

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
Details of Positive Impacts
<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>
Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions
19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age
Are there negative impacts for age?
No
Details of negative impacts for Age
Not Applicable
Mitigating Actions for Age
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age
Not Applicable
20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability
Are there negative impacts for Disability?
No
Details of Negative Impacts for Disability
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Disability
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Disability
Not Applicable
21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex
Are there negative impacts for Sex
No
Details of negative impacts for Sex
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Sex
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Sex
Not Applicable
22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
No
Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable

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

Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
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No

Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
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Not Applicable

Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
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Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities

Not Applicable
