

Appendix 2: Example of Policy Evaluation Sheet

Chapter 2: Development and Design Policy DD9: Existing Neighbourhood Centres

Changes Made to Policy at Second Deposit Stage: A

Station Road, Greenhithe has been removed from Policy DD10 and included as an existing neighbourhood centre. The policy now strengthens the need for increased residential densities of 60 dwellings per hectare at neighbourhood centres.

Criteria	Test	1 st SA	Change	2 nd SA
Transport Energy Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the number of car borne trips per household; Increase public transport share; Increase trips by walking and cycling 	. ◆ .	? ▲ ▲ ✓▲	 ✓▲▲
Resource, Energy and Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing energy requirements of construction; Reducing heat loss from buildings; Safeguarding wind, water, wave and biomass potential; Increasing direct solar gain; Increasing tree cover, especially broadleaved woodland; Safeguarding soil quality and soil retention; Reducing contamination/dereliction; Safeguarding good quality agricultural land; Reducing consumption of fossil fuels and minerals; Increasing reuse/recycling of materials; encouraging alternatives; Encourage the use of urban/brownfield sites; Safeguarding fluvial and tidal plains; Maintaining groundwater and river levels 	. .		■
Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the level of pollutants by reducing emissions and pollutants from industry, power stations and transport; Safeguarding water supply purity; Improving the environment with respect to noise and smells 	. . . ?		?
Natural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding designated sites (e.g. SSSIs, SNCIs etc); Increasing general wildlife potential (e.g. corridors), or safeguarding or maintaining species; Identifying, protecting and enhancing designated areas (e.g. Green Belt, Special Landscape Area); Enhancing general landscape quality; Retaining open land/countryside 		■
Urban Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserve and enhance townscape quality 	✓		✓
Cultural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding listed buildings, Conservation Areas and sites of archaeological value 	■		■
Public Access to Open Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing/maintaining quality and quantity in urban and rural areas; Improve access to open space 	■ ■		■
Living Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing for the particular accommodation needs of all 	✓		✓
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing for the particular employment needs of all; Encourage diversification of economy 	. ✓	▲	✓▲
Health, Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing more healthy, secure and safer environments for all 	✓	▲	✓▲
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing for the particular service needs of all; Strengthening existing communities; Enabling growth of a sense of community in new development; Enabling interaction between existing and new communities 	. ✓ . . .	✓▲ ▲	✓▲

Overview Assessment and Scoring: Allocating Station Road, Greenhithe as a neighbourhood centre ensures access to retail and community facilities for the existing surrounding population, thereby making the policy more sustainable. Higher densities allow the possibility for a reduction in car

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transport and increased public transport/foot/cycle travel. As the area is busier, increased community policing can occur. However, higher densities may generate higher levels of noise.