

# **Environmental and Operational Services**

**Chief Officer: Richard Wilson**

**Head of Parking and Surveying Services: Kevin Tomsett**

**Building Control Manager: Joe Brooks**

## **Areas of Responsibility**

- **Building Control**
- **Dangerous Structures**
- **Street Naming and Numbering**
- **Land Charges**
- **Event Management – Safety Advisory Groups**

## **Issues and Future Challenges**

- **Building Control – Shared Working with Tonbridge and Malling BC  
- Integration of IT Systems**
- **Land Registry Proposal for Local Land Charges**
- **Consultancy Services for Building Control**
- **Further Shared Service opportunities In Building Control**

# Planning Services

**Chief Officer: Richard Morris**  
**Strategic Planning Manager: Antony Lancaster**

## Areas of Responsibility

- **Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents**
- **Infrastructure - CIL and S106 spending**
- **Neighbourhood Planning**
- **Conservation**

## Issues and Future Challenges

- **Work programme for delivering new Local Plan**
- **Pace of change in National Government policy**
- **The Duty to Co-operate (working with neighbouring authorities and key agencies)**
- **Regeneration and growth (working with SDC economic development team)**
- **Delivering Affordable Housing (working with SDC housing team)**
- **Planning for Gypsies and Travellers**

# Planning Services

**Chief Officer: Richard Morris**  
**Development Manager: Mark Turner**

## **Areas of Responsibility**

- **Development Management - validation, assessment, determination**
- **Enforcement**
- **Trees**
- **CIL collection**

## **Issues and Future Challenges**

- **Busiest Planning Department in Kent**
- **Continued high performance**
- **Robust, defensible decisions**
- **Staffing – upturn in planning sector vacancies**
- **Pre-application Advice – quality of service**
- **Planning Enforcement – review of processes**