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**To all Committee Members:** You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

**Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.**

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**Laura Marney – Committee Clerk**

Date: 5th December 2023

### AGENDA

1	<b>Chairperson's opening remarks</b>	Chairperson
2	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Committee Clerk
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach 1
4	<b>Public Participation:</b> Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	
5	<b>The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for approval and signing:</b> Decision required.	Attach 2
6	<b>Climate Action Plan 2024:</b> Decision required.	Attach 3
7	<b>Declaration of Ecological Emergency:</b> Decision required.	Attach 4
8	<b>The Sea Link Project – Statutory Consultation:</b> Decision required.	Attach 5
9	<b>Action on Litter Project Update:</b> Information to note.	Attach 6
10	<b>Cowdray Square Play Area – Damaged Trees:</b> Information to note.	Attach 7
	<b>Date of next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024</b>	

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**Committee members:** Cllr Beer, Cllr M Cronk, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr Bano, Cllr Cullen, Cllr Brookfield, Cllr Findley, Cllr Craggs, Mr D Carey and Ms B Brooks.

## Declarations of Interest

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

### Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

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#### **Note to the Code:**

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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The Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
at Deal Town Hall at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr M Cronk (Chairperson) Cllr S Brookfield  
Cllr D Cronk Cllr P Findley  
Cllr M Eddy Cllr S Cullen  
Cllr B Bano Ms B Brooks (Co-opted Member)

Officers: Laura Marney (Committee Clerk) Other: 1 member of the public

**MINUTES**

1	<b>Chairperson's opening remarks:</b> The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put their mobile phones on silent.	Chairperson
2	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Craggs and Mr D Carey (Co-opted Member). Cllr Beer was absent.	Committee Clerk
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> Cllr Brookfield declared a VAOI on agenda item 7 as was a past member of EKCA. Cllr Eddy, Cllr Findley and Cllr Cullen also declared VAOI on agenda item 7 as they are members of EKCA.	
4	<b>Public Participation:</b> None received.	Committee Clerk
5	<b>The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 for approval and signing:</b> Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6	<b>Action on Litter Project:</b> The Chairperson allowed a member of the public to speak on this item. Following a discussion. Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that the Environment Committee agrees to go ahead with this project and agreed to £3,000 being allocated from the Environment budget. Cllr D Cronk proposed an amendment to the recommendation that the Committee delegates authority to the Town Clerk to increase the budget if needed. This was accepted by the proposer. (P) Cllr Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk and DTC Officers
7	<b>Air Quality Monitor – Community use by EKCA:</b> Following a lengthy discussion. Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations:  1) The Environment Committee agrees to the attached draft Loan Agreement. 2) The Environment Committee agrees to hire out the DTC Air Quality Monitor device to EKCA and other community groups.  (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr B Bano. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk

8	<p><b>Climate &amp; Ecology Bill:</b> Following a discussion, Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Chairperson of the Environment Committee writes to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Climate and Ecology Bill expressing DTCs support.</li> <li>2. Climate Change Officer advises local press/media of DTC's support for Climate &amp; Ecology Bill</li> <li>3. Communications Officer to promote DTC's support of the Climate &amp; Ecology Bill on the Deal Town Council website.</li> </ol> <p>(P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr S Cullen. All Agreed.</p>	<p>Chairperson</p> <p>Climate Change Officer</p> <p>Comms Officer</p>
	<p><b>Mill Hill Planting Update:</b> Members RESOLVED to note this information and Cllr Bano thanked the Committee Clerk for all her hard work on this project.</p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.</b></p>	
	<p><b>The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.10pm</b></p>	

## DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Councillor S Beer, Chairperson of the Environment Committee; All Members

**From:** Nadine Miller, Climate Change & Communications Officer

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Subject:** Climate Action 2024 onwards

Deal Town Council has pledged to become carbon neutral by 2025. At Full Council in February 2022, members Resolved: To adopt the Carbon Reduction Strategy and Action Plan. This was updated in January 2023 with the introduction of a timetable of work until mid 2024.

At Full Council in September 2023 members noted the Climate Action Update reported progress to the year end.

This report builds on that work, showing decisions already taken and planned projects that will be carried out in line with our Carbon Reduction Strategy and Action Plan and Deal Town Plan, taking us to 2024 and beyond.

### Deal Town Council Climate Action Plan 2024

Month	Action	Deal Town Plan	Committee	Officer	status
June 2023	Paper Management	Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025.	Full Council	Climate Change Officer	Ongoing
	Solar Panels on the Town Hall	Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025.	Full Council	RFO	Ongoing
July 2023	Action on litter	Deal Town Council to work with local groups and DDC on a campaign about waste and recycling.	Environment	Committee Clerk	Ongoing
	Tree planting	Deal Town Council to work with DDC, KCC and local organisations to plant trees in urban areas.	Environment	Committee Clerk	Ongoing
	Hedge Pledge	Deal Town Council to work with local groups on a campaign to promote planting and maintaining hedges, keeping front gardens green, rewilding etc.	Environment	Committee Clerk/ Facilities Manager	Action plan attached
Oct 2023	Air Quality Monitor - community use	Deal Town Council to seek ways to engage better and make people feel they are listened to	Environment	RFO	Ongoing

	Declaration of Ecological Emergency	Deal Town Council to work with local groups on a campaign to promote planting and maintaining hedges, keeping front gardens green, rewilding etc.	Environment	Committee Clerk	Ongoing
Jan 2024	Compostable toilets at our allotment sites	Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025	Environment	Facilities Manager	Action plan attached
Feb 2024	Best foot forward	Deal Town Council to set up a campaign to reduce car use in the town by promoting walking scooting and cycling	Transport & Infrastructure	Committee Clerk/ Climate Change Officer/ Clerical Officer	Action plan attached
March 2024	Community Garden at Park Avenue Allotment site	Deal Town Council to review how voluntary and community groups are supported by the Council and establish what their needs are and how best to support them. Council to build links with organisations which support vulnerable people e.g. people living with dementia, neurodiversity, sight or hearing impairment.	Full Council	Town Clerk/ Facilities Manager/ Comms Officer	Action plan attached
June 2024	Deal Home Kitchen	Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025	Full Council	Climate Change Officer/ Clerical Officer	Action plan attached
Nov 2024	Deal Climate Action Day	Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025	Full Council	Climate Change Officer/ Assistant to the Town Clerk	Action plan attached

