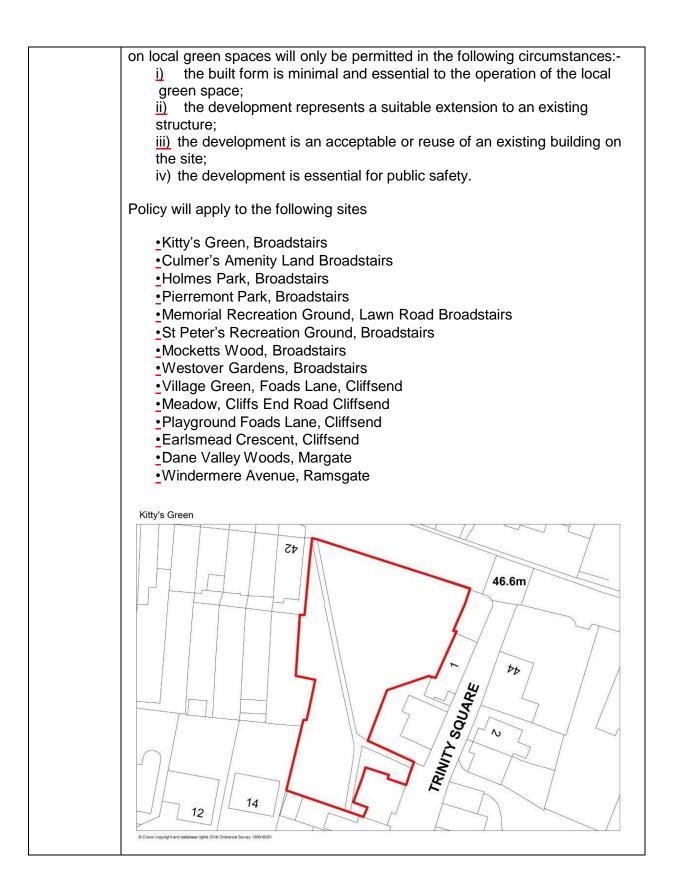
Annex 4: Proposed main changes to draft Local Plan (in Plan order)

Policy Ref	Proposed Main Change
Draft Policy	General Housing Policy:
SP12	Proposals for residential development on sites allocated in this plan must:
	 Provide one electric car charging point for every 10 parking spaces provided in communal areas, or one charging point to be provided for every new dwelling with parking provision within its curtilage Retain existing boundary features where possible Provide a connection to the sewerage system at the nearest point of adequate capacity, in collaboration with the service provider Allow future access to the existing water supply infrastructure for maintenance and upsizing purposes Provide for the installation of digital infrastructure Provide for the installation of Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Contribute towards the Strategic Access Management and Monitoring scheme to meet the requirements of SP25
	Additionally, proposals for 10 or more units must:
	 Provide an appropriate mix of dwellings (including care and supported housing) to meet the requirements of Policy SP18 Make every reasonable effort to accommodate any self-build requirements included in the Councils self-build register Provide affordable housing to meet the requirements of Policy SP19 Provide accessible homes to meet the requirements of Policy H09 Include an assessment of the sites functionality as a roosting or feeding habitat for wintering and breeding birds cited in the Special Protection Area, and provide mitigation where necessary. All development must comply with policies relating to the Protection of International and European Designated Sites and associated Mitigation Strategy.
	A Statement of Social Impacts will be required for developments of 50 or more dwellings, addressing any needs for community facilities identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Strategic Sites will also be expected to provide complementary uses such as community business space.
	A Heritage Impact Assessment will be required at the masterplanning stage for the strategic sites to assess any cumulative impacts of the site allocations and highways infrastructure on heritage assets and archaeoloigcal resources.
Draft Policy	Green Wedges/Safeguarding the Identity of Thanet's Settlements:
SP22	Within the Green Wedges new development (including changes of use) will only be permitted if it can be demonstrated that the development is:
	1) not detrimental or contrary to the following aims to:
	Protect areas of open countryside between the towns from the

