

**Sevenoaks Town Council Blue Skies Draft Priorities 2023 -2027**  
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<b>1</b>	<b>Character, Heritage &amp; Identity</b>						
	<b>Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan</b>						<b>Planning</b>
1.1	Use STNP to inform Council priorities and organisation.	A Steering Group has been convened for reviewing implementation of actions and policies.		*		<b>1</b>	
1.2	Use STNP in the STC planning process when assessing planning applications.			*		<b>1</b>	
1.3	Further encourage the development and evolution of the STNP for the whole Town			*		<b>1</b>	
1.4	As part of the evolution of the STNP, develop a <b>Masterplan</b> for the retail/business districts in the Town Centre and St Johns		<b>65</b>	*		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Landscape &amp; Blue and Green Infrastructure</b>						
	<b>Green Community Investment Plan</b>						
<b>2.1.</b>	Further develop the <b>Green Community Investment Plan</b>			*		<b>1</b>	<b>OSL</b>
<b>2.2.</b>	Extend the tree planting programme throughout the town, including working with KCC Highways to establish an inventory of sites			*		<b>1</b>	<b>OSL</b>

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2.3	Encourage greater use of solar panels including through the planning system and provision of information to households.				*	2	OSL
2.4	Improve access to Mill Pond Woods (new steps)		5		*	3	OSL
2.5	Consider if Vine Pavilion could be enhanced for wider use.	Vine Pavilion has covenants restricting to sports use.			*	3	Planning
<b>3</b>	<b>Movement and Public Realm</b>						
3.1.	<b>Conduct further 20 mph Consultation</b> and implement outcome.	Consultation taking place 1 <sup>st</sup> November – 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	<b>130</b>	*		<b>1</b>	Planning/CIC
3.2	Work with KCC and SDC to encourage <b>cycling</b> safety and experience including by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adding more routes</li> <li>- Starting an E-bike scheme</li> <li>- Providing secure storage</li> <li>- Reducing HGV traffic in town</li> </ul>				*	<b>2</b>	
3.3.	Work with KCC and SDC to improve <b>pedestrian</b> safety and experience including by				*	<b>2</b>	Planning

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improving safety around the station</li> <li>- Improving safety on the High Street</li> <li>- A crossing of Dartford Road at The Vine</li> <li>- Crossings of Seal Hollow Road at possibly multiple points</li> <li>- Reducing HGV traffic in the Town</li> </ul>		<b>25</b>		*	<b>2</b>	
<b>3.4.</b>	<b>Electrify the No 8 Orbital Bus</b>	CIL Application with SDC	<b>300</b>	*		<b>1</b>	<b>CIC</b>
<b>3.5.</b>	<b>Public Realm &amp; Wayfinding</b> Improve signage across the Town.	CIL Application with SDC	<b>170</b>		*	<b>2</b>	<b>CIC</b>
<b>3.6.</b>	Renovate street signs.				*	<b>2</b>	
<b>3.7.</b>	Provide digital notice boards in the Town Centre and Station				*	<b>2</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Local Economy</b>						
<b>4.1.</b>	<b>Develop Business Improvement District (BID)</b> – work with local businesses and SDC to establish a BID		<b>TBC</b>	*		<b>1</b>	<b>TT/ F&amp;GP</b>

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4.2	Encourage SEN Employment				*	2	TT/ F&GP
4.3.	Encourage apprenticeships and work experience.				*	2	
4.4.	<b>Markets</b> – develop Market within Sevenoaks to reflect its Market Town status.  Work with SDC to improve offering including increased scope, more variety, more days and possible indoor market.				*	2	F&GP?
<b>5</b>	<b>Community &amp; Culture</b>						
5.1.	<b>Engagement</b>  Engage with communities on all key initiatives, for example. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20 mph</li> <li>- Masterplan</li> <li>- Greatness Quarry development</li> <li>- Infrastructure budgeting</li> </ul>	STC as a general principle will liaise and consult with as many people as possible, via involvement in Working Parties, surveys, public consultation, topic-based groups e.g., Sports Panel, Youth Council.		*		1	All
5.2.	<b>Art and culture</b>  Support <b>Stag Community Arts Centre</b> development as the key	Cultural Strategy includes Stag recognition and other current and new cultural proposals.		*		1	OSL

