

## Matter 8C /South East England Regional Assembly



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## **Matter 8C: Thames Gateway Sub-Regional Strategy**

1. The process of developing the sub-regional strategies has been undertaken by the principal authorities. As such the Assembly, in general terms, supports the responses of the Principal Authority, in this case Kent County Council and Medway Council, involved in developing the sub-regional strategy. In this statement our response concentrates on the questions in relation to sub-matter 8Ciii: infrastructure and implementation only.

### **8Ciii Infrastructure and Implementation**

**8Ciii.1 Have the water supply and waste water treatment, and transport implications of the growth proposals been adequately considered (paras 2.25-27)?**

**8Ciii.2 Is the sub-regional development policy sufficiently robust to respond to the outcome of the strategic flood risk assessments as required by Policy KTG9?**

**8Ciii.3 Are the proposals in the Implementation Plan<sup>1</sup> (including for social and green infrastructure) clear, justified and well related to the spatial strategy (KTG12)? What are the priorities and is the organisational structure adequate?**

1. The Assembly's response to Matters ID and IOA sets out how infrastructure requirements have been considered and how the proposals in the Implementation Plan are related to the spatial strategy. For the first time at the regional and sub-regional levels the Implementation Plan specifically identifies the roles, responsibilities and actions required by specified organisations and other key stakeholders to deliver the objectives and policies in the Core Strategy and Sub Regional Strategies. These will be a mixture of investments, policy decisions and behavioural change.
2. The Assembly has worked closely with principal authorities to develop the Sub-regional infrastructure Investment Frameworks (SRIFs), which identify the Sub-regionally significant infrastructure investments required to deliver the spatial strategy. They have been prepared in liaison with the relevant statutory infrastructure providers, including the Environment Agency, energy and water utility companies, the Highways Agency and Network Rail. The SRIFs indicate whether the need for infrastructure is prior to or alongside development set out in the sub-regional strategy.
3. As a framework this provides a context within which detailed proposals for infrastructure requirements at the local level can be prepared through the local development framework process.

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<sup>1</sup> Updated by SEERA prior to EiP and available online at <http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan/key/infrastructure.html>