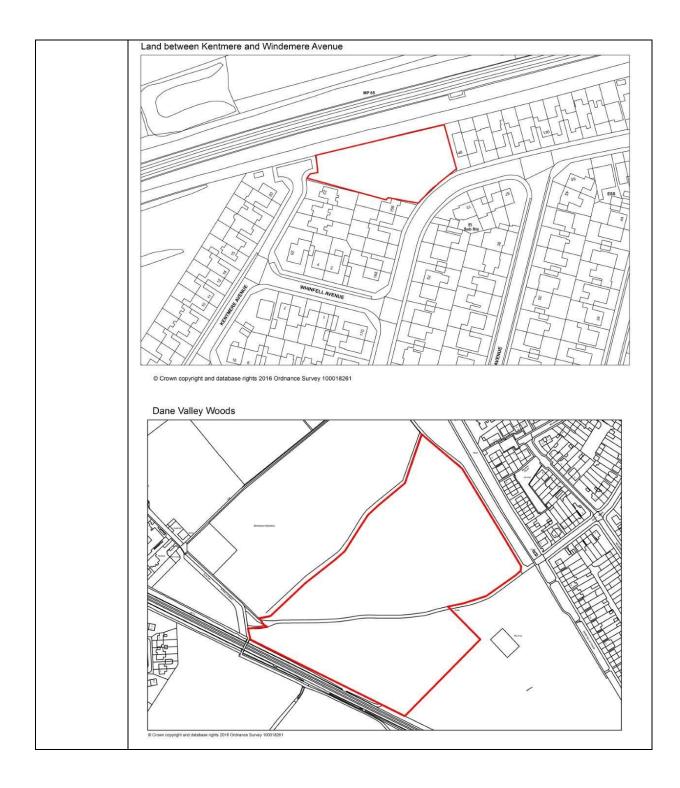
	 extension of isolated groups of houses or other development. Ensure physical separation and avoid coalescence of the towns, retaining their individual character and distinctiveness. Conserve, protect and enhance the essentially rural and unspoilt character, and distinctive landscape qualities of the countryside that separates the urban areas, for the enjoyment and amenity of those living in, and visiting, Thanet. Increase access and usability without compromising the integrity of the Green Wedges.
	Or
	2) essential to be located within the Green Wedges.
	Open sports and recreational uses will be permitted subject to there being no overriding conflict with other policies, the wider objectives of this plan and the stated aims of this policy. If granted, any associated built development must be kept to a minimum, essential, small in scale and be necessary to support the open use. It should also be well related to adjacent urban edge and sensitively located to retain openness of the area.
	Proposals for development that include measures that will create or enhance wildlife habitats and biodiversity within the Green Wedges, or will improve the quality of the green wedges by providing high quality public amenity space will be supported.
Draft Policy SP23	Landscape Character Areas:
5F25	The Council will identify and support opportunities to conserve and enhance Thanet's landscape character and local distinctiveness.
	Development proposals should demonstrate how their location, scale, design and materials will conserve and enhance Thanet's local distinctiveness, in particular:
	 Its island quality surrounded by the silted marshes of the former Wantsum Channel and the sea;
	 2) A sense of openness and 'big skies', particularly in the central part of the district;
	 3) Its long, low chalk cliffs and the sense of 'wildness' experienced at the coast and on the marshes; 4) Gaps between Thanet's towns and villages, particularly those areas
	 designated as green wedges; 5) Long-distance, open views, particularly across the Dover Strait and English Channel, North Sea and across adjacent lowland landscapes; and 6) Subtle skylines and ridges which are prominent from lower lying landscape both within and beyond the District.
	Development proposals should demonstrate how they respect and respond to the character, key sensitivities, qualities and guidelines of the relevant landscape character areas, as detailed in the Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and summarised below.
	All development should seek to avoid skyline intrusion and the loss or interruption of long views of the coast and the sea, and proposals should

