-le-Ferne (CAP006)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes and removes the requirement to undertake a wintering bird survey in accordance with the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Other modifications in relation to highway safety and clarification of national requirements for minimising harm to archaeological assets do not alter the findings of the SA.
MM106	198	Policy SAP45 - Capel-le-Ferne Small Housing Sites - (CAP011) Land known as the former Archway filling Station, New Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as although it removes the requirement for existing trees and hedgerows to be retained and enhanced, the policy is already identified as having a minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity, as it is within close proximity of biodiversity assets. The requirement to undertake a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment will not alter the minor negative effect already identified in relation to SA objective 11: Landscape, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of the District's landscapes, townscapes and seascapes directly or indirectly. Although this proposed Main Modification requires a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment, the site location within the Source Protection Zone was acknowledged in the SA. Overall, therefore, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM107	198	Policy SAP45 - Capel-le-Ferne Small Housing Sites - (CAP013) – Land at Cauldham Lane, Capel-le-Ferne	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to landscape impacts and mitigation that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM108	200	SAP46 - Land adjacent Langdon Court Bungalow, East Langdon (LAN003) Supporting Text Paragraph 4.275	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes that will not alter the findings of the SA, as the site location within the Groundwater Source Protection Zone was acknowledged in the SA. The proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM109	201	SAP46 – Land adjacent Langdon Court Bungalow,	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in relation to the policy criterion relating to trees/hedgerows, as there was duplication. However, this policy already

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		The Street, East Langdon (LAN003)	receives a minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity, as the site is located within close proximity of biodiversity assets, and therefore this aspect of the proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA. This proposed Main Modification also removes the need to undertake a wintering bird survey in accordance with the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Other modifications are included in relation to highway safety and minimising harm to archaeological assets. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM110	203	Policy SAP47 - Land adjacent to Lydden Court Farm, Lydden (LYD003)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification re-orders elements of the policy requirements such as those for flood risk and heritage, and adds some additional detail in relation to heritage assets. As these were already known when the full SA Report was produced, the modifications do not alter the findings of the SA. The proposed Main Modification rewords the requirement for a Landscape Visual Impact Assessment to be undertaken. However, such a measure is unlikely to change the negligible effect recorded in relation to SA objective 11: Landscape in the full SA report. This proposed Main Modification supports connections and enhancements to the PRoW network, which will further contribute to the minor positive effect already received in relation to SA objective 4: Transport. This is because the site is located within close proximity of a range of existing local services and facilities, and sustainable transport options. The removal of the need to undertake a wintering bird survey is unlikely to change the findings of the SA, and reflects the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway.
MM111	207	Policy SAP48 - Apple Tree Farm and north west of Apple Tree Farm, Stourmouth Road, Preston (PRE003 PRE016 and PRE017)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes and removes the requirement to undertake a wintering bird survey to reflect the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Other modifications are included in relation to highway safety and access points. The proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM112	209	SAP49 - Worth Small Housing Sites (WOR006)	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification provides some text clarifying what the Sequential Approach is. As the original policy already required the Sequential Approach, the SA already acknowledges this. The proposed Main Modification proposes additional text regarding the Heritage Statement. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can achieve, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM113	209	SAP49 - Worth Small Housing Sites Policy (WOR009) - Land to the East of former Bisley Nursery, The Street, Worth	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification includes additional text with regard to the content of the Heritage Statement. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can achieve, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. Although this proposed Main Modification supports improvements and connections to the PRoW network, the policy already receives a minor negative effect in relation to SA objective 4: Transport. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.