**Recommendation:** Members to consider and agree for recommendation to Full Council for approval.

**Decision required:** Members to consider the above recommendation.

<p><b>Project Title</b> The Hedge Pledge</p>
<p><b>1 PROJECT AIM</b> To plant hedgerow on our allotments and encourage residents to do the same</p>
<p><b>2 LEAD BODY:</b> Environment Committee  <b>LEAD PERSON:</b> Allotment officer  <b>OTHER OFFICERS</b> Committee Clerk/ /Climate Change &amp; Communications Officer</p>
<p><b>POTENTIAL PARTNERS:</b> The Tree Council, Woodland Trust, DDC and local organisations</p>
<p><b>3 PROJECT SUMMARY</b> Hedgerows are effective at storing significant amounts of carbon and provide benefits for wildlife. In early 2024 we will plant approximately 180 m of native hedgerow on the boundary of our Mill Hill allotment site - hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, crab apple, elder, dog rose and holly. We will encourage local residents to do the same by signposting people and local organisations to the Woodland Trust and Tree Council to apply for funding for hedgerows.</p>
<p><b>4 PROJECT PERIOD</b></p> <p>Winter 2023/24 onwards</p>
<p><b>5 EVIDENCE OF NEED:</b></p> <p><b>TOWN PLAN:</b> Deal Town Council to work with local groups on a campaign to promote planting and maintaining hedges, keeping front gardens green, rewilding etc.</p> <p><b>CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY:</b>  <b>Priority Area 4 – External Activities Management: Scope 3</b>  • Continue to help allotment holders to minimise their environmental impact  <b>Priority Area 5 – Carbon Emission Balancing</b>  • Green the urban area to improve the environment for people, birds, animals and insects</p> <p><b>DTC Declaration of Ecological Emergency</b> - implementing actions on local nature protection and recovery, including community engagement and partnership working.</p>
<p><b>5 TARGETS</b></p> <p>To create wildlife corridors in the town, capture carbon, enhance the environment in Deal and increase bio-diversity.</p>
<p><b>7 SUSTAINABILITY</b></p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p><b>8 ESTIMATED BUDGET</b> £858 – six subsidised hedgerow packs from the Woodland Trust</p> <p><b>OTHER RESOURCES</b> Staff time will be required to plant and maintain the hedgerows within the role of Allotment Officer.</p>

**Please complete the ACTION PLAN below if a detailed plan is available.**

## **9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN**

<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	<b>WHEN BY</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Order native plants from Woodland Trust	December 2023	Climate Change Officer/ Allotment Officer	Winter is the best time to plant saplings
Take delivery of and plant saplings	January 2024	Facilities Team	Photo opportunity
Document planting and issue press release, update website	January 2024 - ongoing	Comms Officer	We will update growth of the new hedgerow on website and social media
Promote Woodland Trust and Tree Council schemes that provided subsidised plants and grants to residents wishing to plant hedges	Summer 2024 onwards for autumn/winter planting	Comms Officer	Via social media and on our website – using our hedgerow as an example
Woodland Trust and Tree Council provide funding for up to £2,000 for community planting projects – DTC to work with DDC, KCC and local organisations to plant hedgerows in urban areas.	Spring 2024 onwards for autumn/winter planting	Committee Clerk	This will compliment the Tree Planting work already being undertaken by the Committee Clerk
Explore opportunities for further planting on our allotment site	Ongoing	Allotment Officer	Apply for external funding if opportunities arise.



<b>Project Title</b> Compostable toilets at our allotment sites
<b>1 PROJECT AIM</b> To provide environmentally sustainable toilets for allotment holders.
<b>2 LEAD BODY:</b> Finance & General Purposes Committee <b>LEAD PERSON:</b> Facilities Manager <b>OTHER OFFICERS:</b> Communications Officer
<b>POTENTIAL PARTNERS:</b>
<b>3 PROJECT SUMMARY</b> Compost toilets do not require plumbing so will save water and the waste produced can be used as compost or plant fertilizer. As we continue to develop our allotments for the benefits of plot holders and the broader community and environment, public convinces that are eco-friendly will be a great benefit.
<b>4 PROJECT PERIOD</b>  January 2024 onwards
<b>5 EVIDENCE OF NEED:</b>  <b>TOWN PLAN:</b> Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025.  <b>CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY:</b> <b>Priority Area 4 – External Activities Management: Scope 3</b> • Continue to help allotment holders to minimise their environmental impact  <b>DTC Declaration of Ecological Emergency</b> - implementing actions on local nature protection and recovery, including community engagement and partnership working.
<b>5 TARGETS</b>  To house a compost toilet on each of our allotment sites at Park Avenue, Mill Road and Golf Road. To provide facilities for plot holders and to groups that we may invite to our sites in the future e.g. school groups.
<b>7 SUSTAINABILITY</b>  Ongoing
<b>8 ESTIMATED BUDGET</b> £6,000  <b>OTHER RESOURCES</b> Staff time will be required to periodically maintain the toilets.
Please complete the <b>ACTION PLAN</b> below if a detailed plan is available.