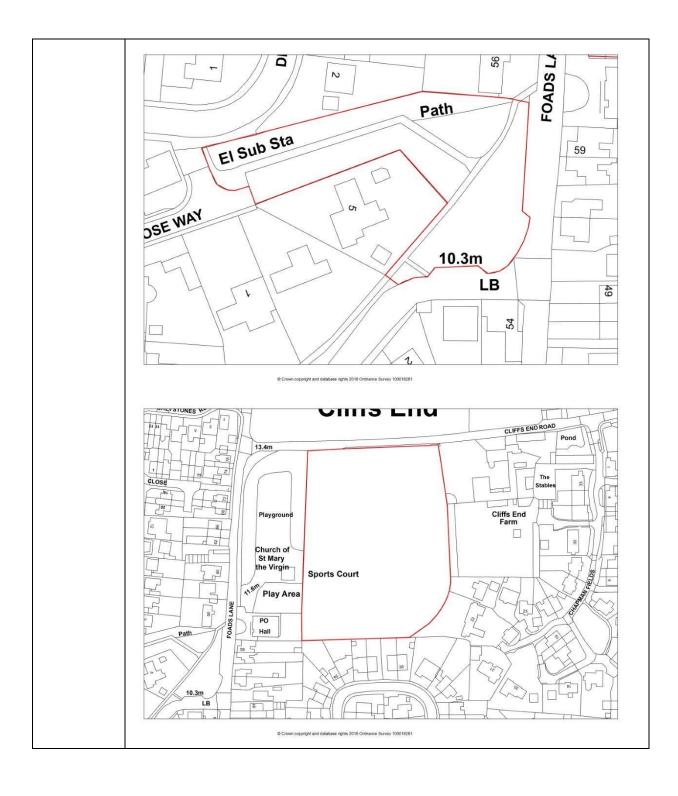
	demonstrate how the development will take advantage of and engage with these views.
	Development should generally be directed away from the Stour Marshes (E1), Wade Marshes (E2) and Pegwell Bay (F1) character areas (as detailed in the LCA), as these are largely undeveloped and key to retaining the island character of Thanet.
	The undeveloped character of Landscape Character Type F: Undeveloped Coast should also be maintained.
	Proposals on the coast (within landscape character types F: Undeveloped Coast and G: Developed Coast and the surrounding area) should respect the traditional seafront architecture of the area, maintain existing open spaces and should ensure that recreational and wildlife opportunities are not compromised by development. Proposals should maintain and enhance the setting of sandy bays, low chalk cliffs and associated grassland and long sweeping views of the coastline.
	The rural-urban boundary is distinctive in some parts of Thanet, particularly where there is an abrupt urban edge and where the countryside extends into the urban areas as green wedges. The distinction between town and countryside should be retained.
	Development proposals that conflict with the above principles will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that they are essential for the economic or social well-being of the area. In such cases, landscape impacts should be minimised and mitigated as far as possible.
Draft Policy	Protection of the International and European Designated Sites:
SP25	Sites of International nature conservation importance will receive the highest level of protection.
	Proposals likely to have a significant effect on an SPA, SAC or Ramsar site, either alone or in-combination, will be required to undergo appropriate assessment as per the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended). Where possible applicants should incorporate measures to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts. Where, despite all possible avoidance and mitigation measures being put in place, a proposal is still shown to have an adverse effect on the integrity of an International site, planning permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, where there are no less ecologically damaging alternatives, there are imperative reasons of overriding public interest and damage can be fully compensated.
	Where proposals are considered likely to have a significant effect on an International site, early consultation with Natural England, the Council and any other appropriate statutory consultees is recommended.

