

NEDRA

New Edenbridge District Residents' Association

Public Meeting: 16 April 2024

Together, we can.



Why Have We Formed? The 2040 Local Plan!

- Bad timing for the Regulation 18 consultation
- Drowned out by Christmas
- Too complicated and digitally challenging
- First question put people off and was confusing
- Lack of fair distribution of new homes throughout the district
- A feeling that Edenbridge's green spaces were second class

Who We Are

- Sally-Ann Vine - Chair
- Phil Bryant - Vice Chair
- Debbie Mercer - Treasurer
- Debbie Buckley - Secretary
- Ian Jones - Third Party Liaison
- Becca French - Social Media and Print
- Laura Crawford - Membership Secretary
- Ed Cookson – EDRA Advisor



- Welcome & Introduction (19.00)
- 2040 Plan / Discussion (19.10)
- Edenbridge War Memorial (19.50)
- Policing (20.05)
- Edenbridge Medical Practice (20.25)
- What's Next? (20.40)
- Any Other Business (20.45)
- Meeting Finishes (21.00)

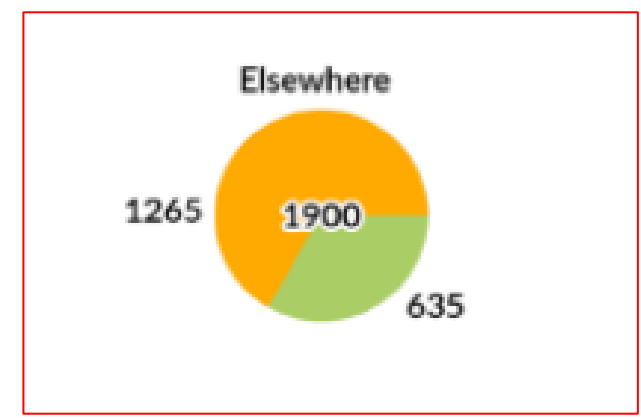
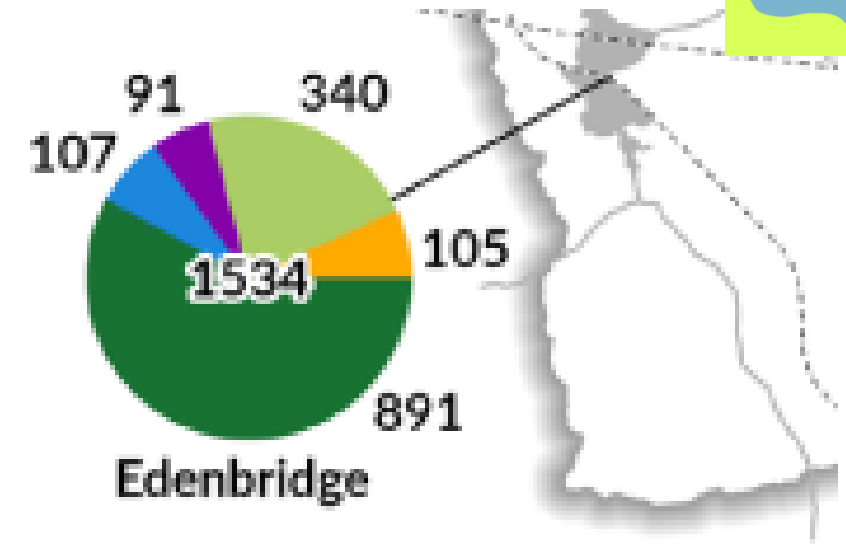
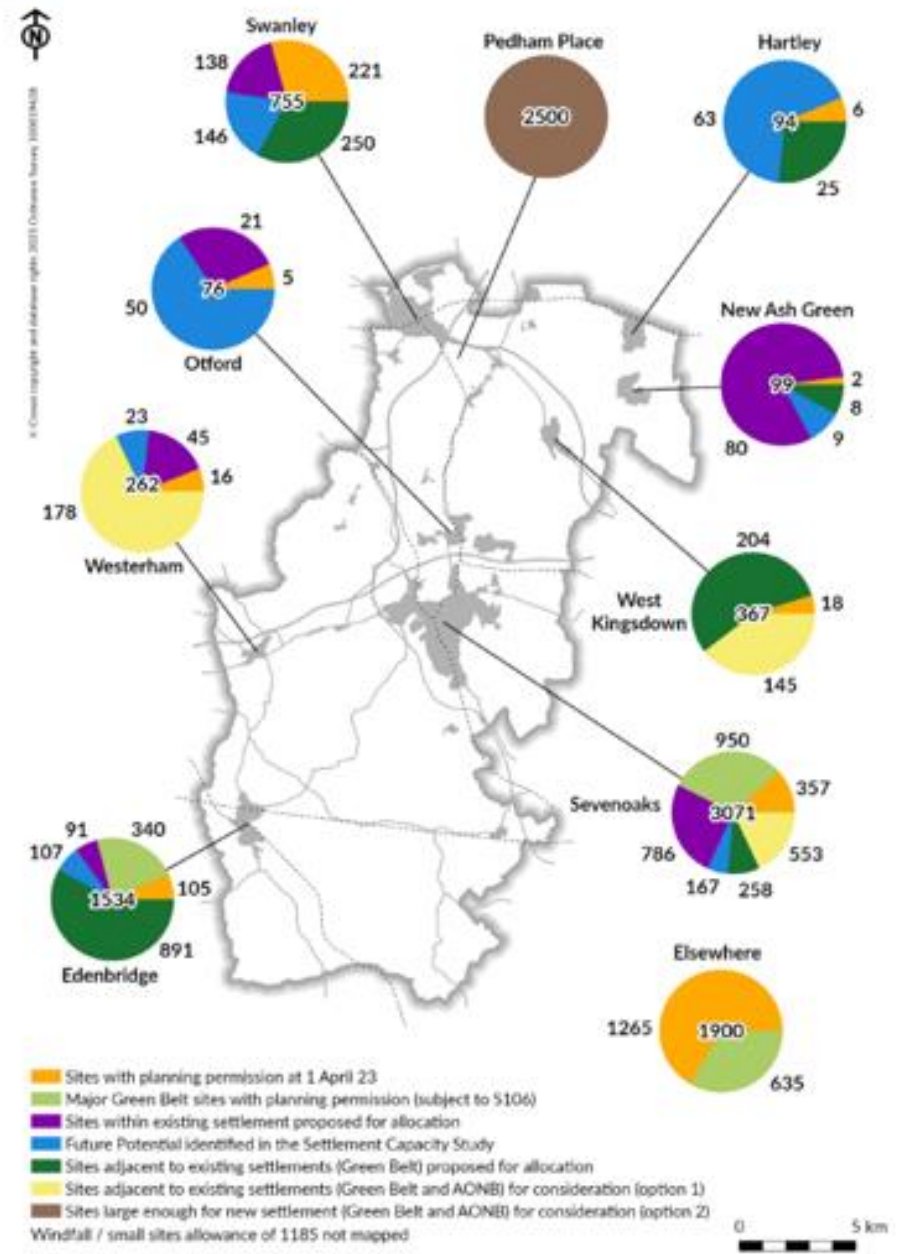
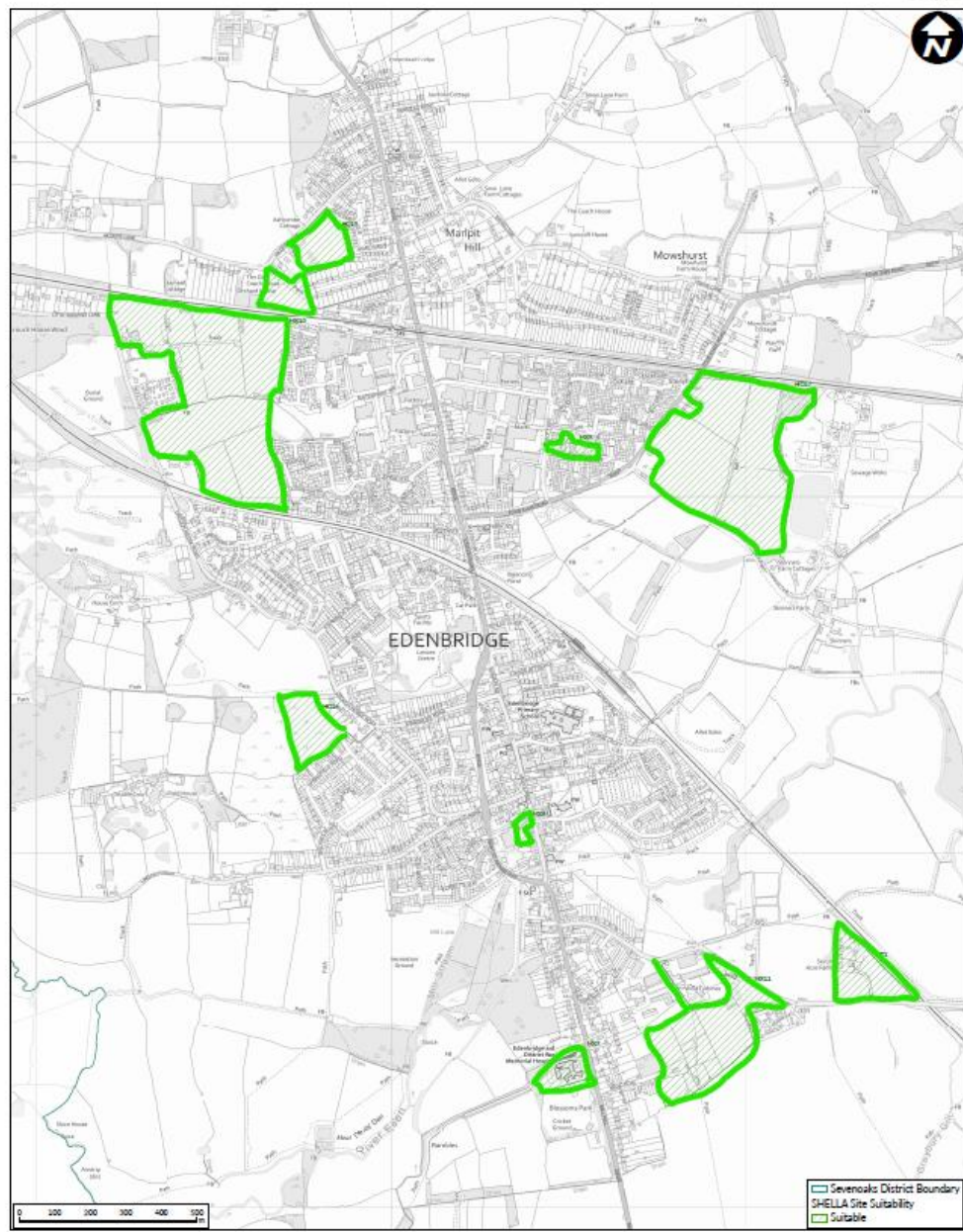


