You can have your say between Monday 2 February and Friday 27 March 2015.

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Hello

We made this booklet to tell you about our plans for the new **Thanet Parkway railway station**.

Please tell us what you think.

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We are Kent County Council. We would like to build a new **parkway railway station** in Thanet.

A **parkway** station is a railway station that provides a **park and ride** facility.

The new station would be located on the existing railway line between Minster and Ramsgate stations.

The new station would be to the west of Cliffsend and to the south of the Manston Airport site.

You could get to the new station from the East Kent Access Road near the A256/A299 Sevenscore roundabout.
Chapter 1: Introduction

How can you help?

We would like to know what you think. Your ideas will help us plan this new station. There are a lot of ways you can help.

You can visit our website at www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway

You can come to talk to us at an event in Thanet, Dover or Herne Bay.

You can complete the questionnaire available online.

Difficult words are written in bold. There is a list of what these words mean at the end.
When can you help?

We would like to hear from you between **Monday 2 February** to **Friday 27 March 2015**.

You need to tell us by the end of the day on **Friday 27 March 2015**.
What else should you know?

Our proposed Thanet Parkway railway station is at a different location from the one proposed at Manston Green by the developers Cogent Land LLP.

The Manston Green development planning application no longer includes a parkway station.

This consultation is also different from the Thanet District Council’s public consultation on its Draft Thanet Local Plan.
Chapter 2: Why do we need a new parkway station?

East Kent is a long way from London by train. The new station and other rail improvements will make the journey quicker to get to East Kent.

We think if East Kent was easier to go to by train, there would be more businesses and jobs there.

The map below shows how the parkway station can help with business and jobs.

Note: information about development sites provided by developers.
Who are we working with?

We are working with the Department for Transport, Network Rail, Southeastern and Thanet District Council.

We are also talking to Dover District Council, the South East Local Enterprise Partnership and businesses at Discovery Park Enterprise Zone.
How will the proposed station be funded?

The cost to build the station is 14 million pounds.

The Government may give us 10 million pounds.

Kent County Council has given 1.5 million pounds.

We are talking to different people about the last 2.5 million pounds we need.
Chapter 3: What are our plans?

The station will be **unstaffed** with 2 platforms.

We plan to build small roads to connect the station with the new A256/A299 Sevenscore roundabout.

The station and car park would be completed by 2019.
Chapter 3: What are our plans?

You would be able to get to the station:

- by driving
- by bus
- by taxi
- by walking
- by cycling

The station will have wheelchair access.

You can read about our early plan at:

www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway
What facilities the station might have

- 2 Platforms with **real time journey information**
- Wheelchair access to the station entrance and platforms
- 1 ticket vending machine
- Lighting and CCTV
- A help point with buttons for emergencies and information
Chapter 3: What are our plans?

What the car park might look like
Chapter 4: Impacts

What will the impact be on existing railway users and stations?

We have thought about what could happen and we do not think there would be any major problems.

None of the current railway stations will close. There will not be reduced services at the current stations.

Overall we are planning to make the journey between Ramsgate and London 10 minutes quicker. But the new station would add two minutes to journeys to and from Ramsgate station.

An initial *Equality Impact Assessment* has not found anything that could impact people unfairly. We will review this continually.
Chapter 4: Impacts

What about the environment?

**Air quality**
We want to know if the air quality will not be as good because of building the station and more cars coming to the station.

**Flooding**
The site is in a low flood risk area but we will investigate the impact of the station further.

**Community**
We want to know how the station will affect people.

**Land use**
The station will be built on agricultural land and we will investigate this further.

**Noise**
We want to know how noise during building and trains calling at the station will affect people.
**Ground conditions**
We want to know if there is any pollution.

**History**
We will look at the history because the site is an area of historical interest.

**Wildlife**
We will look at the birds and animals that are on the land.

**Traffic**
We will see if there would be more traffic from construction and journeys to the station.

**Visibility**
We want to know if the station will alter the existing landscape.
Chapter 5: Benefits

What are the benefits?

The journey time to and from London will be faster.

It will be easier to get to development sites.

It will be better for the economy.

There will be more jobs.

It will help more people travel by train.
People will have access to High Speed 1.

It would get government funding.

It is great value for money.

There would be easy parking.

There would be better air quality and less congestion in Ramsgate.
Chapter 6: Tell us what you think

The questionnaire

Our plans are still very early. You can help us make them better.

Please fill in the questionnaire and let us know what you think. You may need some help with this.

You can fill in the questionnaire online at www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway

You can email our team for a paper copy thanetparkway@kent.gov.uk

You can fill in the questionnaire at events.

Public information events

You can come and see our team at one of the 7 drop-in events being held in February and March 2015. There is a table on the next page.
You can drop-in anytime to the public information events.

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Project Timeline:

- **Early engagement**: November 2014
- **Public consultation period**: February - March 2015
- **Feedback assessment**: May 2015
- **Complete outline design**: August 2015
- **Second public consultation**: January 2016
- **Submit planning application**: May 2016
- **Complete detailed design**: September 2017
- **Start construction**: December 2017
- **Station ready for service**: January 2019

We are here.
Chapter 6: Tell us what you think

The website

Our website also has a number of documents that will give you good information to read.

www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway

The website includes:

• This booklet

• The full *consultation* booklet

• Draft *Equality Impact Assessment*

• Station concept layout design report

• Draft business case report

• Other options analysis report
Chapter 6: Tell us what you think

Please provide your comments by Friday 27 March 2015

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Visit our website at:
www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway

Come to an event:
see page 20 for details.
Big Words

**Agricultural land:** Land that is being farmed.

**Air quality:** The condition of the air.

**Alter the existing landscape:** Will the new station change how you view the whole area.

**Cogent Land LLP:** The name of the company (developer) proposing to build houses for a new community at Manston Green.

**Congestion:** Heavy traffic.

**Consultation:** The process where a plan is explained so comments can be gathered from the public and other interested parties.

**Developer:** A company that builds housing, shopping centres and other buildings.

**Development:** The process of building things like roads, railways, houses, offices or shops.

**Draft Thanet Local Plan:** A document that sets out how development in the Thanet area is planned for the future.

**Drop-in:** Come anytime for a brief visit.
Big Words

Environment: The surrounding area, it can be man-made or natural.

Equality Impact Assessment: A study to see if proposals will have an unfair effect on anyone.

High Speed 1: A high speed train service from St Pancras International in London through Kent to the UK Channel Tunnel.

Land use: What the land is currently used for.

Low flood risk: An area where flooding is not likely to occur often.

Manston Green: The name of the new place where houses are to be built to the east of the Manston Airport site.

Park and Ride: A place where drivers can park their cars some distance away from a city or town centre, and finish their journey by public transport (train or bus).

Parkway railway station: A railway station that allows you to park your car and easily get a train to the city or town centre.

Planning application: The process of asking for permission from the local council to build something.
**Proposed:** A plan that is not yet final and is put forward for thought.

**Questionnaire:** A set of questions to get your comments.

**Real time journey information:** A service that shows up to date information on times of the trains.

**Thanet District Council:** The local council that makes decisions on important services such as housing, waste, flooding and water in the area of Thanet.

**Unstaffed:** There will be no staff at the station.

**Visibility:** How you see or view your surroundings.