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Smaller Villages and Hamlets: Chillenden, Coldred, Nonington, Ringwould, Staple and Woodnesborough			
MM114	212	SAP50 - Land adjacent to Short Street, Chillenden (GOO006) - Land adjacent to Short Street, Chillenden	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification includes additional text with regard to the content of the Heritage Statement. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can achieve, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. The proposed Main Modification contains some additional text allowing the removal of hedgerow along the Short Street frontage. This is considered minor and as the site has no notable ecological vulnerabilities, the policy already receives a negligible effect in relation to SA objective 9: Biodiversity. The modification in relation to flood risk is in relation to the wording of the criterion only. Overall, the proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM115	214	SAP51 - Land opposite the Conifers, Coldred (SHE013) Land opposite the Conifers, Coldred	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises additional text with regard to the content of the Heritage Statement. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can achieve, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM116	215	Figure 4.22 Map of Allocations in Nonington	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification shows the revised boundary of SAP52. As mentioned at the start of this report under the heading 'Proposed Policies Map Modifications to the Publication Dover District Local Plan', this boundary change has not altered the policy-off or policy-on appraisal of the site.
MM117	215	Table 4.19 Site Allocations in Nonington	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a change to the dwelling number but this change is not considered significant and so will not alter the SA findings. It is a consequential change to the modification below and does not alter the SA findings itself.
MM118	216	SAP52 -Prima Windows, Nonington (NON006) Supporting Text Paragraph 4.296	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes in the supporting text to Policy SAP52: Prima Windows, Easole Street/Sandwich Road, Nonington (NON006), in relation to the site description. The proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM119	216	SAP52 – Prima Windows, Easole Street/Sandwich Road, Nonington (NON006)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes, including a change to the dwelling number. However, this change is not considered significant, and will see a reduction in the number of dwellings delivered. . The proposed Main Modification also removes the need to undertake a wintering bird survey to reflect the updated HRA. The SA already acknowledges that bird surveys would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM120	218	SAP53 - Land at Ringwould Alpines (RIN002 and RIN004)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes text regarding future access to wastewater infrastructure to reflect evidence. As this original wording did not influence the effects the policy was recorded as having, its removal will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM121	220	SAP54 - Land at Durlock Road, Staple (STA004)	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises additional text regarding the content of the Heritage Statement. However, the Heritage Statement is limited in what it can achieve, as

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			there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. As such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM122	222	SAP55 - Woodnesborough Small Housing Sites - (WOO006) - Land south of Sandwich Road, Woodnesborough	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides further detail regarding the wintering bird survey and Heritage Statement. It is considered that these changes will not alter the findings of the SA, as the SA already acknowledges that the addition of a wintering bird survey would not avoid all adverse effects anyway. With regard to the Heritage Statement, this modification ensures that nearby assets are considered. However, a Heritage Statement is limited in what it can achieve, as there is still potential for development to affect the significance of known and unknown historic assets directly or indirectly. Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
Chapter 5. Climate Change			
MM123	227 228	CC1 - Reducing Carbon Emissions – Paragraphs 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 CC1 - Reducing Carbon Emissions – Implementation – Paragraph 5.8, 5.9 & 5.10	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy CC1: Reducing Carbon Emissions whilst also ensuring consistency with national policy changes, instead of Policy CC1 itself (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM124	228	Policy CC1 - Reducing Carbon Emissions	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification revises the text regarding measures to reduce carbon emissions and reflects updated national guidance. It removes references to the Future Homes Standard, which had uncertain implementation. The removal of reference to the Future Homes Standard therefore eliminates the uncertainty against SA objectives 1: Housing, 2: Health and well-being, 3: Employment, 6: Air pollution, 8: Climate change, 10: Historic environment and 11: Landscape. The proposed Main Modification contains additional criteria for reducing carbon emissions, which will further contribute towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 8: Climate change.
MM125	229	CC2 - Sustainable Design and Construction - Justification for approach – Paragraph 5.12	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes and as it relates to the supporting text to Policy CC2: Sustainable Design and Construction instead of Policy CC2 itself, it will not alter the findings of the SA (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM126	230	Policy CC2 - Sustainable Design and Construction	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides further clarity regarding the need to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. Although the policy no longer requires a Sustainable Design and Construction Statement, development must still satisfy the criteria set out in the policy. As the proposed Main Modification does not alter the purpose of Policy CC2: Sustainable Design and Construction, it will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM127	231	Policy CC3 - Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification provides further detail regarding renewable energy generation and storage within development projects. This strengthens the policy and so further contributes towards the significant positive

