

Comments regarding inclusion of public conveniences

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Please see below comments for the Local Plan consultation regarding public conveineices:

Public Conveniences are an important Community Facility provided by the District and Parish Councils.

The Council has a cross party Councillor Working Group reviewing public conveniences and it is proposing a new public conveniences policy which has been timetabled for consideration at Cabinet in February 2023.

The Council's public conveniences provide a community facility for residents and visitors particularly to the urban areas of Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay.

Request for consideration - This response asks that public conveniences be acknowledged as Community Facilities in the new Local Plan.

In addition the public conveniences are impacted on by increased population growth especially around the urban areas which increases the pressure on funding to keep the current facilities operational and make the necessary improvements to meet the increased demands.

One of the next stages after the Public Conveniences policy is adopted will be to finalise an action plan to prioritise future improvements across the public conveniences.

Request for consideration - This response asks that public conveniences are acknowledged in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and added to the list of facilities which are eligible for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss possible projects and funding.

Within Policy C3 (pg 25) there is mention of the Burgate Lane/Canterbury Lane Regeneration opportunity area, in which the Canterbury Lane public conveniences are located.

Request for consideration - This response requests that the Canterbury Lane public conveniences are included in these discussions with the aim that new public conveniences are included in any resulting scheme. This would allow the space to be used more effectively, while continuing to provide a key Community Facility and meeting the increased expectations of the service users and minimising the anti-social behaviour experienced currently at the facilities.

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