
Report on Questionnaire Answers

Questionnaire: TMBC Local Plan - Regulation 18

Question: [Question 48] What are your reasons for selecting these particular...

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Getting the habitat and tree coverage right will have the best long term outcome for biodiversity and humans.

Reduction in carbon footprint, reduction in cost and benefits to our ecosystem.

Reduction in energy demand is desirable through insulation and other energy efficiencies in new builds.

We need to protect wildlife by maintaining suitable habitats.

Trees provide much needed shade in heat waves, reduce water run-off and help absorb pollution and noise. They are a natural habitat for animals, birds and insects and the colour green is mood enhancing.

Encourage biodiversity and retain leafy green space

All are important. Preventing loss of habitat and improving habitat connectivity are essential.

I don't know why solar panels with batteries aren't a requirement for new buildings. They certainly should be. And ground source heat pumps to supply a few adjacent buildings and/or air source heat pumps as standard. They shouldn't be putting in new gas boilers right up until the day they're made illegal!

They are all equally important. Very difficult to select any 3 particular ones

Habitat creation is key to supporting species at risk (i.e red listed Swifts) and allowing species the space to adapt

I'd like to have chosen more - they seemed to be the most urgent.

Ideally, improve the environment without building all these houses in this region. But if you have to, then at least make them as environmentally friendly as possible.

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Important for wildlife

climate change should not be a policy

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We are devastating our own area - this is short sighted, we need to take more environmental actions not destroy more habitats for wildlife.

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Every opportunity should be taken to reduce the production of greenhouse gasses.

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They are being eroded fast

All will contribute to climate disaster avoidance - quite important really.

We all need energy, it must be delivered in the most environmentally beneficial way

If you build an environmentally future proof house it should come with energy generation and water heating via other means ie photovoltaics, ground pumps etc
If you build sustainable drainage then you have to have the gardens to collect and space for the retention pond therefore you create new habitats for nature

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All 10 of the measures listed are important and cannot be assessed in isolation.

Beautiful green spaces where you can walk to what you need is what creates a pleasant community, connected to itself and to others.

Climate change and environment

Because they have the potential to save money as well as helping to protect the environment.

Because climate change is piffle, so don't waste money on it...

Really they are all important it was hard to choose

I know from personal experience with photovoltaics that there are huge gains to be made both for individual householders and for society in good planning to increase energy production in the home and to reduce its waste there. With solar and ground source heat pumps much depends on location, layout and orientation. This work is far better done at the time of construction rather than as a retro fit.

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I would like to see many of these options used to help the environment and make TMB a better area to live in. During Covid many people improved their wellbeing by being closer to nature.

They are all important. If the Sustainability Assessment is taken seriously then there should be a further discussion of what more is needed to redress the damage to nature. I picked the things I thought would embrace most environmental challenges. If only the government hadn't dragged its heels on passive housing, we wouldn't be in such trouble over energy now.

I would rather TMBC said to the government we are not going to meet your plans we are not going to allow developers to build in our borough but we will invest in solar farms, wind turbines and renewable energy farms. If we lose any space let it be for a positive future not to make a developer rich.

Car journeys will be the major driver of climate change arising from the proposed new developments. Other factors such as the energy expended in construction of developments are small by comparison.

Make any new developments as environmentally friendly as possible.

These are the most important climate change and biodiversity imperatives.

support future developments also

Heat efficiency is important, and we all know that more trees are required to assist with carbon neutralisation.

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We would like ourselves and our grandchildren to lead healthier, longer lives.

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If climate change is to be halted, anything councils can do, however small, can only be good. Sustainable planning of housing development is a way councils can contribute towards this.

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Work with nature, not against it. The climate change data appears to suggest that we are require too.

I believe that the best way to tackle climate change is to reduce the demand for fossil fuels such as oil and gas. The three options I have chosen would best do this

Planning sites that don't further impact bio diversity/green space in the 1st place. Offset just isn't acceptable compensation for trees chopped down and wildlife losing their habitat. When we do build new homes they should be energy efficient and support reuse.

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Ideally as least intrusive as possible

I think it is very important to try and reduce car usage, so increasing the options for walking and cycling can only be a good thing, and have a beneficial health benefit, as long as the air quality is good. Renewable energy and energy efficient homes will not only help the environment but also reduce costs for families and businesses.

All of the above climate change initiatives have a place to play in development, however the three identified are likely to have the greatest impact. Habitat protection is equally important, where it has been identified that natural habitats for a particular species are being changed or altered.
Green and blue infrastructure has a crucial role in master planning for new development through landscape strategy.

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It is impossible to base my answer on a selection of 3 options. At least 7 options here are of equal importance.

see above

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I see these as the priorities.

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We must get away from dependency on fossil fuels.

Encourage the use of public transport and reduce dependency on the use of motor vehicles.

Nature and habitat must be protected.

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Solar panels in fields reduces open countryside for flora and fauna.

Cost of living rises will be slightly offset with the above measures

Eco friendly construction methods are important as well as insulated homes to reduce energy usage and reduce our dependency on heating.

It's so important to use solar panels for clean, green energy rather than relying on fossil fuels. We've seen the increase in energy prices in recent months so it's a complete no brainer to invest in renewables.

Need to be aware of the dangers of climate change .

Passive design with multi-function green infrastructure would seem to be the most efficient use of the resources, with MMC assisting in carbon capture.

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Will only benefit if all local authorities mirrored same policies, but of course, in the grand scheme of things, lost. The UK is only a tiny proportion of world climate degradation, but as long as 'we' are addressing with a passion, we are doing what we can.

all are important, but most important is reducing CO2e emissions

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We need to move away from carbon energy sources and minimise power usage

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I like to keep the countryside as it was intended for people to enjoy and not build houses on.