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			effect already identified in relation to SA objective 8: Climate change. The proposed Main Modification also provides additional wording encouraging the use of previously developed land, which will contribute further towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 5: Resources.
MM128	232	Policy CC4 - Water Efficiency - Justification for approach – Paragraph 5.29	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy CC4: Water Efficiency instead of Policy CC4 itself (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM129	232	Policy CC4 - Water Efficiency	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it rewords the original policy to allow for the use of alternative standards equivalent to 'very good' BREEAM to be applied to non-residential development and reflect national policy.
MM130	234	Policy CC5 - Flood Risk	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides clarity on the requirement for flood risk assessments. As it does not alter the overall purpose of Policy CC5: Flood Risk, it will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM131	235	Policy CC6 - Surface Water Management	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes that will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM132	237	Policy CC7 - Coastal Change Management Areas	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification revises the wording of Policy CC7: Coastal Change Management Areas and adds further criteria regarding Householder applications in Coastal Change Management Areas. However, it does not alter the overall purpose of the policy, and so there will be no changes to the SA findings.
MM133	237	CC7 supporting text Implementation – Paragraph 5.50	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy CC7: Coastal Change Management Areas and is consequential to the changes to Policy CC7 itself.
MM134	239	Policy CC8 - Tree Planting and Protection	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes to the policy which will not alter the findings of the SA.
Chapter 6. Place Making			
MM135	243	PM1 - Achieving High Quality Design, Place Making and the provision of Design Codes. Justification for approach - Paragraph 6.10 Implementation - Paragraph 6.16 Implementation - Paragraph 6.17	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy PM1: Achieving High Quality Design, Place Making and the provision of Design Codes. The modifications include reference to design principles and development briefs, and are also consequential to other modifications proposed to the Plan.

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MM136	244	PM1 - Achieving High Quality Design, Place Making and the provision of Design Codes	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification comprises minor text additions and the requirement for outdoor lighting to be sensitively located and designed to minimise adverse effects on the environment and residential amenity, which will further contribute towards the positive effects already identified in relation to the SA objectives 9: Biodiversity and 2: Housing, and adds detail in relation to developments being well connected to existing footways and cycleways.
MM137	248	PM2 - Quality of Residential Accommodation Justification for approach - Paragraph 6.25 Implementation - Paragraph 6.35	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor changes to the wording of the supporting text to Policy PM2: Quality of Residential Accommodation, which will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM138	249	Policy PM2 - Quality of Residential Accommodation	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor changes to the wording of Policy PM2: Quality of Residential Accommodation, as well as additional text to clarify the outcome where planning applications are unable to meet the optional technical standards with a requirement that exceptions will only be made where there is robust evidence which strengthens the application of the policy.
MM139	256	PM4 - Sports Provision – Outdoor Sports and Playing Pitches Supporting text Paragraph 6.59	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it is minor and relates to the supporting text to Policy PM4: Sports Provision instead of Policy PM4 itself.
MM140	260	Policy PM5 - Protection of Open Space, Sports Facilities and Local Green Space	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor changes to the wording of Policy PM5: Protection of Open Space, Sports Facilities and Local Green Space to be consistent with national policy, which do not alter the actual purpose of the policy and so do not result in any changes to the SA findings. The policy already receives a mixed minor positive and minor negative effect against SA objective 11: Landscape, as it already includes provisions for circumstances where open space loss may be permissible. However, the modification proposes that the policy applies to all open space, not just those within settlements.
MM141	263	Policy PM6 - Community Facilities and Services	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a minor addition of text as well as clarifying what is considered a rural settlement. This proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall purpose of the policy or the findings of the SA.
Chapter 7. New Homes			
MM142	267	Policy H1 – Type and Mix of Housing	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides further detail on the requirement for development to meet the needs of different groups of people. Policy H1: Type and Mix of Housing already receives a significant positive effect in relation to SA objective 1:

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			Housing, and as the proposed Main Modification does not alter the purpose of the policy, it will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM143	267	H1- Type and Mix of Housing Implementation Paragraph 7.6	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification relates to the supporting text to Policy H1: Type and Mix of Housing, moving the text into the policy (see previous row). Overall, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM144	268	Policy H2 – Rural Local Needs Housing	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes and clarity on proposals promoting market housing as a means of enabling local housing need. As this proposed Main Modification will not alter the purpose of Policy H2: Rural Local Needs Housing, it will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM145	270	Policy H2 - Rural Local Needs Housing Implementation - Paragraph 7.18	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as although it provides further detail to the supporting text to Policy H2: Rural Local Needs Housing, it does not alter the actual purpose of Policy H2.
MM146	271	Policy H3 Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers Justification for approach paragraphs 7.22, 7.23, 7.24, 7.25, 7.28, Implementation paragraph 7.30	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification relates to the supporting text to Policy H3: Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers, reflecting changes to the policy wording (see below in relation to policy modification). The Main Modification itself does not alter the findings of the SA.
MM147	272	Policy H3 - Meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification does not change the purpose of the policy. However, the baseline behind this policy has changed in that the policy is now over providing the number of pitches required. This removes the uncertainty against the significant positive effect recorded against SA objective 1: Housing because the policy is no longer as reliant on windfall sites coming forwards. The proposed Main Modification seeks to provide suitable amenity space (and play space), which will contribute positively towards the significant positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 2: Health and well-being.
MM148		Policy H4 - Gypsy and Traveller Windfall Accommodation Justification for approach paragraph 7.34 Implementation - Paragraphs 7.39 and 7.40	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to minor changes to the supporting text to Policy H4: Gypsy and Traveller Windfall Accommodation instead of Policy H4 itself (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM149	274	Policy H4 – Gypsy and Traveller Windfall Accommodation	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification provides additional detail on certain elements of the policy , none of which alter the overall purpose of the policy and so do not alter the overall findings of the SA.

