

Statement of Common Ground

Date: 20th May 2026

Between: Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) and Historic England

Relating to: Historic environment

The Council has a longstanding, positive working relationship with Historic England and Kent County Council (KCC) in its role in providing a specialist heritage service to the Council. Historic England's and Kent County Council's guidance has helped to shape strategic, development management and site allocation policies.

In response to the Council's Regulation 18(c) consultation, Historic England strongly agreed with policies for the historic environment, with no matters raised on the policies. In response to comments from Historic England, the evidence base has been reviewed and an addendum produced to ensure the Historic Environment Review is still up-to-date and relevant. No concerns have been raised on site allocations. One site proposed for allocation contains a scheduled monument, for which Historic England will be a statutory consultee and be the determining body for scheduled monument consent. A development brief will be prepared for this site to highlight relevant matters, such as enhancement of Fort Farningham, key views and setting. All matters raised by Historic England have been agreed through updates to the plan and evidence base.