

## **Appendix D**

### **Sevenoaks District Council**

#### **Council's Consideration of Second Schedule of Minor Amendments to the Core Strategy following reinstatement of the South East Plan**

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In setting out the amendment new text is in italics, text to be deleted is struck through and text that is unchanged but included to show context is in normal type.

The first four columns are from the original schedule. The final column has been added following the reinstatement of the South East Plan.

<b>Section</b>	<b>Para no.</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Council view following reinstatement of SEP</b>
Role of the Core Strategy	1.0.4	Amend first sentence to read:  “The Core Strategy forms part of the Development Plan for Sevenoaks District and must be consistent with national planning policy guidance <del>and conform with regional policy in the adopted South East Plan.</del> ”  Delete the South East Plan from the diagram	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  Now that the South East Plan has been reinstated the Core Strategy should be in conformity with it, which the Council consider is the case. The Council suggests that the amendment is not required.
Spatial Vision	3.2	Amend sub heading to read: “National <del>and Regional</del> Policy	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  Amendment is not required.
	3.2.2	Delete this paragraph which describes the South East Plan and the provision for housing in Sevenoaks and replace with new paragraph as follows:  <i>“Following the abolition of the South East Plan in July 2010 there is no longer a regional planning policy</i>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>New Amended Text Proposed</u></b>  Do not delete existing paragraph or add proposed additional

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		<p><i>document. The former South East Plan was published in 2009 and included a regional housing provision for 2006 to 2026 distributed down to District level. For Sevenoaks District it required the delivery of an annual average net additional requirement of 165 dwellings, equivalent to 3,300 dwellings over the period 2006 to 2026. This figure which was adopted following independent examination of the draft South East Plan has been taken into account in the preparation of the Core Strategy and is now retained as the level of housing development to be delivered by the Core Strategy.”</i></p>		<p>text. Instead, the following text could be added following the original text of para 3.2.2:</p> <p><i>“The Core Strategy was drafted to be in conformity with the South East Plan. However, the Government has signalled its intention to abolish regional strategies. The housing target from the South East Plan will be carried forward in the Core Strategy once regional strategies are abolished”.</i></p> <p>This reflects the approach tested at Examination.</p>
	3.3.1	<p>Amend the start of the second paragraph of the vision as follows:</p> <p><del>“It will deliver the proposed housing requirements of the South East Plan</del> <i>an annual average of 165</i></p>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<p><b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b></p> <p>The proposed amendment simply sets out what the housing</p>

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		<i> dwellings (net addition), equivalent to 3,300 additional dwellings over the period 2006 to 2026 in a sustainable way.”</i>		requirement of the South East Plan is. The Council suggest that the amendment should still be made.
Location Policies	4.1.2	Amend to read:  “The distribution of development is consistent with national planning policy <del>and in general conformity with regional policy.</del> It concentrates development on the District’s main towns, which have the greatest range of services and facilities to support the population, <del>an approach that is consistent with the urban focus of South East Plan Policy SP3.</del> ”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The Core Strategy was drafted to be in conformity with these policy considerations. The amendments are no longer required.
	4.1.9	Amend second sentence to read:  “The updates assessment shows that the <del>regional housing target</del> <i>housing provision figure of 3,300 dwellings (2006-2026) can be met...</i> ”  Amend the last line in the table to read: “ <del>South East Plan Housing Requirement</del> <i>Core Strategy Housing Provision</i> ”.	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Given that the Core Strategy takes forward the South East Plan housing target, it is still appropriate to make the proposed changes.
	4.1.10, and 4.1.11	Amend references to the District’s housing requirement to <i>provision</i>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Given that the Core Strategy takes forward the South East Plan

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				housing target, it is still appropriate to make the proposed changes.
	4.1.14	Delete this paragraph which compares the split of housing development within the District between the London Fringe and Rest of Kent SE Plan sub regions in the South East Plan with the Core Strategy	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<p><b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b></p> <p>The previously proposed amendment should not be made. This paragraph justifies the Council's approach to the distribution of housing development which varies slightly from that required by the South East Plan (Policy LF3). It should be noted that the Regional Planning Body did not raise this as a conformity issue in their representation on the Core Strategy at Pre-Submission Publication stage.</p>
	4.1.16	Amend the last line in Table 2 to read: " <del>South East Plan Housing Requirement</del> <i>Core Strategy Housing Provision</i> ".	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<p><b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b></p> <p>Given that the Core Strategy takes forward the South East Plan</p>

