

## Folkestone & Hythe District Core Strategy Review Examination

### Suggested Further Amendments to Policy SS1 on behalf of London Ashford Airport

1. A Joint Statement has been agreed by London Ashford Airport (LAA) and Folkestone & Hythe District Council (F&HDC) to address LAA's representations regarding policy for the airport, particularly Core Strategy Review Policy SS1: District Spatial Strategy.
2. Following the submission of the Joint Statement, we seek to put forward further minor alterations to Policy SS1 so that it is clearer, less ambiguous and so it is evident how F&HDC will react to development proposals at the Airport.
3. It is proposed that the sixth paragraph of Policy SS1 be further amended as follows:

Policy SS1: District Spatial Strategy [proposed new text underlined, changes to the Joint Statement wording shown **bold**]

*"The strategic growth of New Romney is also supported through Policy CSD8 to allow the market town to fulfil its potential to sustainably provide for the bulk of the housing, community infrastructure and commercial needs of the Romney Marsh Area. Development will also be planned at other identified settlements in line with the Settlement Hierarchy sufficient to ensure the achievement of growth requirements. In particular, development that helps to maintain and support the local role of the market town of Lydd can meet priority needs. **The Council acknowledges the positive impact that Lydd Airport could deliver in supporting the regeneration of Romney Marsh and surrounding areas. Accordingly, should development proposals, come forward for the further material expansion of the airport (over and above existing permissions and permitted development rights) the Council will work with the airport, the local community and other stakeholders to prepare and adopt an Action Area Plan for the site which, in the context of the acknowledged need to promote such regeneration, recognises and respects the integrity of nearby nationally and internationally designated sites of biodiversity value.**"*

4. These suggested changes are not agreed by F&HDC, but we request that the Inspectors consider this wording as an alternative to the agreed Joint Statement wording in the interests of improving the clarity of Policy SS1.