RACE – Planned actions to deliver the [Kent and Medway Housing Strategy 2023 - 25](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/assets/uploads/large/FINAL-Kent-Medway-Housing-Strategy-2020-2025-29.7.2020.pdf)

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| ref |  | | General Contribution | | Planned actions | |
| **Theme Health and wellbeing** | | | | | | |
| HW2 | Where appropriate, work at a local level with planning and developer colleagues to ensure the right type of high quality housing within sustainable communities is developed across Kent and Medway to meet identified local housing need | | For new homes | | We have a schedule of local housing needs surveys to undertake which inform the number and type of homes required in specific, mainly rural locations. Results are used by developer colleagues and planners to ensure need exists and is met. | |
| **Working together for safer homes** | | | | | | |
| SH4 | Strengthen the partnership working to include how Kent Housing Group respond collectively to local or national consultations that will impact upon the safety and well-being of Kent and Medway residents | |  | |  | |
| **Infrastructure First** | | | | | | |
| IF4 | Consider and understand all implications of permitted development, across all partnership organisations involved in this process of enabling delivery of new homes | | For new homes | |  | |
| IF6 | Support and work collectively across the KHG membership, partner agencies and professional groups including Kent Planning Officers Group to enable a single conversation with Government, to enable timely and appropriate access to funding to realise housing and infrastructure delivery ambitions | | For new homes | |  | |
| **Accelerating Housing Delivery** | | | | | | |
| HD2 | Facilitate partnership working across Kent housing planning and development groups to explore how partnership working and approach can accelerate delivery of housing | | For new homes | | We constantly work in partnership with local communities, Local Authorities and developers to facilitate the development of affordable housing in rural areas. | |
| HD3 | Ensure that protocol documents that reduce barriers to delivery are fit for purpose and relevant | | For new homes | | The rural housing protocol ‘Guide to developing homes in rural areas’ was updated in June 2022. | |
| HD4 | Explore how countywide approaches to across housing planning and development can support delivery against local plans and meet identified housing need | | For new homes | | We try to ensure countywide approaches through the RACE steering group of LA and RP partners. | |
| HD5 | Share and learn from best practice, providing a platform and networking opportunities across housing planning and development sectors in Kent, Medway and neighbouring county areas, including peer support opportunities | | For new homes | |  | |
| HD8 | Support, promote and influence the delivery of housing in rural communities, exploring all funding resource and by sharing best practice and learning | | For new homes | | Our steering group of local authority and RP partners where learning and best practice is shared. | |
| **Affordability** | | | | | | |
| A1 | Support, lobby and influence national policy reform and decision making to ensure that affordable housing is delivered across a range of tenures, and reflects the local housing market and associated costs | | For new homes | |  | |
| A7 | Understand and influence the development of  affordable housing that is flexible to meet changing  needs, including meeting the needs of those with  physical disability | |  | | Our housing need surveys identify affordable housing need including those of all ages with a physical disability. | |
| Any other matters | | Work undertaken since July report. | |  | | * Survey programme commenced Sep 23 * Older persons cohousing work underway. * Website and social media work. * Community led housing work plans underway. * Defra funding for rural housing work being investigated. * First steering group meeting held. |