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| Barrows | Specific principles have now been given in Appendix 2 of the document to guide the detailed design at later tiers. |
| Figure 3.5 and 4.4 | We now show a cycle path connection going south of the A20. We have also added text to design principle 8 on page 29 to say that a cycle connection across the A20 from the southern end of the causeway must be provided to better connect this route into the wider movement strategy. |
| Page 88 | Added extra bullet point to say "historic water features east of the causeway and west of the lake (referred to as 147 and 148 in the Heritage Strategy) will be preserved for their historic value as well as their importance as a habitat for great crested newts and reptiles". |
| Principle 3 on page 40. | Heritage consultees have said "Future proposals for the sensitive re-use of Hillhurst Farm should build upon the priorities identified in the Otterpool Park Heritage Strategy and should follow the principles set out in the Kent Farmstead Guidance. Such an approach should be added to the Strategic Design Principles document". In response we have reworded principle 3 on page 40 of the SDP. |
| Section 4.3 and 4.6 | Heritage consultee has said "Landscape and boundary treatments within the setting of historic farmsteads should be appropriate to their historic character. Sensitive treatment of the transition from the urban to the rural will be necessary, including through the advanced landscape planting". To address this design principles have been added as follows: Section 4.3 Country Park |
| | Landscape and boundary treatments within the setting of Upper Otterpool, Berwick Manor and Newingreen Farm historic farmsteads should be appropriate to their historic character. Sensitive treatment of the transition from the urban to the rural will be necessary, including through the advanced landscape planting. Details will be as advised by the Council's Conservation Consultant. Section 4.6 Hilltop |
| | Landscape and boundary treatments within the setting of Harringe Court, Barrow Hill Farm and Otterpool Manor historic farmsteads should be appropriate to their historic character. Sensitive treatment of the transition from the urban to the rural will be necessary, including through the advanced landscape planting. Details will be as advised by the Council's Conservation Consultant. Section 4.7 Hillhurst Farm |
| | Landscape and boundary treatments within the setting of Twin Chimneys historic farmstead should be appropriate to their historic character. Sensitive treatment of the transition from the urban to the rural will be necessary, including through the advanced landscape planting. Details will be as advised by the Council's Conservation Consultant. |

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| Design Principle 1 on page 33. | Heritage consultee has said "we suggest that the SUDS should be specifically designed to avoid areas where archaeological remains of the villa and villa enclosure are expected [re Roman villa]". As such, we have reworded design principle 1 on page 33. |
| Throughout document. | Heritage consultee has said "elsewhere mention is made of preserving the line of the WW2 runways, here the line of the post-war civil airfield is specified. The illustrative plans in the Strategic Design Principles show two alignments – one that correlates with a short part of the civil runway and a second alignment that doesn't appear to relate to any historic runway." To address this all references changed to Post WW2 runway. |
| Figure 3.7 | Heritage consultees say that Figure 3.7 is selective and only some of the known barrows are illustrated. The number of barrows and which barrows are shown varies throughout the document. To address this SDP figure 3.7 has been updated to show the barrow near the roman villa (136), the barrow just north of the racecourse lake (253) and the one in the barrow in the north-west (131). |
| Figure 4.9 and 4.10 | The heritage consultees have said that the east – west alignment does not appear to relate to a former runway. Figure 4.9 has been altered to remove that alignment. |
| Amended wording for design principle 2, p.37 | The SDP has been updated to highlight that the Battle HQ will be protected, interpreted and celebrated the open space will be designed to discourage vandalism and to signpost to The Heritage Strategy. |
| Figure 4.14. p.39 | Heritage consultees have said Fig 4.14 – the illustrated proposals do not respond to the status and importance of the barrows, but instead cause harm, including by severing Barrow 131 from the other parts of the scheduled barrow cemetery. Key Design Principle (1) is therefore not achieved. Figure 4.14 has therefore been altered so that the Barrow 130 to the south of the main group is marked on. Also made amendments to key design principle 1, page 39. |
| Page 85. | Heritage consultees have said "there is a suggestion within Appendix 2 of the Strategic Design Principles (p.85) that medieval water features associated with the castle may not be retained". SDP wording needs amending to remove 'if possible' on page 85 2nd bullet point. This has been actioned. |
| Page 29. | Heritage consultee says "We welcome the principle to celebrate the causeway in the SDP (principle 6, p.29), but the detail of this must be informed by additional evaluation. We suggest that a key principle should be enhancing the legibility of the causeway and an understanding that it formed the principal access route to Westenhanger Castle with a strong physical and visual link to the castle." We have therefore amended the wording in key design principle 1 on page 29. |
| Page 43 | To address a comment from the LPA Housing team we have added: "The homes are intended to be delivered tenure-blind to ensure consistency in high quality construction methods. The different types and tenures will be appropriately integrated into the neighbourhoods to ensure a cohesive community." |
| Page 14: | In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6: greater written explanation and is needed as to how the scheme is 'landscape led'. Therefore, we have added text to the SDP which states: |

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| | A key part of the overall vision through all planning tier stages is the adoption a 'landscape-led' design approach. |
| | At Tier 1 this starts with an understanding of the local landscape character - see the 'site-specific landscape character assessment' (SSLCA) (LVIA appendix 12-1). This identifies the existing key characteristics, and the condition and key sensitivities of 20 distinct areas across the site and its immediate surrounds. The SSLCA also highlights a list of related-actions to inform the Masterplan within each area. These included actions such as: conserving, restoring and reinforcing existing natural linear elements; retaining longer distance views; and conserving the individual identity of existing settlements. |
| | This has informed a network of linked existing and proposed strategic green and blue infrastructure corridors and open spaces to help realise these actions. Between this grid of corridors and spaces, areas of new settlement have then been planned. |
| | The 'landscape-led' design approach and future planning tier stages ensures that the design of these areas of settlement would respond to their location, integrating appropriately with existing topography, views, the landscape setting of the AONB and existing settlements etc. and creating distinctive areas which deliver character borne from its place. |
| Page 28 | The sensitive view to the North Downs escarpment has been moved back. In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1: the plan now acknowledges the presence of these other sensitive views to the North Downs escarpment. Extra circles have been added. The following has been added to bullet 7 on this page: ' the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB'. |
| Page 29: | Image: In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1: on page 29, we have moved the start of the view back to the A20. |
| | Key principle 5: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: we have added to the end: 'Use structural planting around the open edges of the development blocks to mitigate views of them from the AONB.' |
| | Key principle 6: added here: 'and conserve a view to the North Downs escarpment.' |

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| | In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added new key design principle: 'Create open space buffer between site boundary and AONB to the immediate east.' |
| Page 30: | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1, we have added new site influence No. 8: 'Sensitive views to and from the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB'. |
| Page 31: | In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: we have added new key design principle: 'Use separation between the new development and the existing settlement of Barrow Hill to allow maintenance of views to the North Downs escarpment.' |
| | Key principle 8: added'to the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB' |
| | In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: we have added new key design principle no 9: 'Larger areas of built form are to be separated by belts of native structural planting (bolstering existing field boundaries where possible) to integrate the development in views from the North Downs escarpment.' |
| | Image: In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1: we have added additional 'Notable view' |
| Page 32. | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1, we have added new 'site influence': 'Sensitive views to and from the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB' |
| Page 33. | Image: In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1: we have added an additional 'Notable view' |
| | Key principle 1: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added to end: 'Use structural planting around the open edges of the development blocks to mitigate views of them from the AONB.' |
| | Key principle 4: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added to end: 'and which prevent the visual coalescence of the settlements in part when seen in views from the North Downs escarpment and other parts of the AONB to the immediate east.' |
| | Key principle 6: Added: 'to break up the perceived mass of built form visible in views from the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB' |
| Page 34: | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1, we have added a new site influence no. 6: 'Sensitive views to and from the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB' |
| | Have added a New 'Site Influence' no7: 'Relationship to existing community' |

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| Page 35: | Key principle 5: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added to end: ' which maintains sight of the wooded Greensand Ridge in views from the North Downs escarpment. New native planting created between the proposed built form and Lympne to prevent the visual coalescence of the settlements in part when seen in views from the North Downs escarpment.' |
| | Key principle 6: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added to end: 'Use structural planting around the open edges of the development blocks to mitigate views of them from the AONB.' |
| | Key principle 8: added to end: 'by creating east-west aligned native structural planting. These would help integrate the development in views from the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB, and to break up the perceived mass of built form visible' |
| Page 36: | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1, added new site influence no7: 'Sensitive views to and from the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB' |
| Page 37: | Key principle 2: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added to the end: 'The open space should allow retention of some of the existing views of the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB, and structural planting around the open edges of the development blocks should to be used to mitigate views of them from the AONB.' |
| | Key principle 6: Added: 'to break up the perceived mass of built form visible in views from the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB' |
| Page 38: | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1, we have added 'site influence' no7: 'Sensitive views to and from the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB' Added new site influence no8: 'Relationship to existing community'. |
| Page 39: | In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: we have added a new key design principle no11 . 'Open space buffer and new native planting to be created between the areas of built form and Sellindge to prevent the visual coalescence of the settlements in part when seen in views from the North Downs escarpment. and to allow maintenance of views to the North Downs escarpment from the Green Sand Ridge' |
| | In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added new key design principle no 10: |

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| Location | 'Open space buffer to be created between site boundary and Barrow Hill, Sellindge to prevent the visual coalescence of the settlements in part when seen in views from the North Downs escarpment.' |
| | Key principle 3: added to end: 'to break up the perceived mass of built form visible in views from the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB' |
| | Key principle 7: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: added to the end: 'and to help mitigate views of new built development in views from the escarpment of the North Downs in the AONB'. |
| | Key principle 9: In response to the AONB-Units comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: added to the end: 'and allow maintenance of views to the North Downs escarpment.' |
| Page 40: | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1, we have added a new site influence no7: 'Sensitive views to and from the North Downs escarpment within the Kent Downs AONB'. |
| Page 41: | In response to Natural England's comments Page 13, Paragraph 1: we have added an additional 'key view'. |
| | Principle 8: In response to the AONB-Unit's comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: replaced with: Green corridor created along public footpath route - incorporating: existing undulating topography and view to the escarpment of the North Downs within the AONB, and enhancing crossing to Sandling Park. |
| | Principle 9: In response to the AONB-Unit's comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: Added: Larger areas of built form separated by belts of generally east-west aligned native structural planting (many along existing field boundaries). |
| | Principle 11: In response to the AONB-Unit's comments page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6: add new design principles: 'Separation between the new development and Newingreen created, in part, to allow maintenance of views to the North Downs escarpment from the AONB to the south of the site'. |
| Page 43: | In response to the LPA's comments, those of Natural England, and the AONB-Unit's comments (page 8, Paragraphs 4,5 and 6, we have added a new Strategic Design Principle in this section which reads: |
| | Develop masterplans and Design Codes which assist in integrating the settlement into the setting of the Kent Downs AONB, enhancing landscape and visual impact including: |

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| | ° Design, scale, setting and materials of new development must respond to the |
| | distinctive character and special qualities of the AONB and its setting; allow for |
| | significant tree planting between areas of buildings where necessary; and have |
| | regard to the Kentish Contemporary Vernacular Study and Colour Study (Doc. Ref. OP5 Appendix 12.5) |
| | ° Tier 2 masterplan proposals must show how the spacing, alignment, massing and |
| | overall design quality has had responded to the distinctive character and special |
| | qualities of the AONB and its setting |
| | ° Demonstrate how the planting framework contributes towards local character, adds |
| | to the sense of place and helps with orientation and provides robust defensible edges |
| | to it, in part to ensure that abrupt changes of landscape character would not occur. |
| | ° Demonstrate consideration of the form, open spaces and vegetation that will be |
| | introduced to help define views into, out of and within the masterplan and integrate |
| | the settlement into its surroundings, in particular the impact on the setting of the AONB |
| | ° Incorporate the use of non-reflective/appropriately coloured building façade and roof |
| | materials, green roofs and green walls on homes and incorporate PV oriented south |
| | where feasible, therefore limiting visibility in views from the AONB in the north |
| | ° Consideration of the landscape character, land-uses and heritage assets within |
| | the environs of the site to assimilate the settlement into its setting, and assist the supporting surrounding green infrastructure assets around and beyond it |
| | ° Ensuring the proposed Development adheres to the Institution of Lighting Professionals |
| | (ILP) Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Obtrusive Light, with regards to light spill, |
| | glare and sky glow. |
| | ° Masterplans are to be supported by appropriate modelling and visual assessment |
| | such as verified wireframes and rendered views, as agreed with the LPA at Tier 2 and 3. |
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