

Proposed Play Area for the Environmental Park

Following representation from the public for a new central play area at the Annual Town Meeting in 2014, the Town Council has been negotiating with the Trustees of Knole to take over the management of part of the Environmental Park adjacent to the Leisure Centre.

Knole Trustees have agreed to the Town Council having an area of the Environmental Park for a play area for a lease of 10 years on a peppercorn rent. The footpaths would remain a public right of way. The lease will commence on 1st October 2015.

An initial working party will take place on 17 October 2015 to clear up the site. All volunteers would be welcomed and appreciated.

The Town Council has sought quotations for the provision and installation of play areas to a budget of £100,000. The Town Council has committed to paying half of this and the rest needs to come from external grants and or fundraising. Local Businesses have started the fundraising by holding a raffle at the Annual Business Awards.

The designs from the quotations were made available for public consultation during the complete month of July either at an exhibition at the Stag or the exhibition at Sencio or online. A considerable and diverse number of replies were received. The chosen scheme is from Sutcliffe Play and is shown on the photograph.





3rd October

Sevenoaks Pink Party

3 – 5 p.m

Vine Gardens



8th November

Remembrance Service

10.50 a.m

War Memorial



7th November

Torchlight Parade & Fireworks Evening

High Street



27th November

Christmas Lights Switch On

6.00 p.m

(7.30 for lights)

High Street

Improvements to the Vine Gardens Continue

Café
on the
Vine



The Café on the Vine is due to open on Saturday, 26th September 2015.

The proposed opening hours of the Vine Café are Wednesday to Sunday 8:30am to 4pm (6pm April to September) however it may be occasionally open later for events.

The Town Council hopes that the provision of the Vine Café as well as being a public facility will encourage more members of the community to use the Vine Gardens; support community events taking place in the Vine Gardens, particularly in relation to the evening economy including Thursday bandstand evenings during the summer and also where possible promote Kent produced food and drink products.

Profits from the café will be reinvested into the local community.

Cllr Andrew Eyre, Chairman of Sevenoaks Town Council's Open Spaces & Leisure Committee said:

"This is another example of the Town Council's commitment to making things better for the people of Sevenoaks. A welcome rest for those enjoying the bandstand concerts the Town Council organises or watching the cricket – or simply an excellent cup of coffee on the way to the station for those with less leisure time. We heard the people and we are responding. I know that everyone will enjoy these new facilities when they open."

Toddlers Play Area

Adjacent to the café will be a toddlers play area to keep young children

amused whilst parents are enjoying their cup of coffee.

Vine Public Toilets

The Town Council has also committed to improved and refurbished public toilets on the Vine Gardens. The current disabled toilet will be converted into a unisex toilet and a new disabled toilet will be provided. The project cost of approx. £23,000 has been assisted with a grant of approx. £10,000 towards this via Cllr Margaret Crabtree at Kent County Council.

Bridge

The current bridge over the pond is quite old and worn and therefore a new bridge is to be commissioned and built.

Sevenoaks Hanging Baskets 2015

Our thanks to all the generous traders in the Town Centre who contributed to the hanging baskets this summer, who are listed below:

Graham Webb
Helen Breeze
Sevenoaks Art Shop
Especially Health
Sevenoaks Hearing
Centre
County Perry

Berry & Lamberts
Mobile Phone Centre
Paydens Ltd
Sevenoaks Bookshop
Francis Jones Jewellers
Go Coach
Specsavers

Leslie Warren Opticians
Tesco
Handelsbanken
Warners Solicitors
Sencio



Neighbourhood Development Plan



Further public consultation in relation to the Neighbourhood Development plan will be held during September and October. The feedback from the public consultation has been divided into key topics as shown below. In addition an Integrated Transport Plan has been published, this can be viewed at STNP.co.uk

Comments from the public on all this information would be most welcomed and can be emailed to: planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or posted to Sevenoaks Town Council, Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3QG.

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**Sevenoaks Neighbourhood
Development Plan
Background**

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Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will set out a vision for development in the town over the next 15 – 20 years. 1,000 households responded to the first round of consultation via a questionnaire. All public responses can be viewed at **STNP.co.uk**

The following key areas identified in the responses are now being reviewed as to whether appropriate for NDP or other community strategy.

Public consultation will continue throughout the process.