Figure 1.6: Housing supply components, by settlement



But... there is more... a lot more!

← **This AND**



- Land North Of Town Station Cottages **340**
- Jewson's Site **38-40**
- Hilders Lane **12**
- Golf Club **140**
- Working Mans Club **4**

+ more?

“Edenbridge Town Council considers that the proposed distribution of new development represents an excessive focus on Edenbridge...”

- Greenbelt release to accommodate: 891 homes in Edenbridge, 258 homes in Sevenoaks, and 250 homes in Swanley.
- Adding 48% growth to Edenbridge, largest in the district.
- Rural town, poor accessibility, minor B roads, no fast rail links.
- Does not match housing density recommended for a rural town
- Consideration should be given to the local character of the area and the type of housing required

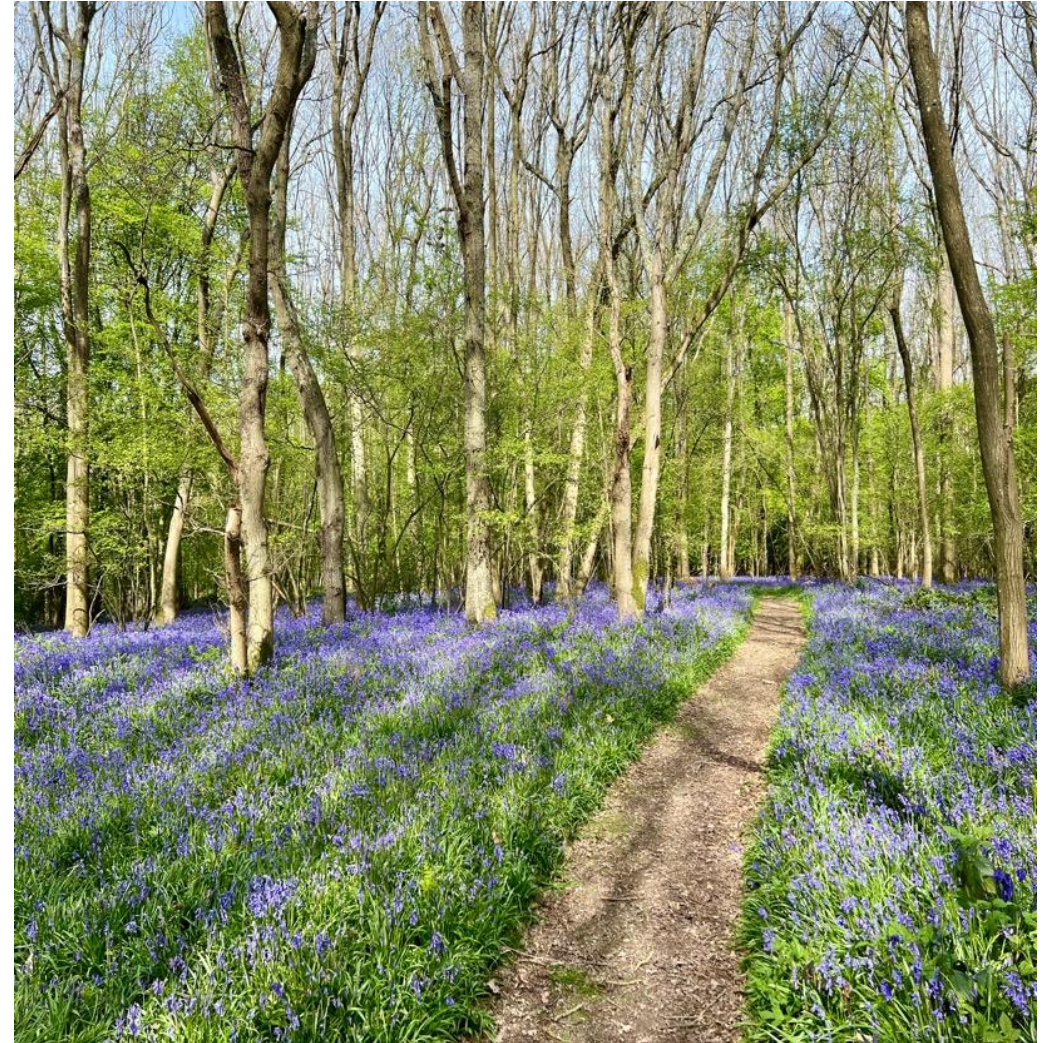
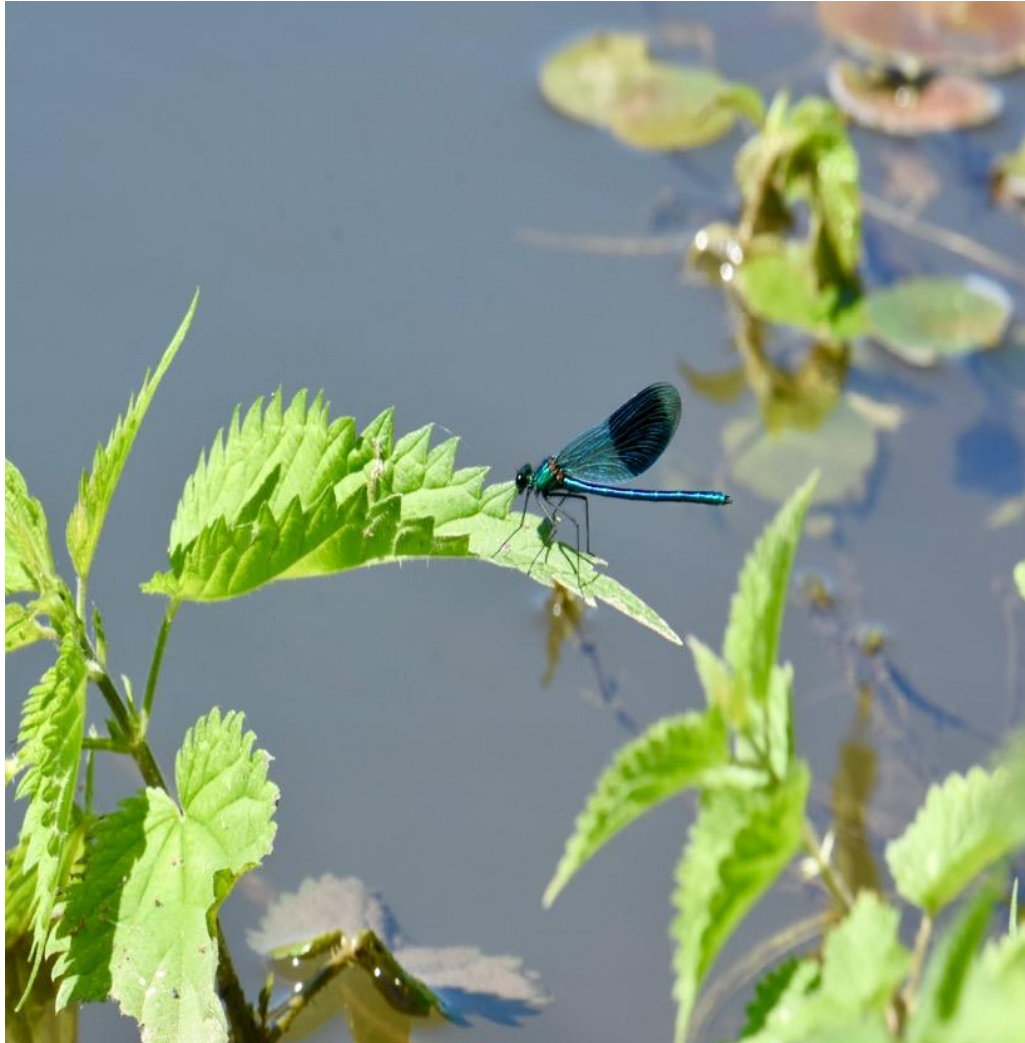
KCC Response to the Sevenoaks Regulation 18 Consultation: MX10 Land at Breezehurst Farm

