Annex 3 – Responses to consultation - Margate Neighbourhood Plan Area

Question: 1 Do you support the proposed Margate Neighbourhood Plan Area?	Question: 1 Do you support the proposed Margate Neighbourhood Plan Area? Comment
Yes	Safeguarding the environment
Yes	What about the coast.
Yes	It is essential that the area known as Margate is viewed holistically and that the residents of the individual wards be able to work together to collectively determine the desired development direction including protecting important elements based on their historical, architectural or community value as well as impact on the rest of the area defined as the Margate Neighourbood Plan Area. It will also create new community relationships built on a shared vision which can only be to Margate's advantage.
Yes	It seems a sensible idea to improve the area and preserve its special character.
Yes	
Yes	Democracy.
Yes	I think it has been split between wards very sensibly so that each area can have its own focus.
Yes	I think its a great idea to let the people who live and work in the area to have a voice that can shape their neighbourhood.
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Yes	Covers Margate without being to large
Yes	seems reasonable
Yes	As with the Cliffsend plan if the council sticks to the agreed agenda then I have no objections to the proposal
Yes	Residents should be consulted on what they want for their surroundings/area. Including Conservation of specific buildings and roads of architectural interest, community say in how council assets are used/ looked after, upgrading and cleanliness, no more flats built in Cliftonville West and Margate Central, no more houses turned into flats but kept as family homes, four and five storey houses to be made into family sized maisonettes, room space sizes upgraded for new build as well as renovations=no more living/ dining/kitchen holiday type flats, some way must be found to encourage bad landlords to keep their property in good order and discourage overcrowding, we must over time reduce the overcrowding in Cliftonville West and Margate Central so that the areas becomes family orientated and encourages families to stay put and become proud of where they live.

Yes	Margate/Cliftonville/Westbrook need to be looked at strategically and as a whole. It is has the potential to be a beautiful place but is being wrecked by poor quality developments and sub-standard accommodation allowed through by weak adherence to national planning policy, a possibly cynical lack of conviction in the potential of the area and a lack of local planning policy/guidance/framework, what there is, is frequently overlooked, what has been commissioned is drawered away. Often the horse has bolted so there is also an lack of belief in enforcement! Margate needs to be looked at as a whole to try stave of slum developments, allow better housing standards and think coherently about Margate, Cliftonville and Westbrook's rather obvious by underrated relationship with the beaches, cliffs and sea.
Yes	The boundary shown appears to be very sensible. Margate needs to be thought about as a unity, and I strongly support the ability of the local community to define for themselves how they would like to see their community develop.
Yes	The area proposed is inclusive and is a good representation of the built environment recognised as Margate.
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Yes	The proposed area is small enough to have a local focus and yet large enough to warrant the resources necessary to bring about change. In all the subsequent deliberations, it is worth noting that improvements in the standard of living can only be sustained through the development of revenue-earning organisations which provide the jobs and economic stimulus essential to long-term development. Planning regulations and public policy must combine to attract inward investment, support local companies and nourish start-up companies. The Thanet & East Kent Chamber of Commerce can play a vital role in liaising with the private sector. As the largest business support organisation in the district, the Chamber welcomes the opportunity to liaise with public bodies in the best interests of workers, companies and residents.
Yes	The proposed plan area will allow a cohesive stately for the whole town
Yes	It's an accurate reflection of the areas to be included, with a breakdown of the individual areas within the town.
Yes	It is a very broad and inclusive plan area and includes the areas that need protection or support or some TLC in general, within Margate. Personally i would suggest it could even be narrowed down to fewer areas and just focusing on Margate Central, Cliftonville East and West, Salmestone. Westbrook and Garlinge should not be included. The other mentioned areas need the focus and support more than this area.
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Yes	It is a good area.
Yes	It may help the area if some decisions are made locally. We know what we need and would like.
Yes	I am trying to move to Margate and already spend all my time when not working, in the area. I want Margate to get back to or be even better than when I was young. Also, young people have been p[riced out of London but jobs are not plentiful here. Regeneration must make Margate as attractive for existing and incoming young people as Brighton (which used to be awful). I should like to do a little bit to help. Volunteering etc.
Yes	Yes very inclusive and covers all the approaches to the town centre.
Yes	The area appears to represent Margate as we understand it, and adhering to ward boundaries will help with any future referendums.
Yes	Seems a logical area suitably divided into known areas
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Yes	These seven wards seem to cover the general area considered as part of Margate District.
	Thank you for consulting the HA regarding the above. The HA is responsible for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), comprising motorways and trunk roads. In the vicinity of Thanet the SRN comprises mainly the A2 (Brenley Corner to Dover Docks). On the basis that the 2 proposed Neighbourhood Plan areas do not contain, nor are particularly close to any part of the SRN, the HA has no comments to make on the respective proposed boundaries
	We would like to thank you for involving Kent Police in these consultations. Kent Police have been working with the local planners, KCC and architects to develop the Kent Design Initiative (KDI), Design For Crime Prevention document, which is a Kent Design Guide for Developers, Designers and Planners. The purpose of this document is to provide summary guidance for Planners, Developers and the Police to ensure that all development proposals incorporate the principles for designing out crime, and as such may also be of interest to any Neighbourhood Planning Groups. The KDI document has been endorsed by the Chair of Kent Planning Officer Group (KPOG) and the Chief Constable of Kent.We hope the attached Design For Crime Prevention document will assist in the consultation process and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Crime Prevention Design Advisor (CPDA) Team at Force Headquarters on 01622 653234/653209 or via email at pandcr@kent.pnn.police.uk.
	Thank you for letting me know about these NPs. One of the best sources of information on the natural environment is the Magic web-based which is an interactive map service that brings together environmental information from across government. The system can be accessed through http://magic.defra.gov.uk/
	Thank you for your letter received 9 January consulting The Theatres Trust on neighbourhood applications for Margate and Cliffsend. We have no comment to make on this particular consultation, but would like to be consulted on the future Neighbourhood Plan for Margate please.
	Thank you for consulting on the Neighbourhood Plans for Margate and Cliffsend. I confirm I have no comments to make at this stage.

Without wishing to add yet another voice, I wanted to take this opportunity to raise the issue of the provision of specialist housing for the elderly and to encourage you to give due attention to the needs of the elderly when considering your evidence and drawing together your plan. You may not be aware that the number of people aged 65 and over in the UK is set to grow from 10 million now to 17 million by 2033. This will place significant financial pressure on public resources, health and social care services. Decent, suitable housing in later life is one of the keystones to ensuring health and happiness in old age; housing is fundamental to how we manage demographic change. If it would be considered helpful, McCarthy & Dritains leading provider of retirement accommodation, would certainly be able to offer you our assistance and expertise. Over the past 30 years, we have built more than 40,000 retirement homes for more than 45,000 customers. I should stress that such advice and assistance is offered on a completely no strings basis and does not relate to any proposed development by McCarthy & Stone in your area. We pride ourselves on our commitment to public consultation and continually strive to ensure the community is involved in shaping our schemes. We are keen to work with local groups to help us learn how to engage under the new neighbourhood planning processes. I am enclosing some information as a starting point for discussion. However, if it would be useful, we can provide further data, or indeed deliver a short presentation to the Forum on how to consider the needs of older residents. If you would like one of us to meet with your group, then please do get in touch.