

**MEDWAY COUNCIL
STROOD SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN 2010-11**

Immediate Priority Actions	Lead Agency	Timescale	Progress
<p>1. Implement a series of enforcement ‘blitz’ initiatives</p> <p>1.1 Parking – generally, but especially near Bligh Road School, Woodside Community Centre</p> <p>1.2 Litter/Dog’s Mess removal</p> <p>1.3 Fly-tipping and Litter in Alleyways</p> <p>1.4 Anti-social behaviour – alcohol and drugs especially on Rede Common, Laburnam Park, near Strood Library</p> <p>1.5 Refuse collection/grass cutting –people putting rubbish out too early, grass cuttings not cleared away by contractors</p> <p>Supported by: Public Education Campaign – to raise awareness of rights and responsibilities School Education Programme to raise awareness amongst children and young people Increased visible police presence.</p>	Kent Police	2010-11	
<p>2. Neighbourhood Audit of Alleyways and delivery of alleyway clearance and gating of priority alleyways</p> <p>2.1 Alleyway in Chestnut Road has been cleared three times by local volunteer residents and litter builds up again – what can be done to stop this? – review whether it can be gated.</p> <p>2.2 Alleyway between Hawthorn Road and Darnley Road particularly bad – leading to pest control problem in</p>	Medway Council		

back gardens in Darnley Road.			
<p>3. Community Clean-up Programme and Regular Community Clean-up Patrols</p> <p>3.1 Build into new waste management contract:</p> <p>3.2 Litter and Dog litter bins on every street which are emptied regularly</p> <p>3.3 Street cleaning to be done after refuse collection</p> <p>3.4 Ensure refuse collection to ensure all rubbish is picked up</p> <p>3.5 MHS Homes/Contractor to ensure grass cuttings are collected especially Holly Road and Darnley Road</p> <p>3.6 Proper bins (wheelie bins?) for people to use for general refuse and recycling</p>	Medway Council		
<p>4. Improve appearance of local streets</p> <p>4.1 Mend potholes e.g. Cede Road</p> <p>4.2 Better resurfacing of roads – not just skimmed, which has to keep being re-done e.g. Chestnut Road, Hawthorn Road.</p> <p>4.3 Review policy on sloping kerbs to ensure consistent gradients so safe for people with wheelchairs/pushchairs, ensure usage where granted and identify additional places where needed e.g. near to doctors' surgery.</p> <p>4.4 Put barriers on grass to stop people parking on verges</p> <p>4.5 Flower basket display in Strood Centre to make area more colourful</p> <p>4.6 Replace public footpath between Liberty Park/Fields and Wainscott which was removed when houses were built</p> <p>4.7 Make it easier for people to access Laburnham Park via Lilac Road</p>	Medway Council		

<p>5. Neighbourhood Information Points and new Neighbourhood Community Services</p> <p>5.1 Reduce cost of using Woodside Community Centre so more groups are encouraged to use it for local events – increase storage facilities for equipment</p> <p>5.2 Refurbish old clinic in Hawthorn Road for use by older people in the day and young people/adults in the evenings – include more storage</p> <p>5.3 Improve access to advice and support available to people to improve their properties e.g. repairs and insulation</p> <p>5.4 Improve access to information about who to contact if there is a problem and improve response times e.g. street light repairs</p> <p>5.5 Improve support available to parents who need help with parenting</p> <p>5.6 Improve access to information about local green spaces e.g. Rede Common, Ranscombe Park, riverside walks and cycle routes</p> <p>5.7 Improve access to information about what council is doing i.e. its work programme and what activities and facilities are available locally e.g. free swimming for over 60's, mobile library, local clubs, Villager Bus Scheme</p>	<p>Medway Council</p>		
<p>Longer Term Neighbourhood Priority Actions:</p>			
<p>6 Collate all requests made to the Council for repairs to local areas .e.g. street lights and make sure these are done</p> <p>Improve parking arrangements for local commuter coaches and commuters' cars so that they do not take up valuable residents' parking places</p> <p>Review how Bligh Road School could use part of its grounds to provide a drop off/collecting point for parents</p>			

<p>7 Improve local transport infrastructure by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing better bus routes using Medway Tunnel rather than always routing via Chatham and linking people to local places to visit e.g. riverside, Hempstead Valley - More affordable services and better customer service e.g. get No 136 to stop! - Better traffic flows to enable bus services to be more reliable - Ensure that housing developments are linked a) with infrastructure improvements to serve growing population and b) generation of job opportunities. - Set up Youth Projects locally which enable young people, especially those unemployed, to work on community projects, make them proud of their area, learn skills and access apprenticeships. - Local major employers (public and private) to offer local young people apprenticeships - Develop more retraining opportunities for older people made redundant <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More NHS affordable dentists - Extended GP opening hours or better co-ordinated out-of hours service – evenings and weekends - Local drop-in health centres to cater for blood tests, chiropody and podiatry, diabetes and cholesterol checks, well woman and well man clinics – easily accessible by public transport and car(parking) - Better carer arrangements – better continuity and support (Caring time halved due to 			
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<p>travelling time needed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better day centre provision for people (young and old) with mental and physical health disabilities. - Better arrangements for winter weather conditions e.g. more local salt bins and gritting around communal areas e.g. shops and community centre (Chestnut Road) - Improve local cycle route facilities e.g. via Medway Tunnel, facilities for bikes on buses 			
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