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				housing target, it is still appropriate to make the proposed changes.
	4.2.2	Amend start of paragraph to read:  “In a regional context the <i>former</i> South East Plan <del>shows</del> <i>showed</i> Sevenoaks as a “Secondary Regional Centre”...”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The previously proposed amendments are no longer appropriate. No changes to the original wording are required.
	4.4.5	Amend references to the District’s housing requirement to <i>provision</i> .  Amend the end of the penultimate sentence to read:  “...to meet the <del>requirements of the South East Plan</del> <i>Core Strategy provision</i> .”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Given that the Core Strategy takes forward the South East Plan housing target, it is still appropriate to make the proposed changes.
Strategic Policies	5.2.10	Amend first sentence to read:  “ <i>The former</i> South East Plan Policy NRM11 <del>requires</del> <i>required</i> targets to be set...”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The previously proposed amendments are no longer appropriate. No changes to the original wording are required.
	5.2.14	Amend first sentence to read:	To take account of the	<b><u>Amendment</u></b>

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		“Network Rail’s draft Route Utilisation Strategies...take into account housing development policies in the <i>former</i> South East Plan.”	abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Withdrawn</u></b>  The previously proposed amendments are no longer appropriate. No changes to the original wording are required.
	Policy SP2	Amend second Performance Indicator to read:  “Number of large scale renewable, decentralised and combined heat and power schemes installed by capacity and type <del>and the contribution made to achieving the sub-regional target for Kent in SE Plan Policy NRM14.</del> ”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Given that the Regional Planning Body has been abolished, it is unlikely that the sub-regional target will be monitored. Therefore, the Council suggest that the proposed deletion should still be made.
	5.3.4	Delete this paragraph which outlines affordable housing policy in the South East Plan	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Whilst the Council consider that the Core Strategy policies on affordable housing (SP3 and SP4) are in conformity with the South East Plan, the policies can stand alone. The text in para

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				5.3.4 provides context to the Core Strategy policy but is not required. It is suggested that para 5.3.4 is deleted.
	5.3.5	Amend start to read:  “The <i>former</i> -South East Plan <del>identifies</del> <i>identified</i> a series of sub regional housing markets...”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The previously proposed amendments are no longer appropriate. No changes to the original wording are required.
	5.3.17	Delete this paragraph which outlined South East Plan policy on affordable housing in rural settlements	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  Whilst the Council consider that the Core Strategy policy on affordable housing is in conformity with the South East Plan, the policy can stand alone. The text in para 5.3.17 provides context to the Core Strategy policy but is not required. It is suggested that para



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				5.3.17 is deleted.
	5.3.27 to 5.3.29	<p>Amend to read:</p> <p><del>“5.3.27 A Partial Review of the South East Plan is currently under way. At the time the South East Plan was abolished a Partial Review was under way to identify the scale of future requirements for gypsy and traveller accommodation and travelling showpeople and how provision for each should be distributed across the region down to District level. Government Circular 01/06 contains a definition of gypsies and travellers (reproduced in the Glossary) which will be used in applying policy. The preferred option for the partial review, which has had been submitted by the Region for independent examination, requires required an additional provision for the District of 19 permanent pitches for gypsies and travellers up to 2016. There are currently no sites for travelling showpeople in the District and the preferred option proposes proposed that one site should be provided. An independent examination is scheduled for February 2010 and it is currently anticipated that the review will be complete later in 2010. The Partial Review was abandoned before the Panel Report on the examination was complete.”</del></p> <p>“5.3.28 A Gypsies and Travellers Accommodation Assessment has been completed for Sevenoaks and is being taken into account in the review.”</p>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<p><b><u>New Amended Text Proposed</u></b></p> <p>There is no indication that the partial review of the South East Plan will be recommenced.</p> <p>It is suggested that, instead of the proposed amendments to the first sentence of para 5.3.27, the following amendment is made:</p> <p><i>‘At the time the Government indicated its intention to abolish regional strategies a Partial Review was under way...’</i></p> <p>The proposed amendments to para 5.3.28 and 5.3.29 are still appropriate.</p>

