

Kent and Medway's Growth and Infrastructure Framework

What is infrastructure? It is the structures and facilities that communities depend upon to function and grow – in this case, transport, education, health, community services, green infrastructure, utilities (electricity, gas, water & sewage, waste and broadband) and flood defences.

Kent and Medway's Growth and Infrastructure Framework has been developed to give planners, developers and all levels of government **the 'big picture' view of growth** across Kent, the fundamental infrastructure and investment needed to support this and the likely funding gap.

Alongside this, Kent and Medway have developed a 10 point action plan to address this infrastructure funding gap and support growth to 2031 and beyond.

Kent and Medway's action plan for growth

1: Explore innovations in financing of infrastructure

Highlight to Government where there is a shortfall in funding for the structures and facilities (such as roads, schools and energy) fundamental to the county's communities and their growth. Work with Government to find new ways to fund these.

2: Explore the potential for a single Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Kent and Medway.

Explore the potential to develop one overarching plan that covers the delivery of all infrastructure for Kent and Medway.

3: Develop a stronger relationship with London and the South East

Work with councils across the South East to prioritise investment in our regional infrastructure.

4: Reform of Community Infrastructure Levy and other developer contributions

Work with Government to improve the way in which developments contribute financially to the delivery of infrastructure.

5: Explore the potential for private sector investment in infrastructure

Discuss the creation of an 'investment pot' with the private sector to fund future infrastructure projects.

6: Develop a stronger relationship with the utilities

Work with utility companies to make sure that they are ready to provide water, waste services, energy and broadband for the anticipated growth in Kent and Medway.

7: Maximise the public estate and associated opportunities to further support growth through Kent's One Public Estate pilot

Look at how publically owned assets can be better managed and utilised in order to support growth in the county.

8: Promote a robust design agenda for Kent and Medway

Continue work to deliver well designed, high quality housing and development in Kent and Medway.

9: Develop a more integrated approach to planning and delivering growth

Each year, review housing and employment figures, the progress of district local plans, levels of developer contributions and improvements to our infrastructure.

10: Further develop the Growth Infrastructure Framework (GIF)

Constantly update and improve the GIF so that it remains THE reference document for Kent and Medway's infrastructure requirements.

To find out more, visit kent.gov.uk/GIF