As stated

Supporting wildlife and diversity. My own garden has seen a dramatic decrease in the breadth of garden birds to the destruction of habitat and use of pesticides.

Tree cover assist in carbon reduction

agricultural land supports self sufficient food supply and assist in preventing flooding in areas already affected by climate change and seasonal weather.

To reduce dependence on gas and oil

To preserve air quality

To preserve wildlife

Protecting natural work and environment

We have to be ahead of the game on climate change, while the Government drags its heels changing

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How should development be managed? Viability

When considering the various requirements that could be introduced, we have to be mindful of the impact on viability, and therefore deliverability, of development. If the economic cost is too high the development is likely to be unviable, which means that no homes would be provided. That is an outcome that must be avoided if we are to positively address our assessed development needs. While the recent changes to the Building Regulations will make a positive contribution to mitigating impacts on climate change, there will be an economic cost of achieving them.

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All but one on the list are very important to the environment and for future development for the health our planet

Supporting biodiversity

Biodiversity, open spaces and trees are important for our wildlife and human well-being but also so imporant to our enviroment.

Environment

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They would have the greatest impact on our communities in terms of the environment, air quality, energy self sustainability and hopefully with green corridors, also biodiversity.

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Nature can heal itself given the opportunity.

All measures are important to address climate change and meet our targets

It is clear that successive governments have not invested properly in energy production (leaving the UK at the mercy of geopolitical events), as a result, pressure can be taken off of the network if houses produce a degree of their own energy. This may also make through life costs cheaper for the occupants.

Natural habitat is important for the environment and improving individual well-being. It also makes a place a more desirable place to live and thus is a win all round!

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Lots of small habitat , wildlife and energy efficiency makes large differences

Natural habitat creation

Increasing tree cover

Minimise flooding

I see these as essential to secure the future of our planet.

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Maintaining existing habitats is critical. The continuous loss of trees and hedgerows is impacting directly on biodiversity and sustainability. The loss of the best and most versatile farming land is directly in opposition to climate change considerations.

Building on brownfield sites, even where these are in green belt, should be the priority

The calculations for biodiversity need to be reviewed, it is unfathomable how building 1000 houses on an orchard could result in an increase in biodiversity where existing wild flowers, occasional trees and varied fungi are a widespread feature of the existing environment. The impact on mammals of such development on these, such as rabbits, foxes, deer, badgers etc, is very significant, and the loss of nature corridors also needs to be considered; having small areas of ancient woodland surrounded by housing does not work!

Disagree with being limited to only three choices.

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Calculations for biodiversity need revisiting it is beyond ridiculous to suggest that building houses on an orchard could result in a biodiversity gain.

The best way to start improvements is to avoid actions which immediately have a detrimental impact.

As stated throughout I believe that the retention and creation of green spaces helps to promote improved physical and mental wellbeing.

All are equally important!!

Offset other negative climate and emissions impacts but also ensure a forward thinking responsible approach to development of both housing and the infrastructure of the town and borough.

Use carbon neutral methods to reduce emissions asap. Housing materials and construction should mitigate against climate change.

Active travel opporutnties - will provide more attractive healthy alternatives and better quality of life

Energ efficient, future proofed buildings - will help reduce energy costs and tackle climate change. This will have benefits for households given cost of living crisis.

Habitat creation - trees - will support biodiversity and help reduce emissions. will make it a more attractive environment.

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development is required but we must prioritise getting the best out of our current investment in buildings
energy generation should be prioritised locally.

If we must build, build as energy and resource efficient as possible within current technology.

Energy generation and saving is key, especially at the moment. The more energy we can generate from renewables the better we will be.

They are all important: you only let me choose three!

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The environment and the council should see this as a priority.

these are important to me

Energy efficient homes, able to retain heat and reduce consumption are paramount to our future.

Encourage wildlife
Carbon reduction through tree planting
Avoid seasonal flooding by farmland absorption and not overloading drains

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Encourage wildlife.

Tree cover increases biodiversity and helps in carbon reduction.

Farmland in flood plain absorbs flood waters.

To reduce energy costs and our carbon footprint.

Whilst all are important, the ones most beneficial to mitigating climate change are the 3 options chosen - energy efficient houses reduces reliance on fossil fuels, carbon reduction generally and waste through heat loss into the atmosphere (think of the temperature difference in London). Low carbon energy generation has a direct effect on mitigating climate change as does increasing tree coverage. Tree coverage has the added benefit of habitat creation

I think all of these things are important. I would like to see a local plan that ensures that any new development meets certain standards in terms of self-sustainability, and minimal impact on the natural environment.

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There are a number of nature-based responses to climate change, including wilding, tree and hedgerow establishment, permanent grassland creation and management and soil carbon enhancement for instance through regenerative farming, all of which would be coherent with the Kent Downs AONB landscape character and qualities and which increase resilience and reduce the impact. There is an important role for the AONB landscape in helping to achieve carbon sequestration and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

However, in respect of decentralised renewable and/or low carbon energy generation, large scale wind generation and field scale solar arrays are likely to result in significant adverse impacts to the landscape and scenic beauty of the Kent Downs and where this is the case are not appropriate within the AONB. Smaller scale installations may be acceptable and solar panels are encouraged on the large span roofs of agricultural and industrial buildings.

Habitat is vital

TMBC has a policy of not decreasing the number of trees in and around the town.

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Energy efficiency is clearly becoming a critical issue for the planet

As above, they are all important so choosing just 3 is wasn't a true reflection of my preferences but I have picked those that I think would have the least negative impact on a build.

These all link to improving our planet and limiting our impact on the local environment, plus making our villages/towns a nicer place to live.

Attempt to move to net zero

Important for the community to engage in measures that can relatively easily achieve themselves.

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see above.

all of these are important - this is really exciting element of the plan - my choices focus on building partly because the natural environment aspect is already pretty good here - one can do more on habitat but the these building-focused energy-focused aspects are essential

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Preservation of our planet and the encouragement of diversity with our wildlife. Trees assist with combating CO2 and for cooling our world.

to reduce carbon foot print and demonstrate to our commitment to biodiversity

Trying in every aspect to preserve the general well being, appearance, and reduction in pollution/noise in the area.

see above

Reduce energy use, wellbeing of residents and wildlife, capture carbon dioxide, retain water for irrigation and reduce flooding risk.

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All important to address climate change and meet targets

All these measures are important though some obviously overlap.

I should like to see biodiversity increased in the borough, not just individual species count but species breadth,

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depth and population size improvements. Encourage habitats to be self sustaining with green corridors between sites and green spaces and attention paid to leaving untidy areas and unmown areas in recreational sites.

Habitat creation for wildlife

Tree cover assists in carbon reduction and increases biodiversity.

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Please see the box above. Other.

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If you are going to strip animals of their habitats, the very LEAST that should be done is providing for them in some fashion within new developments. Although, leaving the current natural areas alone would help with climate change, biodiversity, flooding etc. more than anything.

Overall combined climate and biodiversity imperatives

These enable homes to have less negative impact on climate change. As developments in general would be on what is currently green space then better to use less land and enable existing habitats to be enhanced rather than developing 'new' habitats on the fringes or within housing developments. (Only trying to reintroduce a little bit of what is being destroyed)

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I was limited to three, but think that all are important and while it is hard to prioritise, I have had to.

Seem to be the most important, in my view.

No response

There are already potential risks to properties and areas of land specified in Hildenborough due to flooding.

Supporting wild life .

Tree covering to assist carbon reduction.

Past flooding in area due to inadequate drainage.

I think they speak for themselves, to enhance the environment and to reduce carbon emissions.

They are all important but those chosen to relate to previous comments

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All the above are important to me but the 3 identified should be encouraged by the local plan as many of the others are controlled by building regulations.

The greatest climate change benefit would be to limit new housing to sustainable locations and prevent new development on green sites. This is determined by the adopted housing strategy and selection of sites to be adopted.

I have taken access to transport hubs to be a key issue but do not accept bus travel in its current form to be sustainable or beneficial. The current fleet is too polluting and costs and availability of services are too limiting for modern standards of living. Improved cycle network and pedestrian links would help, especially expanding out from rail heads, or schools, but these too often are compromised by nasty road junctions placing users at unacceptable risk.

Fuel security and cost is a key issue for affordable living, but also location of industry, jobs and skills. If we are to remain competitive we need to have renewable and local sources of energy and power generation. Better use of the river system could provide local power generation with small weirs and dams. I do not want more solar farms to be approved as they take away land from Agricultural production, but I would encourage relaxation of controls on building mounted PVs and heat pumps. I am also in favour of wind turbines.

Tree coverage is key and there should be policies protecting our existing trees, woodlands and hedgerows, but backed up by enforcement. New tree planting needs to be encouraged especially alongside roads and in built up areas. In rural areas new and restored hedges with ecological corridors at field edges are required or between poly tunnels. New woodland planting on low grade agricultural land, or as screening for new development is also necessary.

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Well. It is pretty difficult to go for just three of these options . All are important in different ways and not mutually exclusive.

We have to protect our environment. We cannot keep building more and more housing to the detriment of the environment.

All are important and most are interlinked, so all should be considered.

Habitat creation and increasing tree coverage is just replacing what has possibly been destroyed and easy to achieve here in Tonbridge and Malling. Renewable energy is going to have to be made accessible to all sooner rather than later. That seems to be the most sensible way to future proof our energy provision.

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All measures are important to help climate change and people want to live in the development

The south-east will be most affected by global heating - tree coverage is shown to reduce temperatures in the vicinity by a few degrees. This will be very important. Trees chosen should be somewhat climate change resilient.

Building non-energy efficient homes is a nonsense, and will cost more in the long term in retrofitting. Better to be done on initial construction.

All homes should have the solar panels as an integral part of the roof and raised above ground in flood zone areas i.e. future proofed.(This will reduce developers profits but if they can't do this they don't get the contract). All sites to have indigenous trees. These few methods would go a long way to produce homes for the future.

long term solutions

All measures are important to address climate change and meet our targets

No response

Renewable or low carbon energy and energy efficient homes / buildings are essential to mitigate climate change, and active travel opportunities may help to alleviate road congestion

All climate change measures are important. It's not appropriate to pick and choose between alternatives.

to make a positive difference

We don't need to create new habitats - we have these already and we need to avoid destroying them by building on the Greenbelt. It is important that we use MMC for more sustainable and efficient home building and that new homes are highly energy efficient - EPC rating A or B. Finally reducing the need for car journeys is a priority, so the promotion of walking and cycling is important however that is only possible where developments are close to new or existing services, shops and amenities so it is possible and practical to provide the necessary infrastructure and the proximity that walking and cycling requires for the average person.

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Tree cover increases biodiversity and assists in carbon reduction.

There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-off from fields and inadequate drains.

Likely to have the biggest impact on reducing emissions and improving biodiversity.

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Climate change must be top of agendas - society must bring government to action and legislation must be changed

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There is a huge opportunity to increase active travel locally which would bring enormous air quality, traffic reduction, health and wellbeing benefits, along with long-term savings to the health service in particular. Solar panels and battery storage should be mandatory on all new housing and will help address concerns around energy shortages, pollution, dependency on foreign supplies, and contribute towards lower cost solutions. There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-off from fields and inadequate drains.

travel less cars

efficiency is more beneficial to users

habitat we need wild life to make us smile

Supporting wildlife and diversity. We have seen a dramatic decrease in garden birds in our own garden over the last 20 years. most likely due t the destruction of habitat and use of pesticides.

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Tree cover to assist in carbon reduction

agricultural land supports self sufficient food supply and assist in preventing flooding in areas already affected by climate change and seasonal weather.

Some of these options, whilst laudable, are very minor in terms of their impact on Climate Change. I have chosen the 3 options that seem to me to offer the most benefit in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

Habitat creation - supports wildlife and biodiversity.

Tree cover - increases biodiversity and assists in carbon reduction. In order to reduce climate change and destruction to our environment

Other - There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-off from fields and inadequate drains.

All of the objectives are worthy but my choices are to increase biodiversity & mitigate climate risks.

Wish I could have chosen them all! Trees are key. Plus building to last, not the 10 year life span of some of the current new builds which must be challenged and improved. We also have to shift our focus to biodiversity gain in everything we do.

We need better built house, the free market is not providing this and so it needs to be pushed into delivering these benefits.

no comment

A combination of less energy consumption, more environmentally friendly travel and better infrastructure.

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Habitat creation - supports wildlife and biodiversity and is hugely important

Tree cover increase biodiversity and assists in carbon reduction

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These are the main items that will assist climate change

All new built homes should be required to be green with photovoltaic tiles and energy efficient. Air-source or ground source heat pumps should be required

Three options is not enough because meadows and trees are also vital.

Energy efficient, future-proofed buildings - less gas/electricity usage to heat buildings.

Multi-functional green infrastructure - helps mitigate Co2 emissions and, in the case of recreation, gives residents somewhere to enjoy the natural environment and stay healthy / exercise.

Decentralised renewable and/or low carbon energy generation - renewables are essential for future energy consumption requirements and security (i.e. want to avoid relying on other countries)

I do think all the above measures are important, and only didn't select 'Habitat creation – natural (eg meadows, hedgerows)' as a top-three priority as I believe that if the TMB greenbelt is left untouched we already have good natural habitats.

The selected items will probably have the greatest impact on Carbon reduction.

Habitat creation- supports wildlife and biodiversity

Tree cover

There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-offs from fields and inadequate drainage

All are equally important and work in combination.

Habitat creation supports wildlife and biodiversity. Tree cover increases biodiversity and assists in carbon reduction. There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-off from fields and inadequate drains.

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Need to maintain the environment for local wildlife.

It is a climate emergency and those 3 will have the most significant effect on mitigating CO2 generation. However all measures are important

Mitigation and adaptation to climate change has to be a priority as well as retaining and improving natural habitats and biodiversity.

All measures are important to help climate change and meet our targets.

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All measures are important to address climate change for us now and future generations.

I would like to have selected them all

All these measures are important but the three chosen would have the most impact on reducing the carbon footprint which according to the boroughs own climate change strategy needs to achieve carbon neutral by 2030

They can be easily and effectively achieved locally.

This selection are within the capacity & scope of the T & M Local Plan & local Council themselves to fulfill the Objectives & requirements of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) objectives being 'to reduce greenhouse gas

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emissions to minimise climate change' (objective 10). This should form part of the SA framework that is and will be used to appraise spatial strategy and policy options for the T & M Local Plan, ensuring that the implications for climate change are understood AND addressed .

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It is important to address climate change now and for future generations.

The natural environment is fragile and needs human intervention to sustain it.

This borough has flooding issues but shortage of water for homes too!

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Seems to me to be the most viable and meeting requirements.

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Sustainable travel infrastructure reduces the need for car travel. all my options would help to reduce emissions

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and make for nicer places to live.

Active travel to reduce carbon emissions (less use of cars) - Could adopt hydrogen powered transport (trains and buses) as in other European countries (e.g. Germany and Sweden)

The other two would make for better place to live and protect natural habitats and wildlife e.g. bees (natural meadows) which are vital to farming communities

Maintaining alternative energy sources are a must for any new development, all houses to be fitted with solar panels, and car charging units. In the rural areas walking, cycling, paths and bus services are essential not a luxury. Site layouts are to have more thought to parking facilities. garages/car ports NEED to be next to their respective housing properties to allow the car charging units, powered by the solar panels on the building to be used.

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Reduced energy consumption

Drainage is important as are wildlife also energy efficient buildings/

Climate change should be the ultimate priority and green space should be conserved / unaltered

Development must take account of our environment and local management policies should be strident in ensuring that every new building makes use of green, renewable materials and systems. The plan must seek to reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses and emissions and strive to deliver the best environment for the population now and going forward. The strategies adopted now will be impacting generations to come and it is our responsibility now to do everything in our power to deliver a development policy that does not damage the environment but delivers a sustainable built and natural environment for all to enjoy. The future costs of refurbishing substandard buildings should not be left to future generations, we have the opportunity to make a stand and control the manner in which our environment is going to develop. We must not shirk that responsibility by conceding to unrealistic and damaging central government targets purely to satisfy ill-considered policies.

They protect the natural environment.

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Energy efficient building, transport solutions make it easier for everyone to save energy and biodiversity is also important

They are all important, so I have tried to select those which will have the most significant influence on reducing climate change effects.

we need to reduce our carbon footprint

Future proof our reliance on fossil fuel energy

make all efforts to minimise flooding for now and in the future.

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This question shouldn't have been limited to 3 options.

It is vital that we reverse biodiversity loss and counter climate change.

These two threats to our environment and lives are at the top of my list of priorities.

No resposne

Energy efficient buildings are a necessity in todays world, with ever increasing energy costs and I'm always for more trees, which provide natural shade, absorb Co2 and create habitats for wildlife.

You need to be told that electric cars still take up road space and cause congestion. the only active travel that matters is walking wheeling and cycling.

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Natural solutions are more preferable in my opinion.

Trying to choose 3 options is ridiculous. In other questions an 'All are equally important' option is given. All these measures are important for future sustainable living. Although I believe we are already too late, we must still give it our best shot

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Question 49

Which local policy requirements are most important to you?

Habitat creation - supports wildlife and biodiversity. Tree cover increases biodiversity and assists in carbon reduction. There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-off from fields and inadequate drains.

? *We need to reduce our carbon footprint*

? *Future proof our reliance on fossil fuel energy*

? *Make all efforts to minimise flooding now and in the future.*

The most important thing is good insulation to reduce heating and possibly cooling costs. The green infrastructure should offset some of a developments carbon footprint. SuDS will reduce the amount of run-off in monsoon conditions.

All provide non-evasive natural provisions. All the others save for tree coverage and Swift bricks fail to add anything to assist biodiversity or to replace what has been lost as a result of the development.

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We have to think to the future on climate change. The Government is dragging it heels changing legislation and it is killing out havbtat.

Active travel improves well-being and reduces car usage. Energy efficient buildings are good for the environment and reduce energy bills. Multi-purpose green infrastructure provides recreational use and biodiversity gains.

Increases bio diversity.

As i have said i was born in a country village that i have seen lost over the years i know i will never see it back as it was when i was alad but we need to get back to as near as we can for the future youngsters to enjoy the freedom of life in the woods meadows we had then

Flooding to be minimised as a real issue in parts of this community. Reduced carbon footprint.

All items listed are important, however in terms of immediate benefit I believe these 3 items create biggest benefit.

More trees are required as there is little vegetation in new developments amongst homes.

The UK has to look to the future, climate change may or may not happen, but whatever happens insulation of buildings to reduce energy consumption, and country dependency on energy from abroad must be a good thing.

Generally I would want to preserve what little we still do have in the north east and east of the borough in terms of natural habitat and conservation.

Also of course belatedly building an energy strategy of our own to cope with the global energy price fluctuations...but that's not in the council remit I know.

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Habitat creation - supports wildlife and biodiversity. Tree cover increases biodiversity and assists in carbon reduction. There has been localised flooding in the past due to water run-off from fields and inadequate drains. With increase warming and likely more flash flooding, along with unpredictable weather conditions - it cannot be underestimated the importance of likely flooding.

They are all important and that was not an option

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reduce carbon footprint

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reduce reliance on fossil fuels

minimise flooding

It is very difficult to choose only three, as they are all critically important, but these three address a range of issues.

I'm not climate change is a scam and unproven except in models. Real-life data including that of the IPCC show that there has been no significant warming in many years. Until you can give me real-life data that Tonbridge and Malling Council are responsible for Global Warming / Climate Change it will be just a money pit and a complete waste of time, resources and money.

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we have a responsibility to improve our environment for ourselves, our children and the animals we have affected. This is to provide sustainable development, prevent climate issues and improve health.

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Active travel opportunities – Reducing car use by prioritising and delivering better more attractive and healthier alternatives is going to achieve a better quality of life for nature, residents, visitors and businesses.

Insist all new builds are Energy efficient, future-proofed buildings with Habitat creation – built fabric (eg swift bricks), Habitat creation – natural (eg hedgerows), Modern Methods of Construction (MMC), Multi-functional green infrastructure (recreation, carbon sinks and biodiversity net gain), Passive design (orientation, layout, landscaping), Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) (eg green roofs, water butts, retention ponds) and Tree coverage - increased, also adhering to the highest energy efficiency standards; by cutting energy consumption at source which is the single most important thing we need to do to slow climate change. Additionally, building plans should include energy generation measures (polar/wind/ground source heat pumps etc.) so that homes, schools, hospitals and industrial buildings at designed to meet some or all their own energy needs, and export surplus to supply other areas of the borough. Technology already exists that create kinaesthetic energy from movement on paving and roads. Energy self-sufficiency should be a priority to safeguard the energy needs of the borough – the importance of this has been highlighted recently with the extreme hardship to households and business caused by our reliance on imported energy.

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Think my 3 choices will have the biggest impact. But I would be happy to see the local plan include all of the above.

Support wildlife, create tree cover to help carbon reduction,, help towards flooding prevention

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They can be easily and effectively achieved locally and have significant impact.

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We need allow nature to flourish within and around any new, as well as existing, developments - it is the best way to mitigate the effects of climate change, as well as address issues of the well-being and mental health of the population.

It is very difficult to select just three - but if the focus is on transport (cutting usage of cars), energy efficient buildings which include solar panels and effective drainage systems, plus the orientation of the houses to maximise hours of sunshine as well as green landscaping to attract wildlife, then most of the ideas are covered.

PV panels and wind turbines, energy efficient buildings and tree coverage are the three most important features to me although all green measures should be considered.

The highest carbon emissions are from transport and heating and lighting buildings. Without addressing this **now** carbon neutral by 2030 cannot be achieved. **However ALL the measures are important.** Planning policy should ensure dwellings for the future are zero carbon and contribute to the provision of renewable energy. Any large development should aim to be carbon zero, provide district heating and address relieving the infrastructure of drainage, sewerage, and water provision. Despite resistance to applying climate change policies in Tonbridge and Malling **other Local Planning Authorities have and are already requiring these high standards of development to meet the targets set by their Climate Change strategies.** Developers have the skills and technologies and are willing to use them where requirements are **applied fairly across the board for all developers and developments.** In terms of viability other **LPAs have shown that applying high standards has negligible impact on viability.** However **not** building to these standards will leave individual households vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and the Borough will have a legacy of building stock of substandard housing and other development that will require expensive and higher carbon emissions to install. Furthermore T&M will not be able to meet its own carbon neutral targets by 2030 and beyond. **The highest standards are required to fulfil the duty to deliver on the Climate Change Act 2008.**

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(As a further comment SUDS are a requirement of the EA on all development and not an option.)

- We have to stay ahead on climate change preserving our green spaces for future generations. These green spaces are the lungs of our communities.

The climate and nature are in emergency. These three measures are probably the most helpful (provided habitat creation and green infrastructure are undertaken properly - consult Kent Wildlife Trust). I would add decentralised renewable energy generation as another option.

They are the ones most likely to help with the risks while improving quality of life in other ways

Energy efficient, future-proofed buildings - less gas/electricity usage to heat buildings. Use of ground source or air source heat pumps where space allows.

Multi-functional green infrastructure - helps mitigate Co2 emissions and, in the case of recreation, gives residents somewhere to enjoy the natural environment and stay healthy / exercise.

Decentralised renewable and/or low carbon energy generation - renewables are essential for future energy consumption requirements and security (i.e. want to avoid relying on other countries)

I do think all the above measures are important, and only didn't select 'Habitat creation – natural (eg meadows, hedgerows)' as a top-three priority as I believe that if the TMB greenbelt is left untouched we already have good natural habitats.

Energy efficiency is good for the environment and good for the user since it keeps costs down.

Habitat creation is vital for diversity, but also has been shown to reduce local temperatures, making for better places to live in summer heat.

Localised flooding is going to become more common - factoring this into the design stage and using sustainable, natural approaches to reducing it is important.

The threat posed by climate change to biodiversity is expected to increase, yet thriving ecosystems also have the capacity to help reduce the impacts of climate change. Ensuring tree canopies and habitat creation will only aid the battle of climate change. Destruction of natural spaces and habitats is known to significantly impact climate change as will non energy efficient buildings.

Habitats, trees and local renewable energy generation are all guaranteed sources of reducing carbon footprint (carbon capture through trees is one of the most reliable ways to capture CO2). The other options appear to be

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those that will improve or evolve over time outside of the planning lens but keeping green spaces and habitats alive is the best focus for this plan.

Reduced cost of production of energy

Reduced consumption of energy and consequent cheaper costs

Reduced risk of localised flooding and with increased water retention

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The threat posed by climate change to biodiversity is expected to increase, yet thriving ecosystems also have the capacity to help reduce the impacts of climate change. Ensuring tree canopies and habitat creation will only aid the battle of climate change. Destruction of natural spaces and habitats is known to significantly impact climate change as will non energy efficient buildings

This is the forward thinking, environmentally conscious approach.

1, Cycling / Walking can and should if provided well reduce traffic and therefore carbon emmissions.

2, Habitat Creation. Good on the eye, good for wild creatures,

3, Water is rather important, it supports life. Utilising rain water by retention should be more widely promoted.

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Climate and nature needs our help.

Preparing for the future by making home ownership affordable for residents, while taking measures to protect and enhance the existing environment of the borough

to be honest - all are important and need to be considered

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SUDS can be combined with habitat creation. Tree cover can also be included in habitat creation. soil habitat is also important to capture carbon and ensure food security through improved natural fertility options

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The Local Plan has a unique opportunity to promote carbon abating and BioDiversity policies. Passive house design incorporates energy efficiency. It can be further argued that TMBC and the Local Plan has an opportunity to consider approaches for linking energy services offers to local decentralised energy development. This can be encouraged through partnering relationships with energy suppliers, DNOs and renewable generation suppliers. An integrated energy policy is very important for the sustainable future of T&M.

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Energy efficient buildings are a necessity in todays world and go hand in hand with preserving and improving the environment.

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Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)

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Tree coverage - increased

Other – please state below

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Long term solutions

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reasons are obvious

We need to preserve the countryside and encourage nature, both of these are integral to our village identity.

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because of local concerns

Natural habitat creation and more trees would be more attractive

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It's what I believe is required

We need to reduce our impacts on the environment and so this can most effectively and significantly be done through changing our energy suppliers to use only renewable and localised sources.

We have to be ahead of the game on climate change, while the Government drags its heels changing legislation, we are killing our habitat

All common sense and self explanatory

Because we need these as an absolute minimum to help combat existing issues, never mind potential future problems. Ideally, we need them all, but these are vital.

They are all essential if we are to achieve zero carbon targets therefore they should be fundamental to the plan.

It is difficult to decide but are probably 3 most environmental friendly options

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All new building should put climate change at its core and while all the above are valuable I think the three chosen make most difference

This gives individuals an opportunity to take control and not leave it to others.

This part of UK is already on the verge of water shortage and the measures I have selected all contribute towards water conservation and runoff reduction. Also to reduced risk of flooding, given the increasing intensity of rainfall.

we need net zero housing that is resilient to climate change.

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OTHER: More than 5 options on the list are important.

Active travel (cycling and walking), affordable housing for rent (council owned), biodiversity and ecology, energy efficiency, Renewable energy generation (eg photovoltaic cells), sustainable drainage, water efficiency.

Development must take account of our environment and local management policies should be strident in ensuring that every new building makes use of green, renewable materials and systems. The plan must seek to reduce the impact of greenhouse gasses and emissions and strive to deliver the best environment for the population now and going forward. The strategies adopted now will be impacting generations to come and it is our responsibility now to do everything in our power to deliver a development policy that does not damage the environment but delivers a sustainable built and natural environment for all to enjoy. The future costs of refurbishing substandard buildings should not be left to future generations, we have the opportunity to make a stand and control the manner in which our environment is going to develop. We must not shirk that responsibility by conceding to unrealistic and damaging central government targets purely to satisfy ill-considered policies.

The houses we build now need to be fit for the future and factor in climate change and sustainability

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They all seem important. I am not an expert. These are just things that seem to me to be important.

it is important that given the speed of climate change that any new developments are built in a sustainable manner, not just in terms of the materials used, but also built to be carbon neutral. However, all of the points above are important.

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I think they are the measures with the biggest impact.

Reducing need for consuming energy.

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Habitat cultivation for a diverse range of wildlife

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All measures listed are important but the ones I have highlighted are most effective to help best with the climate change.

Freedom from dependence on the grid and the carbon-based solutions it ties us into. More energy efficient homes makes sense to utilise the newly produced power. Meadows acknowledge the broad habitats needed to nurture biodiversity and farmland enables both habitats to be sustained and food to be produced, whilst protecting current housing areas from flooding.

a lot of inefficiencies and poor performance can be designed out through passive measures such as orientation, solar gain, thermal mass etc. Passivhaus standard or similar could be adopted. Bio-diversity and ecology goes a long way so the production of habitats is a 'no-brainer'. SUDs and renewables are also incredibly important.

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Sustainable drainage systems - due to increased flood risk associated with climate change.

Energy efficient buildings - a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions, and beneficial to residents, given rising cost of energy.

Natural habitat creation - best way to protect biodiversity.

Maintaining alternative energy sources are a must for any new development, all houses to be fitted with solar PV's, and car charging units. In the rural areas, walking, cycling paths and bus services are essential, not a luxury. Site layouts should have more thought to parking facilities. Garages/car ports need to be next to their respective properties to allow the car charging unit, powered by solar panels, to be used.

See response to Q2

Nature over money!!

Environmental issues that affect us today need to be considered as well as future goals. Flood risk is very well and there is very little chance to respond on this during the survey.

Climate change should be one of the most important consideration with any development. the use of sustainable materials, and green infrastructures are essential to the area.

1. Giving priority to energy efficient, future-proofed buildings is fundamental to achieving National, County and Local targets for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. We would hope to see MMC, passive design and habitat creation all included in the standards set for future development, as well as provision for natural habitats and increased tree canopies.
2. Increasing provision of green travel options has been mentioned elsewhere in my answers, However, "green" must also be done in a way that promotes safety.

I have selected the 3 which I think will be most effective. They are all important.

Too many trees have already been taken.

1. Energy efficiency already is and is becoming even more important in terms of climate change but also as a result of the rising cost of living. Building energy efficient buildings can make the most important

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contribution to climate change of any of the elements listed.

1. Of almost equal importance is the need to deliver new habitats and biodiversity net gain as part of new developments. Sites which can deliver significant net gain on site i.e. rather than simply buying credits should be favoured in the allocation process as a result.

Concrete and steel construction will on its own break the carbon limits.

Essential for our survival

Density of housing should be such that it integrates with the natural surroundings rather than destroys it. As stated in my other answers, smaller developments dotted around would be better than larger ones destroying large pockets of countryside.

Priority to maintain wildlife and ecological benefits as this enhances the residents' environments - both mentally and physically - as well, of course, as protecting our native species, flora and fauna.

I consider it necessary to maintain a natural environment to the existing Hildenborough Village, including Hilden Park and the countryside around and also to maintain the village identity and environment.

It is a climate emergency and those 3 will have the most significant effect on mitigating CO2 generation.

However all measures are important.

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Travel Opportunities need infrastructure. Plan for this new development should balance with Infrastructure availability, in this particular areas of 59821, 59823 and 59683 infrastructure is lacking and will not sustain so many new homes with new families with their health, education and transport needs.

We have mentioned above all those options are already present as natural habitat and green space. New large developments are going to damage the environment and disturb the equilibrium. So we strongly object this proposal in those 3 site areas mentioned above.

No Response

We have no choice - we have to make our new developments as climate friendly as possible. The future depends on our decisions made today.

One or two aspects actioned won't make the difference, but all aspects together will make a difference to the environment and help mitigate climate change

All have a role to play but these three should have the greatest impact on net CO2 emissions.

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Would like to have included them all. Buildings are a major contributor to UK GHG emissions. The selected options make the biggest difference

The hundred year floods have happened 3 times in the last 25 years in East Peckham, any development plans need to consider this. The last lot of houses built in the flood area - Rose Mews on the old Rose and Crown Pub site have been lifted, this is ok for them but what about the impact on the houses and businesses in the immediate area. The planning application submitted by the developers stated that it had not flooded - there is enough television footage of Christmas 2013 to see clearly that this was a lie.

How can they prove that this development won't push the flood water further into the opposite road Medway Meadows, the houses here have been flooded several times and each time it gets worse due to the climate changes.

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We need to maintain as much nature for developments to facilitate environment and climate equilibrium

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Habitat creation – natural. Reducing carbon emissions will go some way to meeting Tonbridge and Malling’s target of becoming net zero by 2030, but it is essential that residual carbon emissions are offset/inset by high quality habitat creation. Habitats, including wetlands, grasslands and woodlands sequester carbon whilst also providing benefits for wildlife and for residents.

Multi-functional – GI. This option is very similar to the title ‘habitat creation – natural’ and the same comments as above apply. It is important that the right habitat is delivered in the right place, pulling on emerging Nature Based Solutions (Carbon, BNG, Nutrient Neutrality – as appropriate) to direct and finance habitat creation within the Borough.

We have to be sensible and pragmatic about the cost of green projects which, while being ideal, have little or no impact in the larger scheme of things. The poor local tax payer ends up footing the bill for vanity projects.

Climate change is likely to increase the risk of flooding. Therefore sites already at risk of flooding are likely to become more vulnerable over time. Furthermore, it is important to protect existing floodplains to maximise floodwater dispersal and reduce the risk and extent of flooding elsewhere.