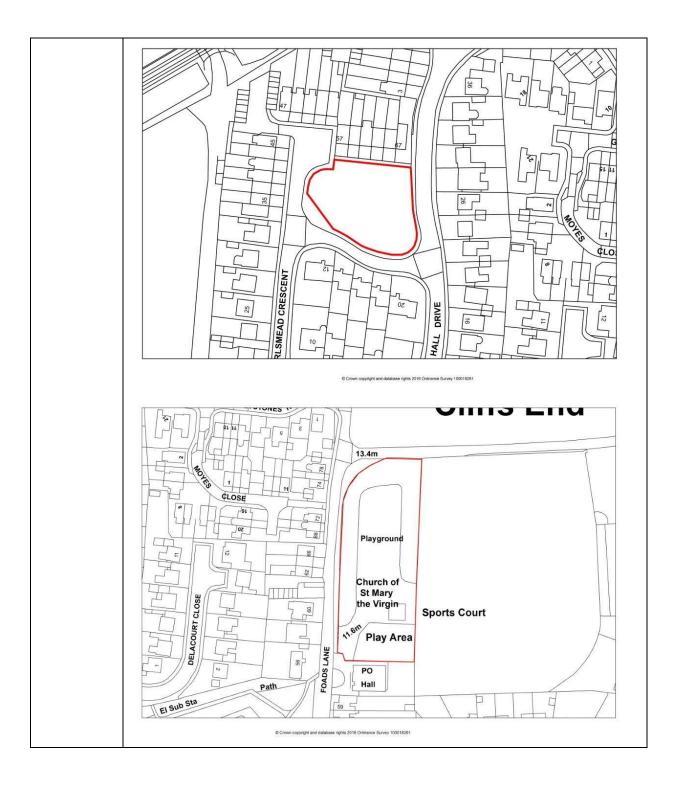
Draft Policy	Strategic Access Management and Mo	nitoring Plan:
SP26	pathway of recreational pressure on the A financial contribution based on the cu (reference to be finalised, see table bel	Monitoring Strategy (SAMM) in order effects of new development, through the e Thanet Coast SPA and Ramsar site.
	Developments for other uses that would disturbance to qualifying species will be under the Habitat Regulations and may contributions towards the SAMM Strate	e assessed on a case by case basis be required to make full or partial
	Tariff:	
	Development type	Tariff per dwelling – including requirement for in-perpetuity funding
	1 bedroom unit	£202
	2 bedroom unit	£320
	3 bedroom unit	£424
Droft Daliau	4+ bedroom unit	£530
Draft Policy SP27	Biodiversity and Geodiversity Assets:	
	Development proposals will, where pos contribution to the conservation, enhan biodiversity and geodiversity assets thr	cement and management of
	iii) the creation of linkages between ecological networks,	o
	present, an ecological assessment with the proposed development on the rele	l land, or other notable species, may be ill be required to assess the impact of evant species or habitats. Planning relopment if it results in significant harm s, which cannot be adequately
Draft Policy SP30	Local Green Spaces:	
	The sites identified in paragraph (refere will be protected as Local Green Space or enhance these spaces will be permit	. Development proposals that protect



