

Council
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Leader's Report

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Medway Council has been informed by the Planning Inspectorate that its Core Strategy should be withdrawn and a new Local Plan drawn up because of doubts about the feasibility of developing Lodge Hill.

Enjoy Medway

This year's calendar of events has proved extremely popular with highlights being a well-attended Armed Forces Day, an expanded River Festival and the ever-popular Castle Concerts. This summer has also seen the Tourism Bus launched, taking visitors to all of Medway's main attractions.

Lower Thames Crossing

The Government's consultation on a Lower Thames Crossing has recently closed, with the Council and its partners supporting either Option A or Option C variant, with a preference for the latter.

Davies Commission

The Davies Commission visited Medway in June to take in evidence. Following a trip to the Hoo Peninsula in the morning, the Commission was presented with information from a number of groups, including the Council, in the afternoon.

OFSTED

The Council has received the OFSTED Improvement Notice for its children's safeguarding service and is progressing with a number of improvements.

In addition, Medway was one of ten local authorities to receive intensive school inspections earlier this month. Two schools have been rated 'good' and a further five rated as 'requires improvement'. Results for the remaining schools will follow.