To comment on these proposed topics or for more information, please email planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or visit STNP.co.uk

In the questionnaire we asked respondents to give their top 3 words to describe Sevenoaks, the word cloud below sets out the responses we received, size of word correlates to the number of times the word was used.



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**Sevenoaks Neighbourhood
Development Plan
Housing Standards**

Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan Housing Standards

1. Promotion of multi-generational homes
2. Promote preferred locations for care Homes, sheltered housing and social housing
3. Promote more housing for key workers and starter homes



Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan Architecture and Design Quality

1. Provide detailed guidance on the preferred style, density, scale and height for identified development sites. Including a skyline survey
2. Endorsement of 'Local List' detailing features of significant architectural merit to be retained
3. Protection of the architectural characteristics of the town
4. Improve the gateways into and out of the town, including stations



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Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan Access and Movement

1. Undertake Integrated Transport Study
2. Promote effective pedestrian, cycling and vehicle strategy
3. Improve access to public spaces
4. Develop initiatives to improve public transport, school transport, taxis and electric vehicle charging points
5. Enable accessibility to both platforms at Bat & Ball station
6. Consider 20 mph speed limits in areas of the town
7. Consideration for Sevenoaks to be involved in TfL / Oyster / Metro
8. Retention of pathways, historic alleyways and promote for pedestrian use
9. Consider viability shared space schemes
10. Re-open the arches under the railway for cycle and walking routes across the town
11. Introduce a clear and cohesive signage strategy



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Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan Countryside and Surrounding Settlements

1. Protect Green Belt and Green Spaces
2. Plan positively and anticipate potential green belt revisions and identify future development sites in the town
3. Opening up the Wildlife Reserve from Otford Road
4. When landfill site becomes available re-use for public open space and sports provision
5. Support for tree retention and tree planting



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Sevenoaks Neighbourhood Development Plan Public Space and Civic Life

1. Improve areas that detract from the positive character of the town
2. Regeneration of Bat & Ball area
3. Enhance the Bradbourne Park Lakes area
4. Improve the public realm and preserve cultural assets
5. Deliver improved sports facilities and provision
6. Encourage cultural provision for town centre
7. Development of station area
8. Promote and support public use of public open spaces and community facilities within
9. Encourage improved hotel provision



MONDAY TO SATURDAY NO 8 HOURLY BUS SERVICE INTO AND AROUND SEVENOAKS



PROVIDED BY:



New hourly No 8 bus service for access to Sevenoaks Town Centre

One of the issues raised in the consultation for the Neighbourhood Development Plan was for the access to the town centre by public transport and alleviating problems for car parking.

Sevenoaks Town Council has been working on solutions for this and other related matters and commissioned an Integrated Transport Study which is now available for consultation.

Specifically in relation to the public transport access into the town centre the Town Council is delighted to report that an agreement has been reached with Kent County Council and Go Coaches for the provision of a regular hourly bus service Mondays to Saturdays.

The bus service has been given the No 8 as it follows a figure of eight route around Sevenoaks.

Please see details of the proposed timetable

Sevenoaks Town Partnership & Go Coaches have successfully operated the Vintage Bus No 7 bus service during the summer months however the new additional provision Sevenoaks No 8 will be an all year round service.

Funding for the new No 8 bus service will be from s.106 funding (planning condition) and should cover the service for approx. 3 years. It is hoped that during the first three years of operation the No 8 bus will be used sufficiently to make it financially viable for future years.

The proposed fare for the bus is £2 single journey and £4 day ticket. Normal concessions will apply and the bus will be fully accessible and have wifi.

Allowing for legal route registrations etc it is hoped that the No 8 bus service will commence 2nd November 2015.

Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Stephen Arnold said *"I am very pleased that with the support of Kent County Council, Sevenoaks Town Council has, on the back of our very successful seasonal No.7 service, established the No. 8 bus to provide an additional public service route around Sevenoaks. This is a further example of our commitment to provide residents (and employees) all year round access to our retailers and businesses in the town centre. Our continuing and successful partnership with Go Coach is an important factor in this initiative, a local bus operator developing local routes for our community."*

Chairman of Sevenoaks Town Partnership and Director of Specsavers, Cllr Maxine Chakowa said: *"It is great that more people will be able to enjoy the High Street and not worry about parking."*

Shane Hymers from Kent County Council said: *"It has been an absolute privilege to be involved with such a proactive partnership in launching the new service 8. Bus travel must be accessible and affordable to all and with the modern vehicle allocated, reasonable fares and a route that links up the heart of the town, I am sure a recipe for success has been found."*

Go Coach Director, Matthew Arnold, said: *"Following on from the success of the seasonal vintage bus route 7 which the local community have wholeheartedly embraced, we're delighted to continue to work with our partners to deliver improvements to bus services in Sevenoaks. The new service 8 will provide links to a number of areas currently without a bus service and therefore improves accessibility for all."*

Sevenoaks town circular service

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operates Monday-Saturday except bank holidays. Service operated in partnership with Sevenoaks Town Council.

