



DEADLINE 8 RESPONSE
KENT DOWNS AONB RESPONSE TO
APPLICANT'S SUBMISSIONS AT DEADLINE 7
7.5 Design Principles V5

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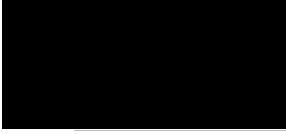
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Principle S1.17 has been amended and now combines the previously proposed total width of planting on both sides of the Brewers Lane bridge into one zone. A further amendment removes the previous specification as to which side of the bridge the planting should be provided on. Notwithstanding the AONB Unit's position that the widths of the planting remain inadequate, we are concerned that the amended wording provides uncertainty about which side of the bridge the planting should be provided which has potential implications for the visual impacts of the bridge and how this relates to the WCH routes and therefore experience for recreational users of the bridge. From a landscape connectivity perspective, the AONB Unit considers the bulk of any planting would be better placed on the east side of the bridge.

Principle S2.11 has been amended to remove requirements for a carpark to be provided at Thong Lane for recreational users. The AONB Unit has no objection to the removal of the requirement for a car park here.

Principle S2.12 has been amended and now combines the previously proposed total width of planting on both sides of the Thong Lane south bridge into one zone. A further amendment removes the previous specification as to which side of the bridge the planting should be provided on. Notwithstanding the AONB Unit's position that the widths of the planting remain inadequate, we are concerned that the amended wording provides uncertainty about which side of the bridge the planting should be provided which has potential implications for the visual impacts of the bridge, signalling entrance to the AONB and how this relates to the WCH routes and therefore experience for recreational users of the bridge. From a landscape

connectivity perspective, the AONB Unit considers the bulk of any planting would be better placed on the west side of the bridge.



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