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Evidence	Purpose of Evidence	Status	Headline findings/ recommendations	Potential impacts for the local plan review
Employment Land Review (ELR)	To identify the amount of additional employment land needed during the local plan review period	Completed and published	41ha of additional B2/B8 15ha of additional B1	In order to be 'sound', the local plan review will need to contain a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet this need.
GTAA	To identify the requirement for additional pitches for those who meet the definition of 'Traveller' in government policy. To identify the requirement for additional Travelling Show Person plots and houseboats.	Completed and published	51 additional pitches for Travellers and 1 additional Travelling Show Person plot.	Members agreed at November Panel that officers should investigate potential new sites through a 'call for sites' exercise currently underway and investigate possibilities for additional public site(s). 40 of the pitch need will be met at Brotherhood Woodyard bringing the total number of pitches needed to 11.
Landscape Sensitivity Study	To assess landscape sensitivity to future change from development.	Underway	To be reported at a later date	To be reported at a later date
Local Landscape Designation Review	To recommend Areas of High Landscape Value across the borough	Completed and reported to Local Plan Panel in November 2018	10 Areas of High Landscape Value recommended	Evidence to inform LP review
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	To identify land that is suitable, achievable and deliverable to meet the development needs of the Borough for the local plan review period.	Underway	To be reported at a later date	A catalogue of sites with potential for inclusion in the local plan review to meet the development needs of the Borough

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Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment (SHMA)	To identify the housing need for the Borough and to identify the affordable housing need within the overall figure	Ready to be commissioned and will be advanced as soon as possible once the standardised methodology is formalised.	As yet unknown but based on the consultation standardised methodology it is likely to be between 1030 and 1086 dwellings per annum from 2022 to 2038.	In order for the plan to be 'sound' it must plan for the full objectively assessed housing need as a minimum.
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)	To provide the evidence base information on what land within the borough is vulnerable to flooding to support local plan allocations	At commissioning stage, due to be completed by June.	To be reported at a later date.	Will provide the information on land at risk of flooding to assist with site allocation selection.
Retail & Leisure Needs Assessment	To identify the future retail and leisure needs of the Borough in terms of floorspace and facilities. Also assessed the retail hierarchy and reviewed the vitality and viability of both the town and local centres in the Borough.	Completed and to be published in due course.	Sittingbourne: 1,900 sq. m. of convenience goods floorspace; between 12,300 and 22,600 sq. m. comparison goods floorspace. Faversham: 2,700 – 4,700 sq. m. comparison goods floorspace only. Sheerness: 1,200 sq. m convenience floorspace and between 4,500 and 7,900 sq. m. of comparison goods floorspace. Between 7 and 9 new gyms across the Borough.	The local plan review will need to allocated land to meet the retail needs within the town centres where possible.
Air Quality Assessment	To assess the potential impacts of new development on air quality and, if necessary, identify potential mitigation measures.	To be commissioned after the transport modelling is complete. Due to be completed by June.	To be reported at a later date.	To be reported at a later date.

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Sustainability Appraisal	The mechanism for considering and communicating the likely effects of a draft plan and alternatives, in terms of sustainability issues, with a view to avoiding and mitigating adverse effects and maximising positive. Its preparation is a statutory requirement	Underway. Scoping complete and reported to Local Plan Panel in September 2018.	Ongoing.	Iterative process to accompany the development of the emerging Local Plan Review.
Transport modelling	To assess the capacity of the road network and potential mitigation measures against different development scenarios.	As reported to this panel elsewhere on the agenda.	As reported to this panel elsewhere on the agenda.	As reported to this panel elsewhere on the agenda.
Settlement Hierarchy Study	To assess the existing settlement hierarchy in Bearing Fruits.	Underway	To be reported at a later date.	To be reported at a later date.
PBA report on New Settlements viability	To assess the viability of the NS submissions and assess their ability to deliver some of the Borough's development needs as part of the strategic options.	As reported to this panel elsewhere on the agenda.	As reported to this panel elsewhere on the agenda.	As reported to this panel elsewhere on the agenda.
Whole plan viability	To assess the policies and proposals within the plan to ensure they are viable.	To be undertaken at a later stage as part of the preparation of the draft plan.	To be reported at a later date.	To be reported at a later date.

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Open Space Assessment Study	To assess the quantum of open space in the Borough and to identify the OS needs for the local plan review plan period.	Almost complete and due to be reported in June to this Panel.	To be reported to the Panel in June.	To be reported to the Panel in June.
Green Infrastructure Strategy	To assess the quantum of green infrastructure in the Borough and identify opportunities to expand and develop both the quality and quantum of the GI network.	At tender stage, due to be completed by June.	To be reported at a later date.	To be reported at a later date.
Biodiversity baseline study	Assessment of the quantum of biodiversity areas in the Borough.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be reported at a later date
Housing optional technical standards	Assessment of the potential for technical standards for new housing.	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	To be reported at a later date.
Strategic Transport Modelling	High level testing of development targets and alternative distributions of development on the strategic and local highway networks	Member Briefing on preliminary outputs 14 March 2019.	Preliminary outputs suggest alternative development strategies will not release sufficient capacity in the highways network to meet development targets post 2022 and deal with background growth in traffic. Further mitigation to the network is likely to be required alongside a package of measures for modal shift will need to be investigated.	Formal reporting to June 2019 Panel.