

Statement of Common Ground

Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council (Minerals and Waste) 2024

1. Overview

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the agreed position between **the Parties**, they are Canterbury City Council (CCC) and Kent County Council (KCC).
- 1.2 KCC is the minerals and waste planning authority for the two-tier area of Kent with responsibility for planning for the future management of waste and supply of minerals in the county.
- 1.3 CCC has responsibility for planning other development such as housing and employment within the Canterbury District area (see Figure 1).
- 1.4 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.
- 1.5 The geographical relationship between the parties, reflecting local authority boundaries, is represented at Figure 1.

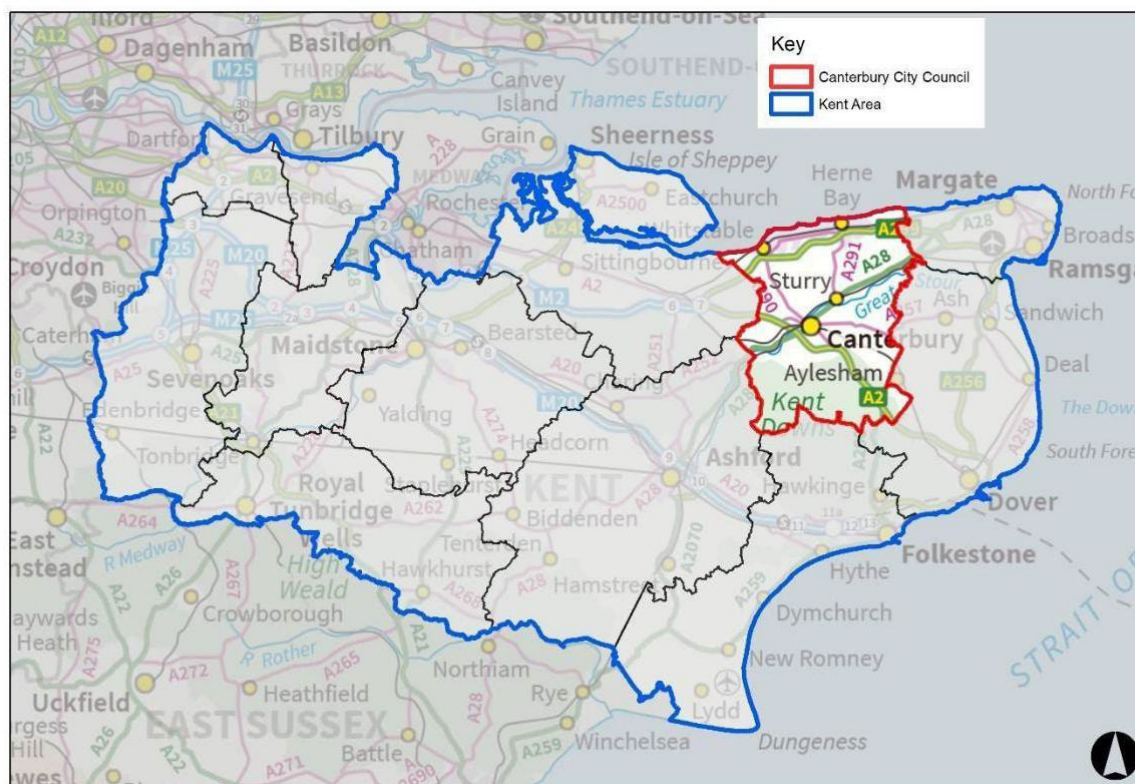


Figure 1 Location of Kent and Canterbury City Council

2.0 Key strategic matters

2.1 The NPPF (2023) defines the topics considered to be strategic matters and includes those which make provisions for minerals and waste management.

2.2 Paragraphs 24-25 of the NPPF state that:

“Local planning authorities and county councils (in two-tier areas) are under a duty to cooperate with each other, and with other prescribed bodies, on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.” and “Strategic policy-making authorities should collaborate to identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans.”

2.3 Paragraph 27 also states that:

“In order to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working, strategic policy-making authorities should prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these. These should be produced using the approach set out in national planning guidance and be made publicly available throughout the plan-making process to provide transparency.”

2.4 Specifically, this SOCG covers the strategic matter of land-won mineral resources and waste management, and minerals infrastructure and minerals transportation occurring in the Canterbury District.

Key Strategic Matters	Evidence	Process	Status
<p>Minerals</p> <p>Minerals are finite natural resources which need to be managed and safeguarded appropriately to ensure future availability. The parties have been involved in discussions around planning for the future management of mineral supply in the county, and decisions on how this will affect housing, employment and other development within the Canterbury district.</p> <p>The Parties agree that the CCC’s draft Local Plan (2024) contains appropriate policies to support the safeguarding of land-won minerals and minerals infrastructure in the Canterbury District.</p> <p>The Parties agree that the KCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039 Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 19) contains appropriate policies to support the safeguarding of minerals and minerals infrastructure in the Canterbury District.</p>			

<p>Safeguarding of Mineral Resources and Mineral Infrastructure Policy Considerations</p>	<p>KCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039 Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 19)</p> <p>Canterbury City Council Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 (2024)</p>	<p>Both Parties have prepared, or are involved in the preparation of Local Plans, and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding Minerals.</p> <p>The Parties have engaged on the matters of housing allocations in the Canterbury District. CCC and KCC met to discuss housing allocations in the Local Plan and subsequently amended policy wording to reflect the minerals issues highlighted by KCC.</p> <p>CCC has agreed to ensure that KCC policies for minerals and waste infrastructure safeguarding are appropriately implemented through the Local Plan.</p> <p>The Parties have engaged on the matters of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. CCC have not raised any objections to the plan.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>April 2024</p>
<p>Strategic Waste Issues</p> <p>Strategic policies should plan for waste management. The parties have been involved in</p>			

discussions around planning for the future management of waste in the county, and decisions on how this will affect housing and employment development within the Canterbury district.

The **Parties agree** that the CCC's draft Local Plan (2024) contains appropriate policies to support the safeguarding of waste infrastructure in the Canterbury District.

The **Parties agree** that the KCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039 Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 19) contains appropriate policies to support the safeguarding of waste infrastructure in the Canterbury District.

<p>Strategic Waste Issues</p>	<p>KCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-2039 Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 19)</p> <p>Canterbury City Council Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 (2024)</p> <p>CCC Draft Nutrient Mitigation Strategy (2024)</p>	<p>CCC will keep KCC, as the waste planning authority, updated on matters relating to site allocations in close proximity to a landfill site, as identified in KCC's representation to CCC's Local Plan consultation.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>April 2024</p>
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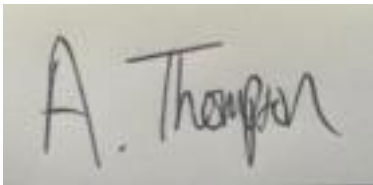
3 Governance arrangements

3.1 This SOCG will be published and kept up-to-date by the parties as a record of where agreement has or has not been reached on strategic issues.

3.2 The parties will work together to update local plans and associated documents and evidence.

4 Signatories/declaration

Signed on behalf of Canterbury City Council

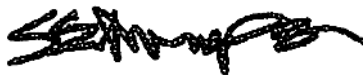
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Andrew Thompson

Position: Corporate Policy and Strategy Manager

Date: April 2024

**Signed on behalf of Kent County
Council (Minerals and Waste)**

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Sharon Thompson

Position: Head of Planning Applications

Date: 25 April 2024