## 9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED	WHEN BY	WHO	NOTES
Identify a site on each allotment.	November 2023	Facilities Manager	
Order three units.	January 2024	Facilities Manager	<a href="#">Instructions</a>
Share the news with plot holders about where the toilets will be, when they will arrive and how to use them.	January 2024	Facilities Manager	
Take delivery and install a toilet on each site.	February 2024	Facilities Manager	
Facilities team training for compost toilet maintenance .	February 2024	Facilities Manager	
Issue press release about new compost toilets on our allotments.	Spring 2024	Comms Officer	Photo opportunity

<p><b>Project Title</b> Best Foot Forward</p>
<p><b>1 PROJECT AIM</b> Encouraging more people to walk or cycle instead of driving</p>
<p><b>2 LEAD BODY:</b> DTC Transport &amp; Infrastructure Committee  <b>LEAD PERSON:</b> Committee Clerk and Climate Change &amp; Communications officer  <b>OTHER OFFICERS:</b> Clerical Officer</p>
<p><b>POTENTIAL PARTNERS:</b> DDC and KCC</p>
<p><b>3 PROJECT SUMMARY</b></p> <p>The average petrol car on the road in the UK produces the equivalent of 290g of CO2 every mile. We would ask people to commit to swapping one or more journeys a week, leaving the car at home.</p> <p>We'd host this on a webpage and share health stats and climate stats too that it would positively affect change. We will ask people to pledge a certain amount of miles a month and we will record that mileage.</p> <p>We will signpost local business and organisations to encourage employees and members to sign up. People who sign up will be entered into a monthly draw where they can win free e-bike hire for the day for two people from Hut 55.</p> <p>This campaign will start in March to coincide with Earth Hour will run for six months through the summer to #Cycle September. In September we will add up how many miles people had promised to swap and share the amount of carbon potentially saved from those pledges.</p>
<p><b>4 PROJECT PERIOD</b></p> <p>Begin work February 2024</p>
<p><b>5 EVIDENCE OF NEED:</b></p> <p><b>TOWN PLAN:</b> Deal Town Council to set up a campaign to reduce car use in the town by promoting walking scooting and cycling</p> <p><b>CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY:</b>  <b>Priority Area 3 – Transport (Scopes 2 &amp; 3)</b> Encourage staff &amp; councillors to adopt sustainable transport options.  <b>Priority Area 6 – Helping Our Citizens and Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share the work the Council has undertaken to reduce its carbon footprint.</li> <li>• Work with local businesses and organisations to encourage more sustainability.</li> <li>• Encourage, promote, campaign for and foster good public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling</li> </ul>
<p><b>5 TARGETS</b></p>

To encourage as many people as possible to swap the car for walking or cycling. We would calculate the emissions that would be saved using the miles that have been pledged. Alternative travel has mental and physical health benefits too.

## 7 SUSTAINABILITY

### Ongoing

**8 ESTIMATED BUDGET** no additional cost as this would utilise existing resources.

**OTHER RESOURCES** Staff time will be required to set up and update the webpage and promote the project

**Please complete the ACTION PLAN below if a detailed plan is available.**

## 9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED	WHEN BY	WHO	NOTES
Create new page on the website to include a form to record monthly miles pledged and information about the benefits of walking and cycling and the positive affect to the environment by having less car journeys	February 2024	Climate Change and Communications officer	
Update DTC 'Local Walking' page	February 2024	Clerical Officer	
Prepare marketing materials	February 2024	Comms Officer	
Launch Best Foot Forward – to coincide with Earth Hour (supported by WWF)	23 March 2024	Comms Officer	Photo opportunity at Deal Market and press release
Cycle Friendly Deal	March 2024	Comms Officer	Continue to share existing online resources – guide people to sign up
E-bike monthly winners	April onwards	Comms Officer	Photograph and share news of the winner
Signpost local businesses and organisations to raise awareness of the project	April 2024	Comms Officer	

**Project Title** Community Garden

**1 PROJECT AIM**

To create a Community Garden at our Park Avenue allotment site.

**2 LEAD BODY:** Full Council

**LEAD PERSON:** Town Clerk

**OTHER OFFICERS:** Facilities Manager and Communications Officer.

**POTENTIAL PARTNERS:** Deal voluntary and community groups.

**3 PROJECT SUMMARY** There is a small area on the right-hand side, next to the shed, at our Park Avenue allotment site that is too small for a plot and is sited next to the compost area and a steep bank. To create four raised beds and inviting local groups to tend them will make great use of the area.

The new handrail and improved pathway makes the Park Avenue site more accessible and raised beds will be easier to garden. We will invite voluntary and community groups to use them, providing them with the joy of working with and in nature.

We have already been approached by local charities and organisations seeking plots for their members to use, the benefits of working outdoors with nature being well documented.

Each raised bed would be offered for a year (from early spring to winter) so as many groups as possible can benefit.

**4 PROJECT PERIOD**

January 2024 onwards

**5 EVIDENCE OF NEED:**

**TOWN PLAN:** Deal Town Council to review how voluntary and community groups are supported by the Council and establish what their needs are and how best to support them.

Council to build links with organisations which support vulnerable people e.g. people living with dementia, neurodiversity, sight or hearing impairment.

**CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY:**

**Priority Area 4 – External Activities Management: Scope 3**

- Continue to help allotment holders to minimise their environmental impact

**Priority Area 5 – Carbon Emission Balancing**

- Green the urban area to improve the environment for people, birds, animals and insects

**Priority Area 6 – Helping Our Citizens and Businesses**

- Work with local businesses and organisations to encourage more sustainability

**DTC Declaration of Ecological Emergency** - implementing actions on local nature protection and recovery, including community engagement and partnership working.

## 5 TARGETS

Giving people access to nature and the environment, improving physical and mental health and to build links with voluntary and community groups.

## 7 SUSTAINABILITY

It will run from spring to winter each year.

## 8 ESTIMATED BUDGET £1,500

**OTHER RESOURCES:** staff time to construct and fill the raised bed and managing the application process.

Please complete the **ACTION PLAN** below if a detailed plan is available.