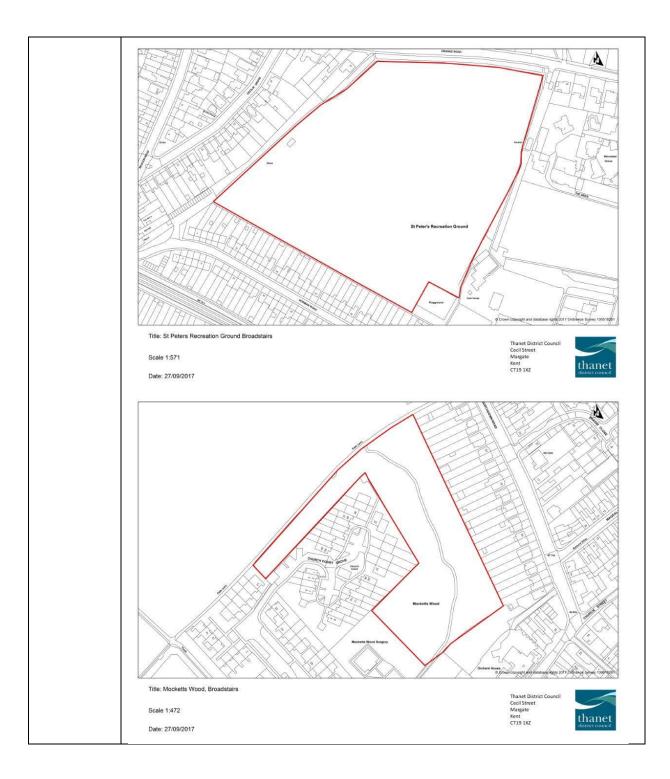






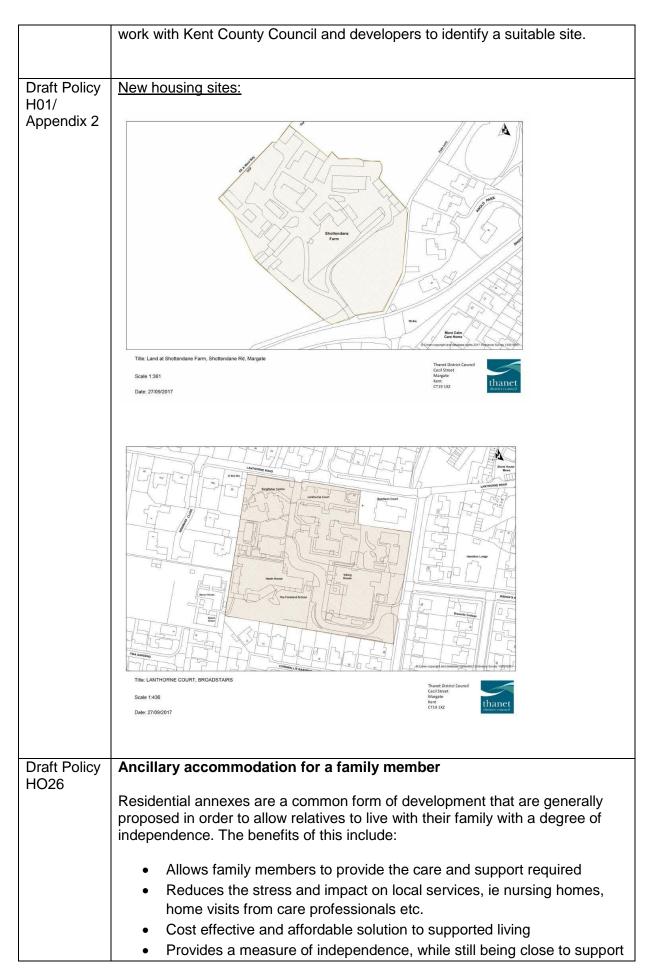






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Draft Policy SP32	 <u>Allotments:</u> Allotments will be protected from development and their development will only be permitted if: 1) There is an overriding need for development that outweighs the need to protect the allotments which cannot be located elsewhere In this case provision of alternative allotment space of at least an equivalent size and quality must be provided in a suitable nearby location to serve existing users. 2) There is no longer a demand for the allotments and they do make a contribution to the visual amenity of the area.
Draft Policy SP35	 <u>Climate Change:</u> New development must take account of: Adapting to climate change by minimising vulnerability, providing resilience to the impacts of climate change Mitigating against climate change by reducing emissions and energy demands Improving building resilience to climate change through the use of best available technology Opportunities to reduce the impact of climate change on biodiversity.
Draft Policy SP37	QEQM Hospital: Land to the south-east of the existing QEQM Hospital, Margate, is identified for release for expansion of the hospital. No other development will be permitted on this site.

	Development for hospital purposes should meet the following criteria:
	 Proposals should be designed to involve the minimum take of fresh land, consistent with the need to provide a pleasant environment for patients and staff; Development proposals should demonstrate how more effective use can be made of the hospital site as a whole; Proposals should incorporate the retention of the existing footpath and provision of a substantial landscaping screen; proposals should incorporate a comprehensive review of access arrangements associated with the hospital and access provision should reflect the findings of a specific traffic impact assessment. Proposals should be compatible with a green transport strategy for the hospital; The level of car parking associated with new development should be limited to the minimum necessary within the context of the green transport strategy; and New parking areas should, as far as possible, be located on the newly allocated site.
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	Title: QEQM Extension Thanet District Council Coll Street Margate Kent CT19 JJZ
Draft Policy	New medical centre at Westood:
SP38	A new medical centre is required at Westwood to meet the needs generated by the strategic allocations. The council will work with the CCG, developers and other appropriate organisations to identify a suitable site.
Draft Policy	Expansion of Primary and Secondary Schools
SP40	The Council will support the expansion of existing and development of new primary and secondary schools in Thanet to meet identified needs and will work with Kent County Council in identifying, allocating and safeguarding land as appropriate.
	To meet the requirement for a secondary school at Westwood, the Council will