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		<p><del>“5.3.29 The Allocations DPD will identify sites for gypsy and travellers accommodation to meet the requirement set through the South East Plan Review and any sites that may be needed for travelling showpeople as a result of the review will set an overall level of future provision for gypsy and traveller accommodation and for travelling showpeople taking account of relevant planning policy guidance and will identify sites to meet the level of provision that is set.”</del></p>		
	Policy SP6	<p>Amend first sentence to read:</p> <p>“Sites will be provided by means of allocations in the Allocations DPD for Gypsies and Travellers and, if required, for Travelling Showpeople <del>to meet the requirements of the Partial Review of the South East Plan.</del>”</p> <p>Amend first delivery mechanism to read:</p> <p>“The Allocations DPD will <del>identify sites to meet the South East Plan requirement</del> <i>set an overall level of future provision and identify sites to meet the requirement.</i>”</p> <p>Amend target to read:</p> <p>To be set <del>based on the requirement for gypsies and traveller accommodation for the District in the adopted South East Plan Partial Review</del> <i>by the Allocations</i></p>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<p><b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b></p> <p>As there is no indication that the partial review of the South East Plan will be recommenced, these amendments are still required.</p>

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		<i>DPD.</i>		
	5.3.31	Delete this paragraph which outlined policy on density of housing development in the South East Plan	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Whilst the Council consider that the Core Strategy policy on density (SP7) is in conformity with the South East Plan, the policy can stand alone. The text in para 5.3.31 provides context to the Core Strategy policy but is not required. It is suggested that para 5.3.31 is deleted.
	5.4.9	Amend second sentence to read:  <del>“In accordance with Policy RE5 of the South East Plan</del> improvements in information and communications technology that enable more flexible working practices will be supported.”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  The statement in para 5.4.9 can stand alone without reference to the South East Plan. The proposed amendment is considered appropriate.
	5.5.1	Amend start of the second sentence to read:  <del>“The definition set out in the former South East Plan (para 5.22) includes included....”</del>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The proposed amendment is not

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				appropriate. No change to the original wording of the Core Strategy should be made.
	5.5.2	Delete this paragraph which outlined the South East plan strategy towards infrastructure provision.	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  The Core Strategy approach can stand alone without this original wording. The proposed amendment is still appropriate.
	5.6.7	Amend the first sentence to read:  “ <del>The South East Plan</del> <i>National planning policy</i> promotes the development of Green Infrastructure Networks...”	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan	<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  The proposed amendment is still appropriate.
Appendix 1		Amend title to “Meeting the <del>SE Housing Requirement</del> <i>Core Strategy Housing Provision.</i> ”  Amend first sentence to read:  “The Housing Trajectory shows progress towards meeting the <del>SE Plan requirement</del> <i>Core Strategy housing provision</i> ”  Amend last sentence to read:  “The Trajectory shows that we will be able to meet the		<b><u>Amendment Retained</u></b>  Given that the Core Strategy takes forward the South East Plan housing target, it is still appropriate to make the proposed changes.

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		<del>SE Plan requirement</del> <i>Core Strategy housing provision</i> and if our assumptions are correct we will reach the <del>requirement</del> <i>provision by 2022.</i> "		
Appendix 4: Infrastructure Delivery Schedule	Section 9: Utility Services	Replace all references to the <del>adopted</del> South East Plan with the <i>former</i> South East Plan	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan.	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The proposed amendment is not appropriate. No change to the original wording of the Core Strategy should be made.
Appendix 6: Glossary		Delete entry for South East Plan and replace as follows:  <i>"The South East Plan was the regional framework for managing future development in the South East and was adopted in May 2009. It was intended to guide the production of local development frameworks. It was revoked in July 2010 as part of the abolition of regional strategies."</i>	To take account of the abolition of the South East Plan.	<b><u>Amendment Withdrawn</u></b>  The proposed amendment is not appropriate. No change to the original wording of the Core Strategy should be made.