

Annex 3 – Consultation Responses received - Margate Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Question: Do you support the proposal for the Margate Neighbourhood Forum?	Question: Do you support the proposal for the Margate Neighbourhood Forum? Comment
Yes	A focus for local people working together
Yes	Cross party involvement and holistic representation must be welcomed.
Yes	Democracy.
Yes	I think it is a very good idea to improve the area and get the local community involved in doing this
Yes	I think this is an important part of ensuring that the views of local residents are listened to. I look forward to working with the Margate Neighbourhood Forum to improve and protect our local area.
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Yes	Meets the criteria
Yes	I believe it is important for residents to have input on planning relating to the built environment including, but not exclusive to where homes are built and how the heritage of our town is protected. The forum will also create an open and transparent dialogue relating to development in the area.
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Yes	The Neighbourhood Forum will provide a much needed strategy for the future of the town, determined by the residents in a way that reflects their wishes and is for the benefit of all.
Yes	Margate & Cliftonville need a cohesive approach and plan with real input from the community itself. At the moment it feels as if the wishes of residents, particularly when it comes to key planning decisions, are simply ignored. The neighbourhood plan would encourage more engagement and more joined up thinking, which can only improve the area as a whole. I wholeheartedly support the proposal and so should TDC.
Yes	I believe this to be a very positive and proactive forum to be a part of and to support. This area in which i live, Cliftonville West needs this sort of forum and group to be established to promote and support the area in all sorts of ways as stated in the Forum regulations. I fully support the construction of this forum. I think it is a very exciting prospect for it to be established especially where it states the forum could apply for grants, funds etc to support the local communities.
Yes	It is a good proposal
Yes	The character of the area is being damaged by poor planning decisions and I wish to be involved in preventing that.
No	Please keep details of my response confidential. Some of the people running the forum are members of numerous groups in Margate. From observing different projects, campaigns, and press announcements that some members have been involved in, I do not believe that they always act in the best interest for the people of Margate. I have also found at least one member to be actively hostile to people outside of their chosen group. This is yet another group that will give them access to funding and information that others are not privy to. As a home and business owner in Margate, I do not want them speaking for or acting on behalf of, Margate, or me or my family.
Yes	Margate needs a forum independent of Thanet as a whole

Yes	It is manifestly given that local government has no option but to harness the citizenry if it is to achieve its reasonable objectives and it is to be hoped that there will be great complementarity - particularly over 'heritage' which is an integral part of Margate's priority economic ambitions. The Local Plan does draw attention, for example, to the need to update the Local List and English Heritage is desperate to police its Register with local volunteers. This is work which ought to be happily executed under the aegis of the Heritage/Economic Development Team. And central government funding should not be spurned !
Yes	Margate lacks a town council so this seems to be the next best thing. It might help the town by focusing improvements rather than different factions pulling in different directions. We are pleased to see that Dane Valley Woods is included within the proposed area, and we look forward to working with the Forum if the proposals go ahead.
Yes	Hopefully it will give local people more of a say in what goes on in the redevelopment of Margate.
Yes	I think the local community could be more able to become involved in decision making, which will directly impact upon their daily lives.