

ANNEX 2 (West Kent Housing and Homelessness Strategy Report)

Here's a summary of the five consultation replies, along with a note of any relevant changes in response:

| Organisation | Summary of reply | Response and relevant change made |
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| West Kent Housing Association | An interesting document with good information and case studies are information and useful. Actions appear realistic and deliverable. | N/A |
| KCC 18+ Care leaver service And KCC Specialist Children's Services | Asked for information on Care Leavers and the role of local authorities in assisting KCC with re-housing care leavers, to be included. | Additional wording on p.26: <i>Care leavers, of which Kent has a disproportionately large number, are a particularly vulnerable group. Kent County Council has duties under the Leave Care Act 200 towards eligible, relevant and former relevant children and young people and has a statutory duty to ensure that all such young people who meet the criteria for services as care leavers are placed in suitable accommodation when leaving care, transitioning to adulthood.</i> <i>In response to this, we must work in partnership with Kent County Council's 18+ Care Leaver Service to find the best solutions for Care Leavers; This may require exploring more creative options including shared accommodation where suitable and appropriate.</i> |
| Member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum | This response set out a number of recommendations for the three West Kent councils, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="651 1294 1279 1366">• To lobby for political changes so housing need can be addressed more effectively <li data-bbox="651 1406 1279 1437">• The West Kent councils exploring building | Noted Included in 2.14 of the Action Plan |

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| | <p>and renting affordable housing themselves via an arm's length development company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make greater use of 'No Use Empty' • Explore Build to rent schemes • Provide assistance with down-sizing • Lobby for legislative changes for assured shorthold tenancies to provide greater security of tenure • Explore how the planning system may be used to prevent houses with shared accommodation being converted to family homes. | <p>Now the 'Home Building Fund', new action (2.16) to explore this</p> <p>Actions 2.4 and 2.5 tackle this issue</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Action 2.7 of the Action Plan covers this.</p> |
| <p>Representative of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, Kent Branch</p> | <p>The Councils need to do much more to ensure that sufficient affordable and social housing is provided, including building properties themselves.</p> <p>Within the new housing targets, raising the achievement of affordable housing would save hundreds of acres of greenfield land, thus helping protect the countryside in a Borough where most of the countryside is in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Metropolitan Green Belt.</p> | <p>Action on exploring affordable housing built by arms length property companies in 2.14 of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |