

## EQIA Submission – ID Number

### Section A

**EQIA Title**

Kent Developer Contributions Guide

**Responsible Officer**

Richard Kidd - GT GC

### Type of Activity

**Service Change**

No

**Service Redesign**

No

**Project/Programme**

No

**Commissioning/Procurement**

No

**Strategy/Policy**

Strategy/Policy

**Details of other Service Activity**

No

### Accountability and Responsibility

**Directorate**

Growth Environment and Transport

**Responsible Service**

Infrastructure Development

**Responsible Head of Service**

Nigel Smith - GT GC

**Responsible Director**

Stephanie Holt-Castle - GT GC

### Aims and Objectives

Under Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act (1990) the County Council has the right to collect appropriate contributions from housing developers towards projects that will mitigate the impacts of increased demand on services as a result of a planned development. District Councils are also able to collect Community Infrastructure Levy (where they have chosen to do so) to fund infrastructure required to support development. For example, a new housing development might be expected to increase the number of children requiring primary school places within an area. The Council would be able to collect contributions from the housing developer towards building or extending a school to provide those places. The 'Developer Contributions in Kent' publication demonstrates to developers which services KCC will be requesting contributions for and what projects will be carried out with the contributions (e.g. extending a Primary School). It also details the methodology for how we calculate these contributions as well as a 'Per Dwelling' contribution figure.

The guide needs to be refreshed as the current guide was published in 2007 and infrastructure priorities and the nature of the delivery of strategic council infrastructure has changed over this time. By refreshing the guide we are aiming to ensure that the council has sufficient funding to provide the infrastructure necessary to support the population. KCC will achieve this by asking for the right contributions to support sustainable communities, by collecting towards as many services as is appropriate, and that the projects we are collecting towards are reflective of the current and future needs of KCC's services and Kent's residents. The range of services that are subject to the request for Developer Contributions in this guide include:

1. Adult Social Care
2. Community Learning (Adult Education)
3. Education
4. Highways
5. Libraries
6. Public Rights of Way (PROW)
7. Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)
8. Waste
9. Youth Services

Each of the services listed above has its own service specific EqIA to provide the detail of how it operates its service and the impacts that it might have on individual users and any protected characteristics. The purpose of this EqiA relates to the presentation and accessibility of the updated guide. The new guide will be provided electronically, in a pdf format that will be accessible via KCC's web site. It will be available to download as an electronic copy, and it will also be printable but it will not be printed in multiple copies, which is neither sustainable or largely necessary nowadays. Reference copies will be made available in Kent Libraries, and it may be possible to provide printed copies from libraries subject to print cost charge.

## Section B – Evidence

**Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?**

Yes

**It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?**

Yes

**Is there national evidence/data that you can use?**

Yes

**Have you consulted with stakeholders?**

Yes

**Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?**

To date there has been a range of internal consultation activity with KCC stakeholders leading to the publication of the guide, and the substantive consultation with external stakeholders will take place following approval by KCC Cabinet Committee to do so.

As preparation for revising the guide, KCC is commissioning the services of an expert 'critical friend' to screen out any major issues from the draft guide before it is sent for wider consultation.

There will be a range of consultation activity with stakeholders leading to the publication of the new guide.

Stakeholders will include Kent local authorities, developers, housebuilders, agents, consultants and statutory consultees. A list of the organisations (not exhaustive) to be considered is included below:

Ashford Borough Council  
 Barratt Homes  
 Barton Willmore  
 Bellway Homes Limited  
 BPTW partnership  
 Canterbury City Council  
 Clarion Housing Group  
 Countryside  
 Croudace Homes Ltd

Curl la Tourelle Head  
 Dartford Borough Council  
 David Lock Associates  
 Design South East  
 Dover District Council  
 Ebbsfleet Development Corporation  
 Faversham Town Council  
 Folkestone & Hythe District Council  
 Gallagher Group  
 Golding Homes  
 Gravesham Borough Council  
 Hazle McCormack Young LLP  
 High Weald AONB Partnership  
 Horton Strategic Limited  
 Kent Downs AONB Unit  
 Kier Construction  
 Kirk Saunders Associates  
 Maidstone Borough Council  
 Medway Council  
 Mhs homes  
 Natural England  
 Optivo  
 Pentland Homes  
 Proctor and Matthews Architects  
 Redrow homes  
 Sanctuary Housing Group  
 Sevenoaks District Council  
 South East LEP  
 Swale Borough Council  
 Taylor Wimpey  
 Thanet District Council  
 Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design  
 Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council  
 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

**Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?**

No

**Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?**

Yes

## **Section C – Impact**

**Who may be impacted by the activity?**

**Service Users/clients**

Service users/clients

**Staff**

No

**Residents/Communities/Citizens**

Residents/communities/citizens

**Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?**

Yes
<b>Details of Positive Impacts</b>
<p>The new Kent Developer Contributions Guide web pages and downloadable pdf version will follow KCC criteria for digital accessibility (WCAG 2.1 AA). These guidelines make the content more accessible to a wider range of people with disabilities, including accommodations for blindness and low vision, deafness and hearing loss, limited movement, speech disabilities, photosensitivity, and combinations of these, and some accommodation for learning disabilities and cognitive limitations. These guidelines address accessibility of web content on desktops, laptops, tablets, and mobile devices. Following these guidelines will also make the web content more usable to users in general.</p> <p>In addition, provision of the guide via web pages means it can be accessed anywhere an individual has access to the internet. An online Kent Developer Contributions Guide (as opposed to a paper copy guide) may be beneficial for people that are within the home a lot of their time (or the home of the person they care for). In addition, some may find it a quicker way to engage with the Guide, benefitting those with limited time due to other responsibilities, such as caring for family members.</p>
<b>Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions</b>
<b>19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for age?</b>
No
<b>Details of negative impacts for Age</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating Actions for Age</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age</b>
Not Applicable
<b>20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Disability?</b>
No
<b>Details of Negative Impacts for Disability</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Disability</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Disability</b>
Not Applicable
<b>21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sex</b>
No
<b>Details of negative impacts for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Sex</b>
Not Applicable
<b>22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable

<b>Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender</b>
Not Applicable
<b>23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Race</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race</b>
Not Applicable
<b>24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Religion and belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Religion and belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief</b>
Not Applicable
<b>25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation</b>
Not Applicable
<b>26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity</b>
Not Applicable
<b>27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
<b>Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
No
<b>Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships</b>
Not Applicable
<b>28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>

<b>Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
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No
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<b>Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities</b>
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Not Applicable
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<b>Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities</b>
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Not Applicable
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<b>Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities</b>
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Not Applicable
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