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5.3.	part of the <b>Town Cultural Quarter</b>						
	Support art exhibitions including local initiatives and street performance.				*	2	
5.4	Support annual Music, Arts and Literature Festivals				*	2	
5.5	<b>Youth Provision</b> Support current Youth Facilities and if possible, extend.	STC 100% funds HitB Youth Café Retaining current is a financial challenge.		*		1	Youth/OSL
5.6	As part of above, consider how to provide Girl Friendly Places				*	2	
5.7	Also consider how further to support School Workshops				*	2	
5.8	Also consider provision of Natural Play areas	STC has a Play Policy can be expanded to include this.			*	2	
5.9	Consider and implement outcome of Greatness Recreation Ground consultation.				*	2	

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5.10	<b>Education</b>  Consider how to address the shortage of Children's Nurseries	STC currently supports a children's nursery with a 25-year peppercorn lease.  STC could create a planning policy (STNP) to support the needs for children's nurseries.			*	<b>3</b>	
5.11	Since the town is a major education hub, consider with other stakeholders whether a Tertiary Facility (e.g., university annex) could be developed.	STC could create a planning policy (STNP) to support this.			*	<b>3</b>	
5.12	<b>Events</b>  Reinstate Town Fireworks if possible.	Conversation taking place with Sevenoaks School			*	<b>2</b>	<b>F&amp;GP?</b>
5.13	Hold Town event in 5/2024 (STC's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) to raise the profile of STC amongst residents.			*		<b>1</b>	
5.14	Hold 80 <sup>th</sup> D Day Commemoration in 6/2024			*		<b>1</b>	
5.15	Consider a programme of other themed town centre events.	Additional resources would be required.			*	<b>3</b>	

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<b>6</b>	<b>Sports and Recreation</b>						
<b>6.1</b>	Work with local sports clubs and groups to create an integrated Town sports strategy.	Arrangements in place		*		<b>2</b>	<b>OSL/F&amp;GP/CIC</b>
<b>6.2</b>	Develop a Town sports promotion policy – perhaps a sport week.	Part of Sports Strategy Review.			*	<b>2</b>	
<b>6.3</b>	Consider how additional sports facilities might become available.	Part of Sports Strategy Review			*	<b>3</b>	
<b>6.4</b>	Consider how new activities e.g. Padel can be facilitated.	Part of Sports Strategy Review			*	<b>3</b>	
<b>6.5</b>	Support building of a new <b>Greatness Football Pavilion</b> , to include a community café.	Planning Permission obtained. CIL Bid to SDC.	<b>(200) 87.5</b>	*		<b>1</b>	
<b>6.6</b>	Provide outdoor games e.g., chess, table tennis	Currently provided in some locations, expand as resources become available.			*	<b>3</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Development and Housing</b>						
<b>7.1</b>	Work with Tarmac, KCC and SDC to maximise the public benefit from the <b>Greatness Quarry</b> redevelopment (including affordable housing, road improvements, the Oast House, schooling and public health)	STC member of Liaison Group STNP principles outlined.	<b>TBC</b>	*		<b>1</b>	<b>Planning</b>

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<b>7.2.</b>	Consider long term plan to move STC offices, freeing current site for housing.	STC took the decision that it would not move premises for at least 10 years and to invest in the site spending £250k on restoring old building for Business Hub.  Further investment is being considered for retro fitting carbon reduction initiatives.  The investment would not be worthwhile if the buildings are to be demolished.	<b>50</b>	*	*	<b>3</b>	<b>Planning/CIC</b>
<b>7.3</b>	Refurbish St John's public toilets.	Funding agreed.			*	<b>1</b>	
<b>7.4</b>	Identify and list Community Assets	STC has a good Asset Register of its assets.  Ongoing for new applications for applying for Community Assets of Value.				<b>2</b>	
<b>7.5</b>	Press for development of derelict or underused sites in Town as identified in the STNP including Farmers, Edwards, BT, Waterworks	STNP Policy.			*	<b>2</b>	<b>Planning</b>



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<b>7.6</b>	Lobby for better provision of public health facilities including better GP coverage and the future of Sevenoaks Hospital				*	<b>3</b>	?
<b>7.7</b>	Only approve qualifying developments that include affordable housing.	STC can recommend approval on this basis.		*		<b>1</b>	Planning