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MM150	276	Policy H5 – Self Build and Custom Housebuilding	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises the deletion of a sentence for clarity. This will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM151	278	Policy H6 - Residential Extensions and Annexes	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification provides further detail on protecting residential amenity, which will contribute towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 2: Health and well-being. As such, there will be no changes to the SA findings.
Chapter 8. Employment and Local Economy			
MM152	284	Policy E1 - New Employment Development – supporting text paragraph 8.15	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy E1: New Employment Development, and ensures the employment land strategy is not undermined.
MM153	283 - 284	Policy E1 - New Employment Development	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification provides some clarity on the existing wording and an additional section to ensure that the employment land strategy of the Plan is not undermined through proposals which could have otherwise been delivered on the sites identified for employment in the Plan. This addition would further contribute towards the significant positive effect already identified in relation SA objective 3: Employment.
MM154	285	E2 - Loss or Redevelopment of Employment Sites and Premises	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises minor wording changes and therefore will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM155	288	E3 - Businesses Operating from a Residential Property – Paragraph 1	No change to SA findings: This Main Modification comprises a minor deletion of text for clarity. This will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM156	289	E4 - Tourist Accommodation and Attractions - Paragraph 8.39 & 8.40	More sustainable (no change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification would further contribute towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA objective 4: Transport, as it now includes reference to accessible tourism locations. The proposed Main Modification would also further contribute towards the minor positive effect already identified in relation to SA 11: Landscape, as it aims to balance development while protecting the character of the local environment.
MM157	290	Policy E4 - Tourist Accommodation and Attractions	More sustainable (change to effects score): This proposed Main Modification supports development on brownfield land and so Policy E4: Tourist Accommodation and Attractions is now expected to have a minor positive effect in relation to SA objective 5: Resources. The remaining changes to the policy are minor and will not alter the findings of the SA.
Chapter 10. Transport and Infrastructure			
MM158	302	Policy TI1 - Sustainable Transport and Travel Implementation - Paragraph 10.6	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy TI1: Sustainable Transport and Travel and references supporting guidance documents.

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MM159	301	Policy TI1 - Sustainable Transport and Travel	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy TI2: Transport Statements, Assessments and Travel Plans in relation to the requirements already set out in the policy.
MM160	304	Policy TI2 - Transport Statements, Assessments and Travel Plans Implementation - Paragraphs 10.12, 10.15, 10.16	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy TI2: Transport Statements, Assessments and Travel Plans instead of Policy TI2 itself (see next row).
MM161	305	TI3 - Parking Provision on new Development – Supporting Text Paragraph 10.19	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises a minor wording change to the supporting text to Policy TI3: Parking Provision on new Development and so will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM162	306	Policy TI3 - Parking Provision on new Development	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes to Policy TI3: Parking Provision on new Development, that will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM163	307	TI4 – Overnight Lorry Parking Facilities	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes the criterion which in principle does not allow for lorry parking facilities to be permitted within the AONB to be in line with national policy, which requires development within the AONB to only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. As a reflection of national planning policy, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM164	309 & 310	Policy TI5 - Digital Technology - Paragraph 10.45 and 10.46 and Implementation Paragraphs 10.47 – 10.49	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy TI5: Digital Technology to reflect national policy.
MM165	309	Policy TI5 – Digital Technology	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises revisions to the wording of Policy TI5: Digital Technology to reflect national policy. These revisions do not alter the overall purpose of Policy TI5 and so do not alter the overall findings of the SA.
11. The Natural Environment			
MM166	314	Policy NE1 - Biodiversity Net Gain What are we trying to achieve – Paragraph 11.1 Justification for approach – Paragraph 11.1 to 11.5 Implementation - Paragraph 11.6 – 11.11	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy NE1: Biodiversity Net Gain and reflects national policy changes.
MM167	313	Policy NE1 - Biodiversity Net Gain	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification makes many changes to the wording of Policy NE1: Biodiversity Net Gain to

