

Appendix II: Table I: Reg 18 Local Plan Development Management Policies

Policy Number	Policy Title	Commentary
Cross-cutting		
Policy G1	General Development Criteria	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation and the Council signing the TCPA Healthy Homes Pledge.
Good design		
Policy GD1	Local Design Principles	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and relevant government design guidance. Includes additional drafting relating to design review and reference to relevant design related guidance documents.
Policy GD2	Alterations & Extensions	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. Minor drafting changes.
Policy GD3	Shop fronts, signs & advertisements	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. Updated for clarity, particularly the assessment criteria.
Housing		
Policy H1	Affordable Housing	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. The requirement for First Homes as set out in the latest NPPF has been removed and replaced with more local flexibility on affordable home ownership tenures.
Policy H2	Small and medium sites for housing development	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes
Policy H3	Rural exception and community-led housing development	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes
Policy H4	Self-build and custom build	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. Additional criteria added requiring plots in mixed

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		use development to demonstrate how they will be located within it.
Policy H5	Park Homes	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. Additional criteria added to ensure new park homes are for the needs of older people as described in the SHMA and will be managed to that effect.
Policy H6	Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople Accommodation	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, and new definition of a Gypsy & Traveller in the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) 2024, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base.
Policy H7	Dwellings for rural workers	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. More detail added in the Policy to ensure that temporary permissions are granted where there is a robust plan demonstrating how compliance with the purpose of the policy will be achieved.
Policy H8	Extensions to, & the replacement of, dwellings in the countryside	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.
Policy H9	Extending the garden of a dwelling in the countryside	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.
Economic Development		
Policy E1	Loss of employment floorspace & land	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. Policy amended to reflect the new Class E and permitted development changes.
Policy E2	The Rural Economy	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.
Policy E3	Proposals for Main Town Centre Uses	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. No significant changes.

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Policy E4	New Holiday Parks or extensions to existing parks & the occupancy of holiday parks	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.
Infrastructure		
Policy INF1	Managing transport demand & impact	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy INF2	Vehicle parking	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy INF3	Open space, sport and recreation provision	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy INF4	Local Green Spaces	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. No significant changes.
Climate Change, Pollution & The Water Environment		
Policy C1	Sustainable design and adaptation principles	New policy to reflect the ambitions of the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency.
Policy C2	Net zero operational carbon in new build residential development	New policy to reflect the ambitions of the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency.
Policy C3	Net zero operational carbon in new build non-domestic development	New policy to reflect the ambitions of the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency.
Policy C4	Embodied carbon and waste	New policy to reflect the ambitions of the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency.
Policy C5	Renewable energy development and infrastructure	New policy to reflect the ambitions of the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency.
Policy C6	Coastal change management	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. The coastal management zone,

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		and policy, have been updated to reflect new evidence that shows more land and existing development (houses) are now likely within the zone.
Policy C7	Implementing the Medway Estuary & Swale Coastal Risk Management Strategy	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. The policy looks at the possibility of setting a tariff for new development to contribute to the implementation of the Strategy.
Policy C8	Flood risk	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. The policy now highlights changes to the existing flood zone designation at Faversham Creek and boosts the importance of the sequential approach.
Policy C9	Sustainable drainage	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base and to reflect changes to national standards and comments from Kent County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority.
Policy C10	Water quality and water resources	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. The policy proposes an increased, more ambitious water efficiency standard.
Policy C11	Air quality	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. The guidance in the policy has been made simpler to make it easier to use and to reflect current guidance and the updated Swale Air Quality and Planning Guidance.
Policy C12	Pollution & land instability	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.

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Biodiversity and Landscapes		
Policy B1	Biodiversity & geodiversity conservation & BNG	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an emerging evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy B2	Conserving & enhancing valued landscapes	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy B3	Kent Downs National Landscape Management Plan	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy B4	The separation of settlements – Important Local Countryside Gaps	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. Policy made clearer as to what the specific gaps are, including the new ones.
Policy B5	Woodland, orchards, trees and hedgerows	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation and edited for clarity.
Policy B6	Agricultural land	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. No significant changes.
Policy B7	The Coast	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF, new relevant legislation and an updated evidence base. Added reference to new King Charles III England Coast path.
Policy B8	Rural Lanes	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.
Policy B9	The keeping & grazing of horses	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. No significant changes.
Historic Environment		
Policy HE1	Development involving Listed Buildings	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation, particularly when considering harm to a heritage asset and those assets most at risk. Edited to ensure that

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		appropriate level of information is submitted with applications.
Policy HE2	Development affecting a Conservation Area	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation, particularly when considering harm to a conservation area. Edited to be clearer as to the issues development should have regard to.
Policy HE3	Parks and Gardens	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation. Updated to preserve registered Parks and Gardens. Non-designated parks and gardens and historic/cultural landscapes and are now covered by policy HE4 and other landscape policies.
Policy HE4	Non-designated Heritage Assets	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF separation of designated and non-designated heritage assets. All non-designated heritage assets are subject to the same assessment considerations, therefore they are grouped and managed under a single policy. Also includes provision for recording.
Policy HE5	Archaeological	Updated to reflect the 2024 NPPF and new relevant legislation, particularly when considering harm to archaeology. Also includes provision for assets at risk, recording and archiving.