
Draft Canterbury District Local Plan: Regulation 19 consultation - Comments

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Good afternoon

Please find below NHS Kent and Medway comments regarding the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan: Regulation 19 consultation.

NHS Kent and Medway is content the provision of a Healthcare facility detailed as part of the East Canterbury Strategic Development Area (Policy C15 - Land South of Littlebourne Road) reflects the discussions between the ICB and Council as part of the Local Plan development.

The ICB supports the requirement detailed in para 2.22 for collaborative working between developers to ensure the East Canterbury SDA is delivered in a coordinated manner, and in particular to secure the timely delivery of infrastructure. It is however important to highlight that whilst the Policy C15 (Land South of Littlebourne Road) requires the provision of fully serviced land, this policy does not deliver a healthcare facility of 1200sqm. The estimated cost of a healthcare facility would be in the region of £8million and therefore healthcare contributions from all other sites, including those outside of the SDA, will be required to support the delivery of a facility.

Flexibility will be required in the approach to how contributions are utilised (and the timing of these) along with an acknowledgement that over time situations and requirements may change. This is also within the context of healthcare strategy and plans continuing to evolve for the area in line with NHS Strategy and direction of travel, for example the NHS 10 Year Health Plan for England.

Kind Regards

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