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			reflect national policy updates. However, these changes do not alter the overall purpose of the policy, which is to achieve biodiversity net gain. As such, this proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA.
MM168	317	Policy NE2 - Landscape Character and the Kent Downs AONB Justification for approach section - Paragraphs 11.17, 11.18 & 11.20	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy NE2: Landscape Character and the Kent Downs AONB instead of Policy NE2 itself (see below in relation to policy modification).
MM169	318	Policy NE2 - Landscape Character and the Kent Downs AONB	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification comprises some minor wording changes which will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM170	320 - 322	NE3 - Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA Mitigation and Monitoring Strategy - Paragraph 11.28 and Table 11.2, paragraphs 11.29 and 11.30	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy NE3: Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA Mitigation and Monitoring Strategy which clarifies the evidence base which supports the policy.
MM171	322	NE3 - Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA Mitigation and Monitoring Strategy	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification removes some wording, which is a minor change and so will not alter the overall findings of the SA.
MM172	322	NE4 – Air Quality – Justification for approach Paragraph 11.32	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it is a minor addition to the wording.
MM173	323	Policy NE4 - Air Quality	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it is a minor wording change.
MM174	325	Policy NE5 - Water Supply and Quality Justification for approach Paragraph 11.48 Implementation Paragraph 11.51	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy NE5: Water Supply and Quality and is a minor change to the wording.
Chapter 12. The Historic Environment			
MM175	331 and 332	Policy HE1 - Designated and Non Designated Heritage Assets Heritage Statements - Paragraph 12.7 & 12.8 and 12.12	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA, as it relates to the supporting text to Policy HE1: Designated and Non-designated Heritage Assets, moves the paragraph order and makes small changes to increase the effectiveness of Policy HE1.

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MM176	332	Policy HE1 - Designated and Non Designated Heritage Assets	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it mainly comprises minor wording changes and additions to reflect national policy.
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MM177	356	Appendix Di – Local Plan Housing Supply Position and Trajectory	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it reflects other modifications made above and relates to Appendix Dii of the Dover District Local Plan, which was not subject to SA.
MM178	357 - 361	Appendix Dii – Local Plan Housing Site Allocations Trajectory	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it relates to Appendix Dii of the Dover District Local Plan, which was not subject to SA.
MM179	362-363	Appendix E Settlement Hierarchy	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it relates to Appendix E of the Dover District Local Plan, which was not subject to SA.
MM180	364-369	Appendix F - Supporting Document requirements for planning applications	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it relates to Appendix F of the Dover District Local Plan, which was not subject to SA.
MM181	370	Appendix G – Local Plan Allocations	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it relates to Appendix G of the Dover District Local Plan, which was not subject to SA.
MM182	--	New Appendix	No change to SA findings: This proposed Main Modification will not alter the findings of the SA as it provides a list of superseded development plan policies, which are not subject to SA.