## 9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED	WHEN BY	WHO	NOTES
Build the raised beds	January 2024	Facilities Manager	
Create a simple application form with set criteria for people to apply	January 2024	Town Clerk, Facilities Manager	Applications will be approved at the discretion of the Town Clerk and Facilities Manager
Begin publicity to encourage local charities and organisations to apply	February 2024	Comms Officer	Press release/photo call, updated website and social media
The first four groups will begin to tend their raised beds	Spring 2024	Facilities Manager	Photo opportunity
Review the first year of scheme	Winter 2024	Town Clerk, Facilities Manager	
Explore feasibility of creating similar areas at the Mill Road and Golf Road sites	Winter 2024	Facilities Manager	

<b>Project Title</b> Deal Home Kitchen
<b>1 PROJECT AIM</b> To make it more appealing for people to cook vegetarian and vegan recipes by celebrating local culinary expertise.
<b>2 LEAD BODY:</b> Full Council <b>LEAD PERSON:</b> Climate Change & Communications Officer <b>OTHER OFFICERS:</b> Clerical Officer  <b>POTENTIAL PARTNERS:</b> local restaurants, cafes, pubs and residents.
<b>3 PROJECT SUMMARY</b> meat and dairy are one of our biggest contributors to climate change that is in our gift to control and going <a href="#">meat free</a> , even for one day a week has an impact. Sharing recipes from Deal businesses will provide a local connection for people and give them tasty alternatives to meat and/or dairy meals.
<b>4 PROJECT PERIOD</b>  Preparation to begin in February 2024 for launch on Saturday 8 June to Sunday 16 June 2024 – Great Big Green Week.
<b>5 EVIDENCE OF NEED:</b>  <b>TOWN PLAN:</b> Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025.  <b>CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY:</b> <b>Priority Area 6 – Helping Our Citizens and Businesses</b> • Work with local businesses and organisations to encourage more sustainability.
<b>5 TARGETS</b>  To provide local and easily accessible vegetarian or vegan recipes and celebrate Great Big Green Week.
<b>7 SUSTAINABILITY</b>  Saturday 8 June to Sunday 16 June 2024 – Great Big Green Week.
<b>8 ESTIMATED BUDGET:</b> Staff time  <b>OTHER RESOURCES</b>
Please complete the <b>ACTION PLAN</b> below if a detailed plan is available.

## 9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED	WHEN BY	WHO	NOTES
Contact the Chamber of Trade and Deal catering businesses that we are aware of and ask them to submit a vegetarian or vegan recipe. We will also promote the project online for caterers to get in contact with us directly. There will also be a disclaimer on the webpage explaining every effort has been made. The website can be updated regularly.	February 2024	Clerical Officer	
Create a draft web page on Deal.gov.uk called Deal Home Kitchen and compile a list of submitted recipes along with a picture of the caterer/business	March onwards 2024	Comms Officer	
The web page will go live in June and we will share recipes on social media throughout Great Big Green Week	Saturday 8 June to Sunday 16 June 2024	Comms Officer	
Encourage local residents to share their vegetarian or vegan recipes and post them on the website and online	June 2024 onwards	Comms Officer	



<p><b>Project Title</b> Deal Climate Action Day</p>
<p><b>1 PROJECT AIM</b> An exhibition showcasing the climate action work being undertaken in Deal.</p>
<p><b>2 LEAD BODY:</b> Full Council  <b>LEAD PERSON:</b> Climate Change &amp; Communications Officer  <b>OTHER OFFICERS:</b> Assistant to the Town Clerk, Facilities Manager, Committee Clerk</p> <p><b>POTENTIAL PARTNERS:</b> Chamber of Trade, Deal With It, Pick Deal Clean, Sandown Gardens, Captain's Garden, Deal Radio, Deal Repair Café, EKCA.</p>
<p><b>3 PROJECT SUMMARY</b> During Cop 29 in November 2024 we will open the Town Hall to local groups and organisations taking action to tackle climate change.</p> <p>It will be an exhibition showcasing how we think global by acting local. Groups and organisations, including Deal Town Council, will be able to discuss their work, how it makes a positive impact and to share how people can get involved.</p> <p>The exhibition will be held on Saturday 16 November and be open to the public.</p>
<p><b>4 PROJECT PERIOD</b></p> <p>Saturday 16 November 2024 – to coincide with COP 29.</p>
<p><b>5 EVIDENCE OF NEED:</b></p> <p><b>TOWN PLAN:</b> Deal Town Council has committed a carbon reduction strategy plan from 2022 to 2025 to assist with the Council's commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2025.</p> <p><b>CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY:</b>  <b>Priority Area 6 – Helping Our Citizens and Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share the work the Council has undertaken to reduce its carbon footprint.</li> <li>• Work with local businesses and organisations to encourage more sustainability.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5 TARGETS</b></p> <p>To celebrate the work being done in the town to tackle climate change and share that information with residents, giving them an opportunity to get involved with local action.</p>
<p><b>7 SUSTAINABILITY:</b> Opportunity to become an annual event.</p>
<p><b>8 ESTIMATED BUDGET:</b> Staff time and free hire of the Town Hall.</p>

## OTHER RESOURCES

Please complete the ACTION PLAN below if a detailed plan is available.

### 9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED	WHEN BY	WHO	NOTES
Book Town Hall	December 2023	Facilities Manager	
Confirm layout and order of the day and agree booking form	January 2024	Facilities Manager, Climate Change Officer, Assistant to the Town Clerk, Environment Committee Clerk	
Contact local groups to invite them to exhibit at the Town Hall and send booking form to them	February 2024	Climate Change Officer	
Confirm attendees	March 2024	Climate Change Officer	
Begin publicising Deal Climate Action Day	April 2024	Comms Officer	
Contact neighbouring councils to invite them and share the publicity	May 2024	Assistant to the Town Clerk	
Contact attendees to remind and update them about the day	September	Climate Change Officer, Facilities Manager	
Prepare information for Deal Town Council exhibition stand	September	Climate Change & Comms Officer	
Prepare Town Hall to host the event	Friday 15 November 2024	Facilities Manager	
Host the Deal Climate Action Day and stand	Saturday 16 November	Climate Change & Comms Officer	

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Councillor S Beer – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**Subject:** Declaration of Ecological Emergency

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At October's Full Council meeting members considered the recommendation from this committee and **RESOLVED:** *To declare an ecological emergency and agree to the Environment Committee implementing actions on local nature protection and recovery, including community engagement and partnership working.*

This agenda includes a report on The Deal Town Council Climate Action Plan 2024 (agenda item 6) which contains two actions plans for consideration that support the Council's declaration of an ecological emergency, these are the Community Garden and Compostable Toilets at Allotments projects.