				Not Sat	Not Sat
Sevenoaks Bus Station	0900		1500	1700	1800
Sevenoaks Station	0904		1504	1704	1804
Brittains Lane/Croft Way	0907		1507	1707	1807
Julians Way	0910		1510	1710	1810
High St, opp Sevenoaks School	0913	<i>Then</i>	1513	1713	1813
Sevenoaks Bus Station arr	0915	<i>at</i>	1515	1715	1815
Sevenoaks Bus Station dep	0917	<i>these</i>	1517	1717	1817
Sevenoaks Station	0921	<i>times</i>	1521	1721	1821
Riverhead, 'The Riverhead' PH	0923	<i>past</i>	1523	1723	1823
Riverhead, Tesco arr	0925	<i>the</i>	1525	1725	1825
Riverhead, Tesco dep	0927	<i>hour</i>	1527	1727	1827
St John's Hill opp. The Castle PH (for hospital)	0931	<i>until</i>	1531	1731	1831
Wickenden Rd/Little Wood	0933		1533	1733	1833
Seal Hollow Road/Wildernesse Ave	0935		1535	1735	1835
Bayham Rd/Quakers Hall Lane	0937		1537	1737	1837
Sevenoaks Station	0942		1542	1742	1842
Sevenoaks Bus Station	0946		1546	1746	1846

Town Councillors 2015-2019

Name	Party
Eastern ward	
Cllr E T Waite	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Liberal Democrat
Kippington Ward	
Cllr A Eyre	Conservative
Cllr R J Parry	Conservative
Cllr R L Piper	Conservative
Northern Ward	
Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Conservative
Cllr P E Towell	Conservative
Cllr M Canet	Liberal Democrat
St Johns Ward	
Cllr M A Chakowa	Conservative
Cllr R M C Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr S G Raikes	Conservative
Town Ward	
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr E Parson	Conservative
Cllr O Schneider	Conservative
Wilderness Ward	
Cllr S L Arnold	Conservative

To contact a Sevenoaks Town Councillor,
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Functions & Facilities Provided By Sevenoaks Town Council

The Town Councils portion of the Council Tax for the financial year 2015/2016 is £803,102, equivalent to £88.69 per band D household.

- ALLOTMENTS
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x 2, St John's Hill x 3, Bradbourne Vale Road x 1, London Road x 4, Seal Road x 1, Tonbridge Road x 1*)
- CHRISTMAS TOWN CENTRE ILLUMINATIONS
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- CONSULTANTS (PLANNINGS, HIGHWAYS ETC)
- ENVIRONMENTAL PARK PLAY AREA
- FREE SUMMER CONCERTS/VINE BANDSTAND
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK CEMETERY
- GREATNESS RECREATION GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HANGING BASKETS
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Botolphs Road*)
- HITB (HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT) YOUTH CAFÉ
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- JUBILEE CLOCK (*Old Market House*)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW
- LAND AT:
 - LETTER BOX LANE
 - LITTLEWOOD
 - TONBRIDGE ROAD
- SPORTS PITCHES
- MARKETS
- MIDLINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE
- & PLAYGROUND
- NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- ORBITAL NO 8 BUS
- PLANTERS (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)
- PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- PUBLIC TOILETS (*The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns*)
- RALEYS CAR PARK
- RALEYS & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Available for hire; meetings, conferences
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
- SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- THE POUND
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES/CHAMBER – Available for hire; meetings, conferences
- TWINNING WITH RHEINBACH AND PONTIOISE
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC LITTER BINS, GRIT BINS
- VINE GARDENS (*including Public Toilet*)
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (*including Tea Kiosk*)
- INFO-PODS & DIGITAL DISPLAY SCREENS
- VINE CAFÉ
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE
- YOUTH COUNCIL

Saturday Markets Wednesday Market

High Street & Bligh's Meadow



Buckhurst Lane

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