

MEDWAY LOCAL PLAN 2041: EXAMINATION HEARING SESSIONS (PHASE 1)
HEARING AGENDA
DAY 7: THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026
MORNING SESSION: 9.30AM
AFTERNOON SESSION: 2PM (contd.)

Matter 8: Retail, Town Centres and Leisure

Issue

Whether the Plan and its policies relating to retail, town centres and leisure are clear, positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Key Points for Discussion

1. Vitality of centres
 - a. Policy S15: Town Centres Strategy
 - b. Policy T15: Sequential Assessment
 - c. Policy T16: Ancillary Development
 - d. Policy T17: Impact Assessment
 - e. Policy S16: Hierarchy of Centres
2. Town and District centres
 - a. Policy S17: Chatham Town Centre
 - b. Policy S18: Rochester District Centre
 - c. Policy S19: Gillingham District Centre
 - d. Policy S20: Strood District Centre
 - e. Policy S21: Rainham District Centre
 - f. Policy S23: Hempstead Valley District Centre
3. Other centres, uses and locations
 - a. Policy S22: Hoo Peninsular
 - b. Policy DM12: Local and Rural Centres
 - c. Policy T18: Shopping Parades and Neighbourhood Centres
 - d. Policy T19: Meanwhile Uses
 - e. Policy DM13: Medway Valley Leisure Park
 - f. Policy DM14: Dockside

Any Other Business

Action Points

Participants:

Medway Council
Church Commissioners (Savills)
Cliffe & Cliffe Woods Parish Council
CPRE Kent
Endeavour Gillingham Ltd (Freeths)
Save Hoo Peninsula & High Halstow Parish Council (Richard Buxton Solicitors)
Hoo Consortium (Sponden Estates Land & Planning)
Medway Conservative Group