Following the resolution above, should members have any projects that they wish to bring to the Committee for consideration, the project action plan template can be found on the Councillor shared drive. Members need to complete these in detail and send them to the Committee Clerk and Town Clerk to review content and to check the viability of the project before submission onto the agenda.

Please be aware that if you are sending a project plan template, the Committee Clerk will need to receive them at least three weeks prior to the Committee meeting date.

**Recommendation:** Members to submit project plans to the February Environment Committee.

**Decision required:** Members to consider the above recommendation.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Councillor S Beer – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**Subject:** National Grid Sea Link Project – Start of Statutory Consultation

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Deal Town Council have been notified that the National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), are launching a statutory consultation on the proposed Sea Link Project.

The Project involves the reinforcement of the electricity transmission network between Suffolk and Kent, predominantly via an offshore High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) link, but with onshore elements to connect into the transmission network. The proposed project is split into three key elements, as follows:

The Suffolk Onshore scheme

- A connection from the existing transmission network via the proposed Friston Substation, including the substation itself. Friston Substation already has development consent as part of other third-party projects. If Friston Substation has already been constructed under another consent, only a connection into the substation would be constructed by Sea Link
- A high voltage alternating current (HVAC) underground cable of approximately 1.7 km in length between the proposed Friston Substation and a proposed converter station (below)
- A 2 GW high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station up to 26 m high plus external equipment (such as lightning protection & railings for walkways) near Saxmundham
- A HVDC underground cable connection of approximately 10 km in length between the proposed converter station near Saxmundham, and a transition joint bay (TJB) approximately 900 m inshore from a landfall point (below) where the cable transitions from onshore to offshore technology.
- A landfall on the Suffolk coast (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness).

The Offshore Scheme

- Approximately 130 km of subsea HVDC cable, running between the Suffolk landfall location (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness), and the Kent landfall location at Pegwell Bay.

The Kent Onshore Scheme

- A landfall point on the Kent coast at Pegwell Bay.
- A TJB approximately 800 m inshore to transition from offshore HVDC cable to onshore HVDC cable, before continuing underground for approximately 2 km to a proposed new converter station (below).
- A 2 GW HVDC converter station, up to 26 m high plus external equipment (such as lightning protection & railings for walkways), near Minster. A new substation would be located immediately adjacent.
- Removal of approximately 1 km of existing HVAC overhead line, and installation of approximately 2.25 km of new HVAC overhead line from the converter station and substation near Minster and the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line.

The project also includes modifications to sections of existing overhead lines in Kent and Suffolk, diversions of third-party assets, and land drainage from the construction and operational footprint. It also includes opportunities for environment mitigation, compensation and enhancement (such as hedgerow creation and native tree planting). The construction phase will involve various temporary construction activities including working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, storage, accesses, bellmouths, and haul roads, as well as watercourse crossings and the diversion of public rights of way (PROWs).

More detailed information on this project and the **feedback form** for this consultation can be found using the following link: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/sealink>

**For Committee information, please see overleaf the consultation questions relevant to the Kent area. The deadline for this consultation is 11.59pm 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

### **Recommendations:**

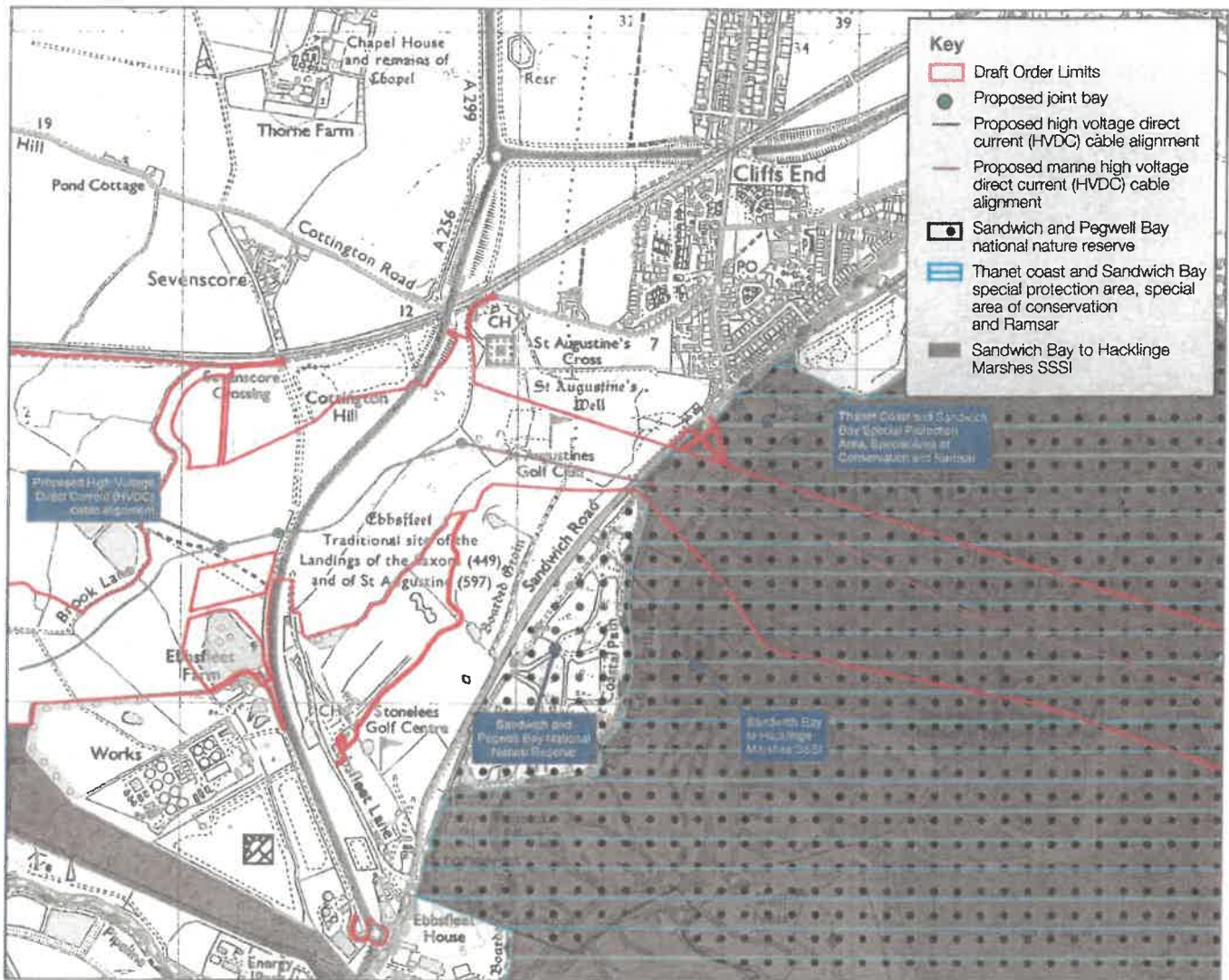
1. Members to bring answers to the attached consultation questions to the meeting so a collective Committee response can be agreed, and then delegate authority to the Committee Clerk to feedback response to the National Grid.

**Or**

2. Members to complete the consultation questions on the National Grid Sealink feedback form individually.

**Decision required:** Members to consider the above recommendations.

# Landfall



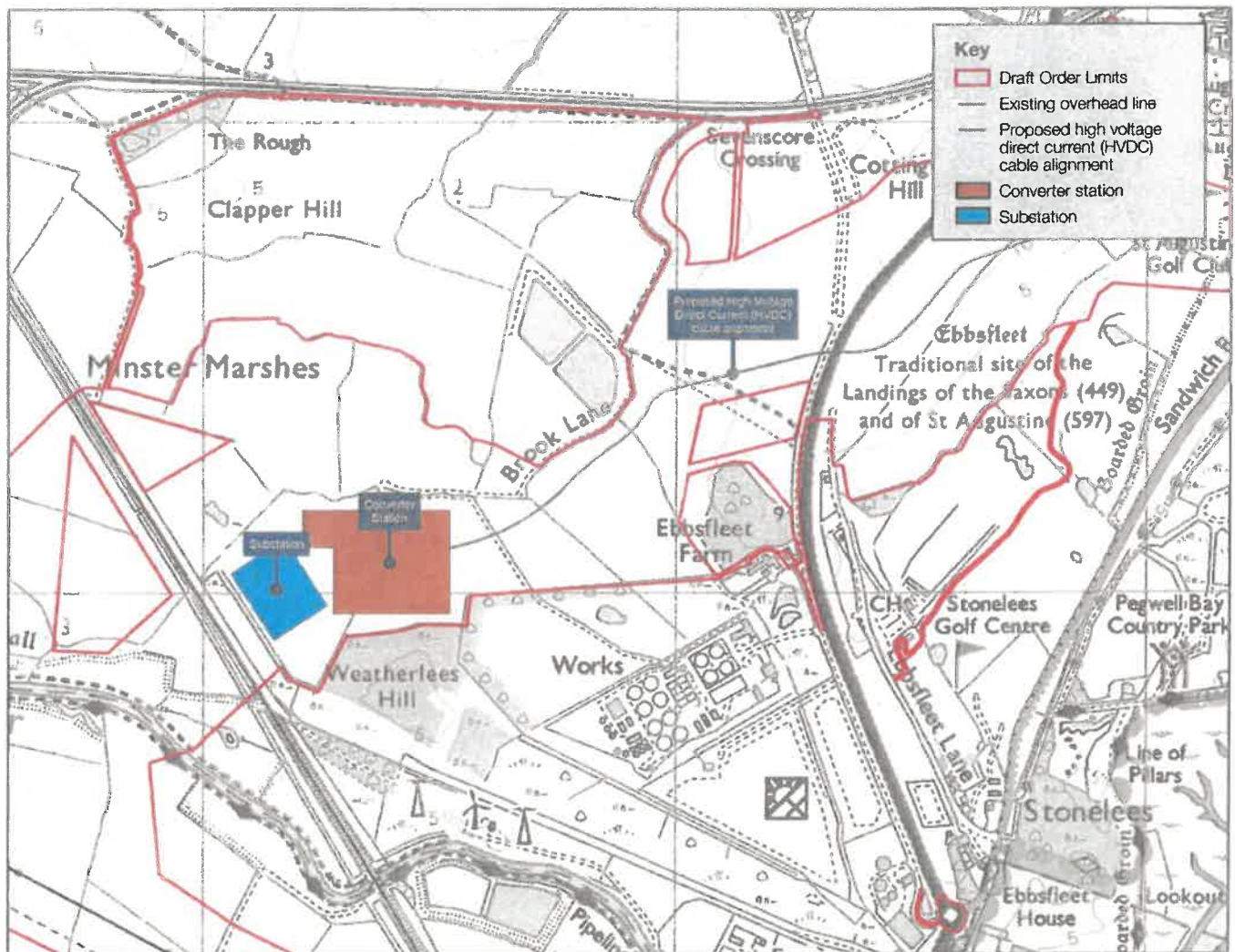
## 12. What do you think about our proposed landfall at Pegwell Bay?

- ☐ I think this is the best location for the landfall
- ☐ I have no preference either way
- ☐ I do not think this is the best location for the landfall

**Tell us more about why you selected this option and anything else you would like us to take into consideration:**



## High voltage direct current (HVDC) cable corridor

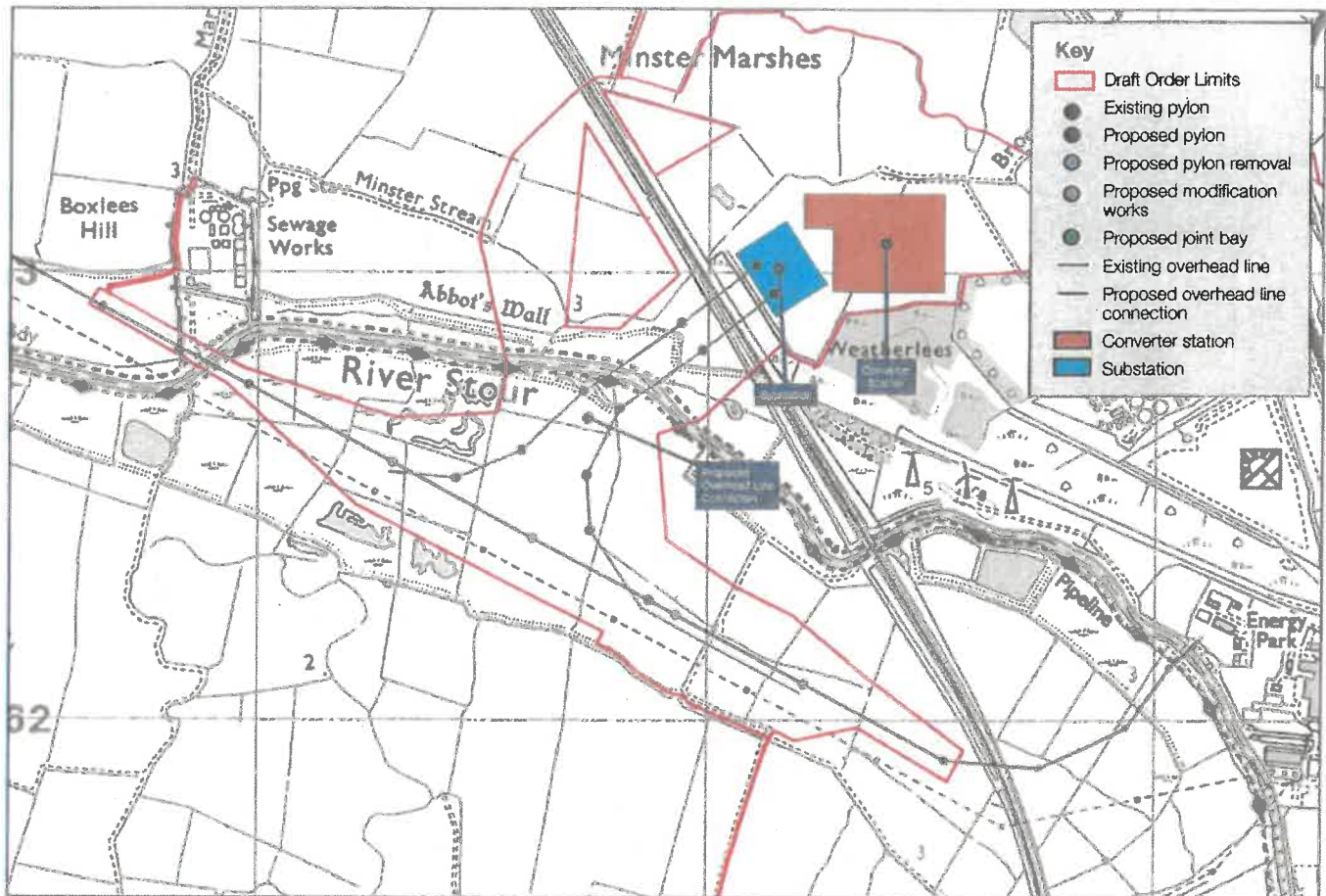


### 13. What do you think about our proposed HVDC cable route in Kent?

- ☐ I think this is the best cable route
- ☐ I agree with some elements of the proposed cable route, but disagree with others
- ☐ I have no preference either way
- ☐ I disagree with the proposed cable route

**Tell us more about why you selected this option and anything else you would like us to take into consideration:**

## Minster substation and converter station



**14. What do you think about our proposed converter station and adjacent substation near Minster?**

- ☐ I think the substation and the converter station are in the right location
- ☐ I have no preference either way
- ☐ I do not think the substation and the converter station are in the right location

**Tell us more about why you selected this option and anything else you would like us to take into consideration:**



15. We have identified several design approaches for the proposed converter station. Which approach(es) would you like to see explored at later design stages?

Please select all that apply

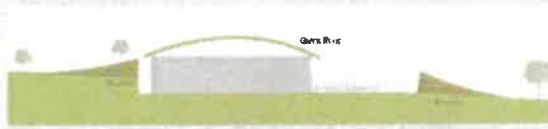
☐ Enhanced elevations



☐ Colour



☐ Green roof



☐ Agricultural barns



☐ Colour & curve



☐ Kinetic



Tell us more about why you selected the above option(s) and anything else you would like us to take into consideration:

## Overhead line connection

16. What do you think about our plans to use overhead lines to connect the proposed substation into the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line?

- ☐ I agree with the plans to use an overhead line connection
- ☐ I have no preference either way
- ☐ I disagree with the plans to use an overhead line connection

**Tell us more about why you selected this option and anything else you would like us to take into consideration:**

## Anything else?

17. Is there anything further you would like us to take into consideration when developing our proposals in Kent?

## Construction

### 18. Do you have any key concerns regarding the construction stage of Sea Link?

Please select all that apply

- ☐ Impact on people
- ☐ Landscape and visual impact
- ☐ Ecology and biodiversity
- ☐ Air quality
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Traffic and transportation
- ☐ Archaeology
- ☐ Public access to rights of way (such as bridleways)
- ☐ Disruption to land use
- ☐ Drainage
- ☐ Impact on tourism
- ☐ Impact on recreational activities
- ☐ Other (please specify)

## Environmental areas

We are exploring opportunities for developing environmental areas as part of the project, which may include landscaping and planting for mitigation, compensation, and enhancement purposes. This would include biodiversity net gain, delivering an increase in habitat value for wildlife after the project is completed, compared with the pre-development baseline.

19. **Do you have any comments about how we could deliver environmental mitigation and enhancement (such as hedgerow creation, native tree planting or funding local wildlife groups) as part of our proposals?**

## Anything else?

20. Do you have any other comments about Sea Link to give that you have not previously mentioned?

## Our consultation

Please let us know your views on the quality of our printed and online consultation materials, our public consultation events and online webinars, how we have notified people about our proposals and anything else related to this consultation.

**21. How did you hear about this consultation?**

**Please select all that apply**

- ☐ Received a letter or email from National Grid Electricity Transmission
- ☐ Received a letter or email from Dalcour Maclaren or TerraQuest
- ☐ Received information from a local authority
- ☐ Informed by a local councillor or parish/town council
- ☐ Saw an advert in a local newspaper/publication
- ☐ Saw coverage in local and/or national media
- ☐ Saw an advert on social media
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Other (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

**22. What did you think of the information we have published for this consultation in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand?**

- ☐ Very good    ☐ Good    ☐ Average    ☐ Poor    ☐ Very poor    ☐ Unsure

**Tell us more about why you selected the above option and anything else you would like us to take into consideration:**

**23. Did you attend any of the following events/meetings?**

**Please select all that apply**

- ☐ Public information exhibitions
- ☐ Online webinars
- ☐ Ask the experts session
- ☐ Meeting with Sea Link land team (Dalcour Maclaren)

**24. If you attended one of our public information exhibitions, how did you find it?**

☐ Very informative    ☐ Quite informative    ☐ Not informative    ☐ No opinion

**25. If you attended one of our online webinars, how did you find it?**

☐ Very informative    ☐ Quite informative    ☐ Not informative    ☐ No opinion

**26. Do you have further comments about our materials, consultation process or any suggestions for how we can improve our consultation?**





## Equality and diversity

National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) would be grateful if you could answer the following inclusion and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements.

We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed. The answers you provide to these questions may be defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide equality and diversity information, you can withdraw your permission at any time.

To withdraw your details, please contact us via email at [contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com).

If you wish to receive consultation documents in paper copy, or in another format, please send us a request using the details provided within this feedback form and NGET will organise for relevant materials to be issued (please note print charges may apply).

### 27. What is your gender?

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to say

### 28. Do you consider yourself a person with a disability?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

### 29. How would you describe your ethnic background?

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African, Caribbean or Black British                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups                              | <input type="checkbox"/> African                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black, African or Caribbean background (please state) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian                                              |                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab                                                            |
|                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group (please state)                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British                                       |                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani                                                    |                                                                                          |

### 30. What is your age?

- ☐ Under the age of 13 ☐ 13-17 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44  
☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65+ ☐ Prefer not to say

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor S Beer – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**Subject:** Action on Litter Project Update

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At the Environment Committee meeting held in October, the above project was discussed by Committee and *Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that the Environment Committee agrees to go ahead with this project and agreed to £3,000 being allocated from the Environment budget. Cllr D Cronk proposed an amendment to the recommendation that the Committee delegates authority to the Town Clerk to increase the budget if needed.*

A meeting was arranged for the 14<sup>th</sup> November by the Committee Clerk at the Town Hall and was attended by: Cllr Sue Beer – Deal Town Council, Laura Marney - DTC Committee Clerk, Helen Charlton - Pick Deal Clean, Steve Wakeford - Deal With It, Julie Kemp & Dave Lister – Environment Leads from the Deal Rotary Pirates and Victoria Nicholls – Deal With It.

This meeting was an initial discussion on how to address waste and litter in Deal and its origin.

**Issues discussed:**

- Bins on streets overflowing and not always emptied daily.
- Domestic waste collection is not always efficient - spillage on streets.
- Weather, foxes, and birds distributing waste from bins and recycling containers.
- Recent growth in waste especially from fast food and drinks containers.

**Origins of waste and litter problems:**

- Inconsiderate residents and visitors.
- Events producing extra litter and waste.
- Holiday accommodation providers & renters are not dealing appropriately with their waste.
- Fast food containers from cafes and restaurants.

**Suggestions for action:**

- More awareness raising – stickers on bins etc about appropriate use
- Communications with accommodation providers (owners and cleaning companies)
- Communications with business owners on bins for fast food and drink containers
- Use of Deal TC Green Grants to help fund changes.

A further meeting of this group is planned for January 2024, to put a definitive action plan in place for this project, hopefully this meeting will have attendance from a relevant DDC Officer. An update will be brought to the February Environment Committee meeting.

**Decision required:** Members to note the above information.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Councillor S Beer – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk  
**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**Subject:** Cowdray Square Play Area – Damaged Trees

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Deal Town Council have received correspondence from a Deal resident with concerns over the damaged trees at the Cowdray Square Play Area.

The Committee Clerk contacted the Parks & Open Spaces Manager at Dover District Council by email and attached photographs (**see over**) showing the condition of the damaged trees and received back the following response:

*This was definitely not storm damage. Unfortunately, the trees have been vandalised and snapped intentionally.*

*The replanting will be subject to budget but also reviewing what measures could be put in place to ensure they survive. I do not want to waste Taxpayers money if they are going to be vandalised once again.*

*It is something I have come across before so I will discuss with senior managers and the portfolio holder.*

The Committee Clerk will keep the Environment Committee updated with any further information received from DDC regarding the damaged trees and bring this to a future meeting.

**Decision required:** Members to note the above information.