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We believe porous drives etc need to be considered to help with water flow and avoid flooding risks. We need to be more energy effecient going forward.

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Tree coverage, new habitats for nature recovery, and multi-functional greenspace are interventions that will deliver multiple benefits and best address the nature and climate crises together. While built environment solutions may be delivered as an integral part of developments, these natural solutions are more likely to require local plan policies to support their delivery.

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I live in Shipbourne where we have no gas supply so a lot of oil boilers. There are no electric car charging facilities unless people install on their property. I don't even have a driveway so I struggle to work out how I could have an electric car with nowhere to charge it.

All new developements should have solar panels, heat exchange units.

All things which improve the environment and wellbeing

Whilst they are all important, these should have the most impact upon offsetting the challenges of climate change.

All measures are important to address climate change and meet targets

As all the proposed developments are going to destroy the environment, the effects need to be mitigated as much as possible.

Overall combined climate change and biodiversity imperatives.

Supports wildlife

increase biodiversity

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Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)

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Passive design (orientation, layout, landscaping)

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We support the need to foster more sustainable active travel opportunities, by directing growth to the main urban areas that is commensurate with the sustainability credentials of such areas. New development also offers opportunities to deliver energy efficient homes in line with building regulations, and on green field / belt sites, greater opportunities for net tree and accessible green infrastructure gains.

Rydon does not have a view at this time.

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Gladman support the Council's consideration of climate change measures and recognise that many of the measures identified can be delivered through sustainable development. Active travel opportunities, energy efficient dwellings, green infrastructure, sustainable drainage systems and passive design can all be accommodated on well located residential development sites.

Any climate change measures the Council choses to include within a policy in the emerging Local Plan should be suitably considered to ensure that they do not preclude sustainable development coming forward. Measures should be appropriately assessed and be suitably in line with the most up to date building regulations to ensure that they do not impact viability and stop much needed houses from coming forward.

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West Malling is principally an urban centre in a rural landscape. These priorities are chosen to reflect our needs rather than those of the wider borough. The chosen priorities provide a positive contribution to reducing carbon emissions as well as contributing to mitigating and adapting to climate change by increasing habitat for enhancing biodiversity and providing increased access to the natural world with associated benefits for wellbeing and quality of life.

Our first priority is for energy efficient, future-proofed buildings. This seems fundamental to achieving National, County and Local targets for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. We would hope to see MMC, passive design and habitat creation all included in the standards set for future development

Our second is for habitat creation – natural (e.g. meadows, hedgerows). Meadows and Hedgerows are easier to achieve in West Malling and the surrounding agricultural land than new woodland. Increasing hedgerows and upgrading existing grassland will offer a comparable carbon sink, with improved habitat for biodiversity, alongside improved air quality and the associated health benefits, and enhanced quality of life. Of course, we would like to support increasing the tree canopy and optimising opportunities for improving habitat for biodiversity.

Our third priority is multi-functional green infrastructure (recreation, carbon sinks and biodiversity net gain). Maximising the potential of urban centres to contribute to reducing carbon emissions and boosting quality of life and health should be a priority, e.g. through increased use of photo voltaic tiles, green roofs, creating cycle paths and traffic calming, alongside pedestrianised areas with more street trees. Better co-ordinated, cheap public transport using clean energy. Increased sports facilities with playing fields acting as carbon sinks and infrastructure to encourage users to access them on foot or cycling or public transport.

All the measures identified are important, though the ability to focus/ deliver these will vary by site. The most effective, and consistent with national policy approach, would be focus on the New Homes Standard, and other accredited schemes such as Building for Life, to ensure consistency, and a level playing field for the industry. For example, some sites might benefit from technologies such as ground source heat pumps, others not. The costs for any technologies required, above and beyond national 32 minimums (on the basis that national Building Regulations are increasing the requirements), should be fully tested for viability/ feasibility.

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They made sense.

The existing drainage systems cannot cope with very heavy rain.

Energy usage needs to be reduced.

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Q.46 above -

migratory birds should be a key issue, as should all habitat space for wildlife, especially where the species are threatened and on the Red List, such as Turtle Doves, which nest in the area in some numbers, and significantly, on some of the sites earmarked for development. It is illegal to disturb these.

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We have briefly outlined some of our reasons, as follows:

? Habitat creation - given the loss of natural habitat and bio-diversity to built developments.

As noted in Q.35, established habitats are far more valuable than artificially created ones.

? Multi-functional green infrastructure – given the land development pressures, we need to realise more benefits of our green spaces, while balancing recreational/bio-diversity needs.

? Sustainable drainage – multi-functionality of public amenity and drainage features is key to maximising the wider benefits; incl. providing more sustainable surface water management, better water quality, improved bio-diversity and better public amenity/recreational spaces.

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- We have to get ahead on climate change and preserve our green spaces for future generations

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Climate change and biodiversity. We need biodiversity to preserve life on earth. Climate change is going to be the biggest cause of destruction going forward we have to think about it now. It is already almost too late. We can't waste another opportunity to get this right.
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Cycling and walking lowers pollution, habitat creation is necessary for flora and fauna and SUDs would help to guard against drought.

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Whatever we do it won't be enough. Many more things will emerge. Unfortunately we don't yet have a government who will prioritise climate and environmental issues as highly as it ought to be (i.e. the NUMBER 1 PRIORITY above everything else).

Promote healthy living.

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- Energy efficient, future-proofed buildings
 - Renewable energy – using for example photovoltaic solar panels and ASHP. Modern methods of construction to create buildings with low heat demand. Mitigate risk of overheating.
 - Target zero carbon
 - Fabric first approach and use of low carbon/locally sourced materials
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