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	 Can provide accommodation for family members unable to purchase a house through the open market
	In many cases, such proposals are considered to be acceptable by the Council.
	However, such annexes would rarely be suited for occupation as separate living accommodation unrelated to the household occupying the main dwelling for a number of reasons including lack of self-containment, inadequate separate access, amenity space and lack of privacy.
	Planning permission will therefore normally be subject to a condition to ensure that the occupation of the unit remains ancillary to the main dwelling.
	Policy HO26 Proposals to provide an annexe for ancillary accommodation will permitted where the proposed annexe is:
	 within the curtilage of the principal dwelling and shares its vehicular access has a functional connection with the main dwelling
	 is in the same ownership as the main dwelling designed in such a way as to easily allow the annex to be used as an integral part of the main dwelling when it is no longer needed for independent occupation
	 has no boundary demarcation or sub division of the land between the main dwelling and the annexe of a scale subservient to the principal dwelling and complies with the Council's design policies
Draft Policy GI01	Protection of Nationally Designated Sites (SSSI) and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ):
	Development which would materially harm either directly, indirectly or cumulatively, or detract from the scientific or nature conservation interest of a Site of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserve or Marine Conservation Zone will not be permitted.
	Exceptionally, where it can be demonstrated that the need for the proposed development is compelling and overrides the national importance of the site, and it has been demonstrated that no suitable alternative site exists, mitigating measures will be required to maintain the integrity of the site, to the satisfaction of the appropriate authority.
Draft Policy	Sustainable Design:
QD01	All new buildings and conversions of existing buildings must be designed to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and function in a changing climate. All developments will be required to:
	1) achieve a high standard of energy efficiency in line with most recent

	government guidance and building regulations;
	 make the best use of solar energy passive heating and cooling, natural light, natural ventilation and landscaping.
	3) provide safe and attractive cycling and walking opportunities to reduce the need to travel by car.
	All new buildings and conversions of existing buildings must be designed to use resources sustainably. This includes, but is not limited to:
	4) re-using existing buildings and vacant floors wherever possible;
	5) designing buildings flexibly from the outset to allow a wide variety of possible uses;
	using sustainable materials wherever possible and making the most sustainable use of other materials;
	7) minimising waste and promoting recycling, during both construction and occupation.
Draft Policy	Technical Standards:
QD04	All new development will be expected to meet the new technical standards as follows:
	 Internal space standards as set out in paragraph (<i>reference to be finalised</i>) Water efficiency standard of 110litres/person/day
Draft Policy	Accessible and Adaptable Accommodation:
QD05	Accessibility provision in new developments as required by Building Regulations Part M4 shall be provided as follows:
	 10% of new build developments will be expected to be built in compliance with building regulation part M4(2); Within new build developments which are affordable, a proportion of wheelchair accessible homes, complying with building regulations part M4(3) will be required. The exact proportion will be dependent on the number of households identified as requiring accessible homes on the Council's housing register, in suitable locations. This should be provided as part of the affordable element of the scheme.
Draft Policy CC03	Coastal Development:
0000	Add new criterion:
	3) will not adversely affect the interest features of any designated nature conservation sites, particularly by exacerbating coastal squeeze or otherwise restricting the capacity of the coastline to adjust to sea-level rise and climate change.

Draft Policy CC04	Renewable energy: Major new developments will be expected to make provision for renewable energy or micro-generation equipment a part of their proposals subject to the following criteria:
	Applicants will need to demonstrate that
	 i) They have considered the environmental, social and economic benefits of their proposals ii) There are no significant adverse impacts on the surrounding area such as visual, noise and amenity
	 iii) Visual impacts have been minimised in the design and layout of the scheme iv) There is no significant loss of residential amenity of local residents
	 v) There is no adverse impact on heritage assets vi) There is no significant impact on the landscape setting, habitats, biodiversity or wildlife assets, particularly protected species and habitats vii) They do not have an impact on the best and most versatile agricultural land unless that it can be demonstrated that it is necessary and no alternative lower grade land is available.
Draft Policy SE08	Light Pollution:
SEUG	Development proposals that include the provision of new outdoor lighting or require specific lighting in connection with the operation of the proposed development will be permitted if it can be demonstrated that:
	 It has been designed to minimise light glare, light trespass, light spillage and sky glow through using the best available technology to minimise light pollution and conserve energy;
	 There is no adverse impact on residential amenity and the character of the surroundings;
	 There is no adverse impact on sites of nature conservation interest and/or protected and other vulnerable species and heritage assets There is no adverse impact on landscapes character areas, the wider countryside or those areas where dark skies are an important part of the
	 nocturnal landscape; 5) It does not have an adverse impact on long distance views or from vantage points 6) Where concerning mitigation measures are presented.
	6) Where appropriate, mitigation measures are proposed. In addition, a lighting strategy may be required for large developments or those developments with specific lighting requirements or for those that are in or adjacent to sensitive locations.
	A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment will be required for proposed developments that fall in to the E1 category.
	Proposals that exceed the Institute of Lighting Professionals standards will not be permitted.
Draft Policy	Coach Parking:

