The progress made on the Neighbourhood Plan - Vision and Objectives

In 2018 a total of 7,500 questionnaires about the Neighbourhood Plan were distributed to residents of Swanley over a two week period commencing 19 August 2018. By the response date of 21 September 2018, the number of responses received was:

280 hard copy questionnaires;

215 on-line questionnaires

In addition, to gather information from Under 18s the questionnaire was also given to student of the Orchards Academy.

You can find the final report of the Questionnaire survey to download on this web site here

The following vision for the Neighbourhood plan was agreed by the majority of people who responded to the survey to guide the development of its policies and proposals

VISION

Swanley will accommodate change up to 2035 that retains and improves its environment and semi-rural setting and benefits and sustains its community - its people, its facilities and its heritage"

The Steering Group have also developed specific objectives that all policies and proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan are aimed at that can deliver this vision.

These objectives also support high level global goals – the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs were agreed in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly. These goals are important as they have been signed up to by our own government. Not all of them are directly associated with land and buildings that are the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan but those that are have been linked to the Neighbourhood Plan objectives.



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Objectives	UN Sustainable Development Goal
To provide housing that meets the needs of local people and that is supported by infrastructure that will provide for residents' health, recreation, education and connections to the Sevenoaks District and beyond.	Goal 3 - Good Health and Well-being
	Goal - 4 Quality Education
	Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
	Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To enable development in Swanley that is appropriate to its location, character, history and built form.	Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To enable the upgrade and refurbishment of buildings and land in Swanley to use all resources in a sustainable way to reduce waste	Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
To enable where appropriate the generation of affordable and clean energy from development	Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
	Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To enable development in Swanley that creates minimal negative impacts	Goal 3 - Good Health and Well-being Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To provide spaces and support for employment that are relevant to and accommodate the needs of businesses, investors and entrepreneurs.	Goal 1 - No poverty Goal 2 - Zero Hunger Goal 4 - Quality Education Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth Goal 9 - Industry Innovation and Infrastructure Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To enable improvements to the Town Centre, public realm and open spaces of Swanley that respect and reinforce their character and prevent the loss of trees and biodiversity	Goal 3 - Good health and Well-being Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities Goal 15 - Life on land Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
Wherever appropriate, to protect the heritage, wildlife and Green Belt of Swanley and their contribution to the health and well-being of its residents.	Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities - Goal 15 - Life on land Goal 17 Partnerships for the Goals
To reduce the impact of development on the town in terms of traffic volumes and type, congestion, air pollution and the safety of all road users.	Goal 3 - Good health and Well-being Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To enable personal mobility and active travel within Swanley and to the wider Sevenoaks district and beyond	Goal 3 - Good health and Well-being Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals
To propose specific projects to improve the community infrastructure of Swanley e.g.	Goal 9 Industry Innovation and Infrastructure
New or safer roads and other transport facilities Flood defences Schools and other educational facilities Medical facilities	Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities
Sporting, recreation and leisure facilities Open spaces	Goal 17- Partnerships for the Goals