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SA 1: To help ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainable and affordable home.	<p>SA 1.1: Does the Plan deliver the range of types, tenures and affordable homes the District needs over the Plan Period?</p> <p>SA 1.2: Does the Plan allocate small, medium to large scale sites to deliver homes in the short, medium and long term?</p> <p>SA 1.3: Do the Plan's allocations safeguard and enhance the identity of the District's existing communities and settlements?</p>
SA 2: To reduce inequality, poverty and social exclusion by improving access to local services and facilities that promote prosperity, health, well-being, recreation and integration.	<p>SA 2.1: Does the Plan promote equality of access and opportunity through adequate provision and distribution of local community, health, education and retail services and facilities for all?</p>
SA 3: To deliver and maintain sustainable and diverse employment opportunities.	<p>SA 3.1: Does the District have an adequate supply of land and infrastructure to meet the District's forecast employment needs with sufficient flexibility to respond to uncertainties following Brexit?</p> <p>SA 3.2: Does the Plan deliver the spatial strategic priorities of the East Kent Local Investment Plan 2011-2026, relating to Dover Port, Waterfront and Town Centre, the A2 corridor, and the Whitfield extension?</p> <p>SA 3.3: Does the Plan support equality of opportunity for young people and job seekers and opportunity for the expansion and diversification of business?</p> <p>SA 3.4: Does the Plan maintain and enhance the economic vitality and vibrancy of the District's town centres and tourist attractions?</p> <p>SA 3.5: Does the Plan support the prosperity and diversification of the District's rural economy?</p> <p>SA 3.6: Does the District have sufficient education facilities to help provide the working population with the skills the District's existing and future employers need?</p>
SA 4: To reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable and active alternatives to road vehicles to reduce congestion.	<p>SA 4.1: Does the Plan promote the delivery of integrated, compact communities made-up of a complimentary mix of land uses?</p> <p>SA 4.2: Does the Plan support the maintenance and expansion of sustainable public and active transport networks?</p> <p>SA 4.3: Does the Plan facilitate working from home and remote working?</p> <p>SA4.4: Does the Plan help to address road congestion, particularly congestion in locations also suffering from congestion related to Port activity?</p>
SA 5: To promote sustainable forms of development that maintain and improve the quality of the District's natural resources, including minerals, soils and waters.	<p>SA 5.1: Does the Plan prioritise the remediation and development of poorer quality brownfield land over greenfield land?</p> <p>SA 5.2: Does the Plan prioritise development of poorer quality agricultural land of the District's best and most versatile agricultural land?</p> <p>SA 5.3: Does the Plan minimise development in mineral safeguarding areas?</p>

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	<p>SA 5.4: Does the Plan direct inappropriate development away from source protection zones?</p> <p>SA 5.5: Does the Plan minimise water use?</p> <p>SA 5.6: Does the Plan address capacity issues in the District's wastewater infrastructure, most notably at Whitfield, and safeguard and enhance the quality of the District's ground, surface and coastal waters?</p> <p>SA 5.7: Does the Plan encourage the reuse and sourcing of local materials?</p> <p>SA 5.8: Does the Plan encourage a reduction in waste production and the movement of waste management practices up the waste hierarchy?</p>
SA 6: To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	SA 6.1: Does the plan avoid, minimise and mitigate the effects of poor air quality?
SA 7: To avoid and mitigate flood risk and adapt to the effects of climate change.	<p>SA 7.1: Does the Plan avoid placing people and property in areas of flood risk, or where it exceptionally does, is it safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere, taking into account the impact of climate change?</p> <p>SA 7.2: Does the Plan promote climate change resilience through sustainable siting, design, landscaping and infrastructure?</p>
SA 8: To mitigate climate change by actively reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	<p>SA 8.1: Does the Plan promote energy efficiency and the generation of clean, low carbon, decentralised and renewable electricity and heat?</p> <p>SA 8.2: Does the Plan promote and facilitate sustainable patterns of development, the use of electric cars, and sustainable modes of transport?</p>
SA 9: To conserve, connect and enhance the District's wildlife habitats and species.	<p>SA 9.1: Does the Plan avoid and mitigate adverse effects on designated and undesignated ecological assets within and outside the District, including the net loss and fragmentation of green infrastructure?</p> <p>SA 9.2: Does the Plan outline opportunities for improvements to the conservation, connection and enhancement of ecological assets, particularly at risk assets?</p> <p>SA 9.3: Does the Plan provide and manage opportunities for people to come into contact with resilient wildlife places whilst encouraging respect for and raising awareness of the sensitivity of such locations?</p> <p>SA 9.4: Does the Plan promote climate change resilience through multifunctional green infrastructure networks for people and wildlife?</p>

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SA 10: To conserve and/or enhance the significant qualities, fabric, setting and accessibility of the District's historic environment.	<p>SA 10.1: Does the Plan avoid adverse effects on the District's designated and undesignated heritage assets, including their setting and their contribution to wider local character and distinctiveness?</p> <p>SA 10.2: Does the Plan outline opportunities for improvements to the conservation, management and enhancement of the District's heritage assets, particularly at risk assets?</p> <p>SA 10.3: Does the Plan promote access to, as well as enjoyment and understanding of the local historic environment, for the District's residents and visitors?</p>
SA 11: To conserve and enhance the special qualities, accessibility, local character and distinctiveness of the District's settlements, coastline and countryside.	<p>SA 11.1: Does the Plan protect the District's sensitive and special landscapes, seascapes and townscapes?</p> <p>SA 11.2: Does the Plan prohibit inappropriate development that will have an adverse effect on the character of the District's countryside, coastline and settlements?</p>