

APPROACH PRINCIPLES COLLABORATION DEVELOPMENT

the Kent design guide

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Kent Design Initiative

With the launch of Manual for Streets in March 2007, following on from Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3), we are in a period of exciting changes and challenges.

Manual for Streets states that streets 'form vital components of residential areas and greatly affect the overall quality of life for local people.'

PPS3 promotes 'creating places, streets and spaces which meet the needs of people, which are attractive, have their own distinctive identity and positively improve local character, which promotes design and layouts that are inclusive, safe, take account of public health, crime prevention and community safety, ensure adequate natural surveillance and make space for water where there is a flood.'

This part of Kent Design - "Making it Happen" - is where you will find advice, guidance and information on how to put your vision and ideas into practice to meet the challenges.

Making it happen is aimed at all developers of residential and commercial developments in Kent, providing the information required to help you communicate your proposals, in order that we can deliver a fast, efficient service to you, our local communities and the local Planning Authorities.

Our aim is to ensure this part of the document is as easy to read and understand as possible, despite the fact that it obviously includes a great deal of technical information. We set out what your responsibilities are and what ours are as the adopting authority.

We hope that you will notice a difference from previous editions and that you will continue to see improvements in the future when the document evolves with the help of stakeholders and users.

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making it happen - introduction

Overview

This part of making it happen includes a brief introduction, the list of contents and figures and the main contributors involved in producing this document.



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'Making it happen' is about creating sustainable places first and foremost. It is about bringing together all elements of design in the public realm to create memorable and distinctive places that are attractive and safe.

Making it happen consists of detailed technical sections that are listed below. These are available to download from www.kent.gov.uk/kent_design

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