- Site potentially in an unsustainable location
- Can transport be offered to Edenbridge rail station, local amenities and employment?
- Access appears to be only via Crouch House Road, high reliance on car travel.
- Rail bridge with height restriction
- Insufficient railway bridge widths on Hilders Lane, Grants Lane and Dwelly Lane, affecting construction and public transport connections.
- Safe and suitable access should be further assessed.

There is no such thing as ‘low performing greenbelt’. Greenbelt does not need to be pretty. What are the ‘exceptional circumstances’ for SDC to take Edenbridge greenbelt? - Tim Shaw, Independence Alliance Kent.



Biodiversity Net Gain?*



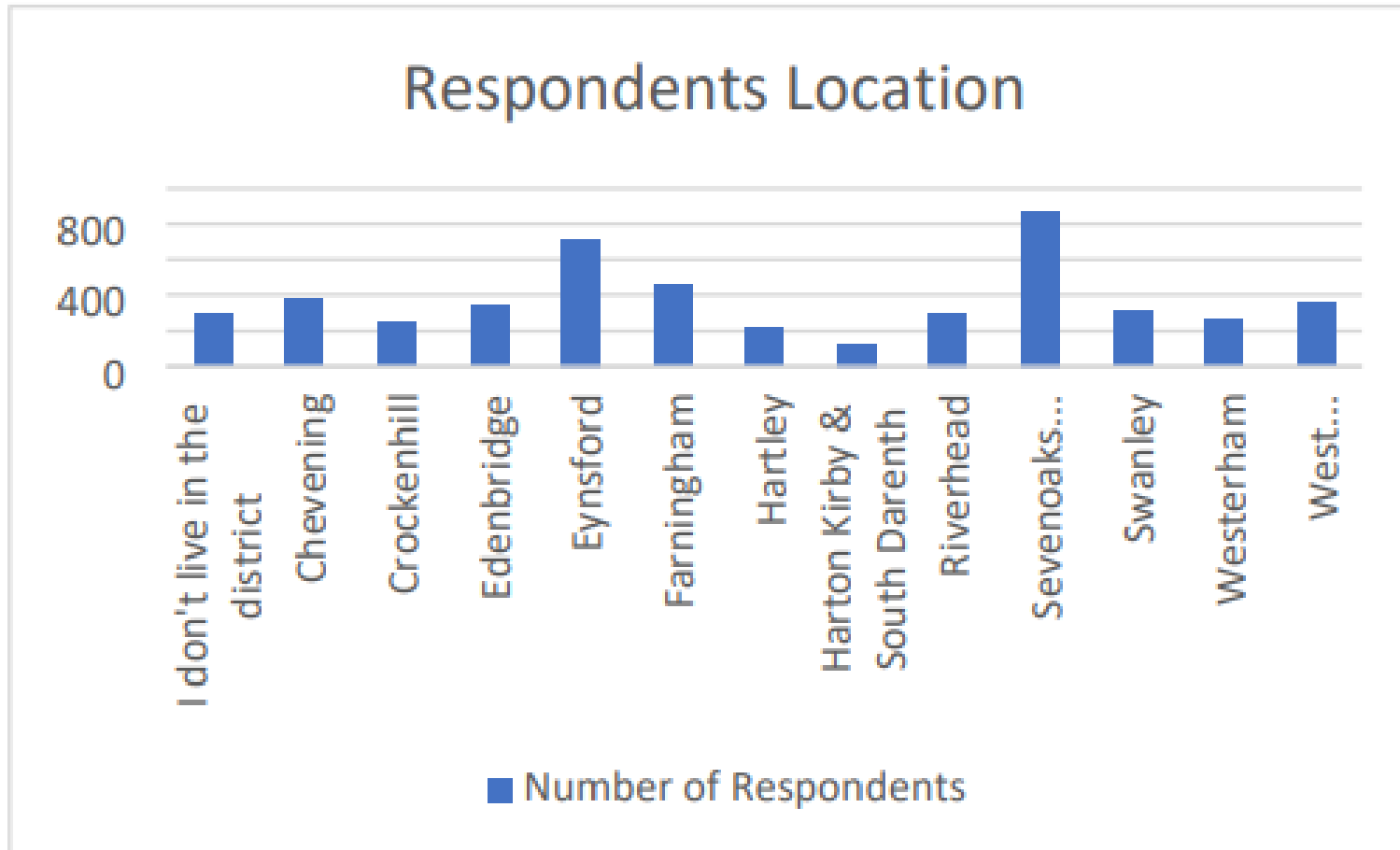
*The difference between the pre-development and post development habitat

**SDC Development &
Conservation Advisory
Committee - Tuesday, 26th
March 2024 at 7.00 pm**



No More Silent Acceptance by Edenbridge

Where is the voice of Edenbridge?



The Next Steps

- Regulation 19 consultation (final round) – summer 2024
- Submission – by the end of 2024
- Examination – 2025

Flood Plain

- Long history of river flooding
- Will increase with climate change
- 1534-2000 new homes create surface water and more flooding



Infrastructure

- Ageing and dilapidated
- Incessant roadworks
- 1534-4000 more cars impact roads, more potholes and roadworks

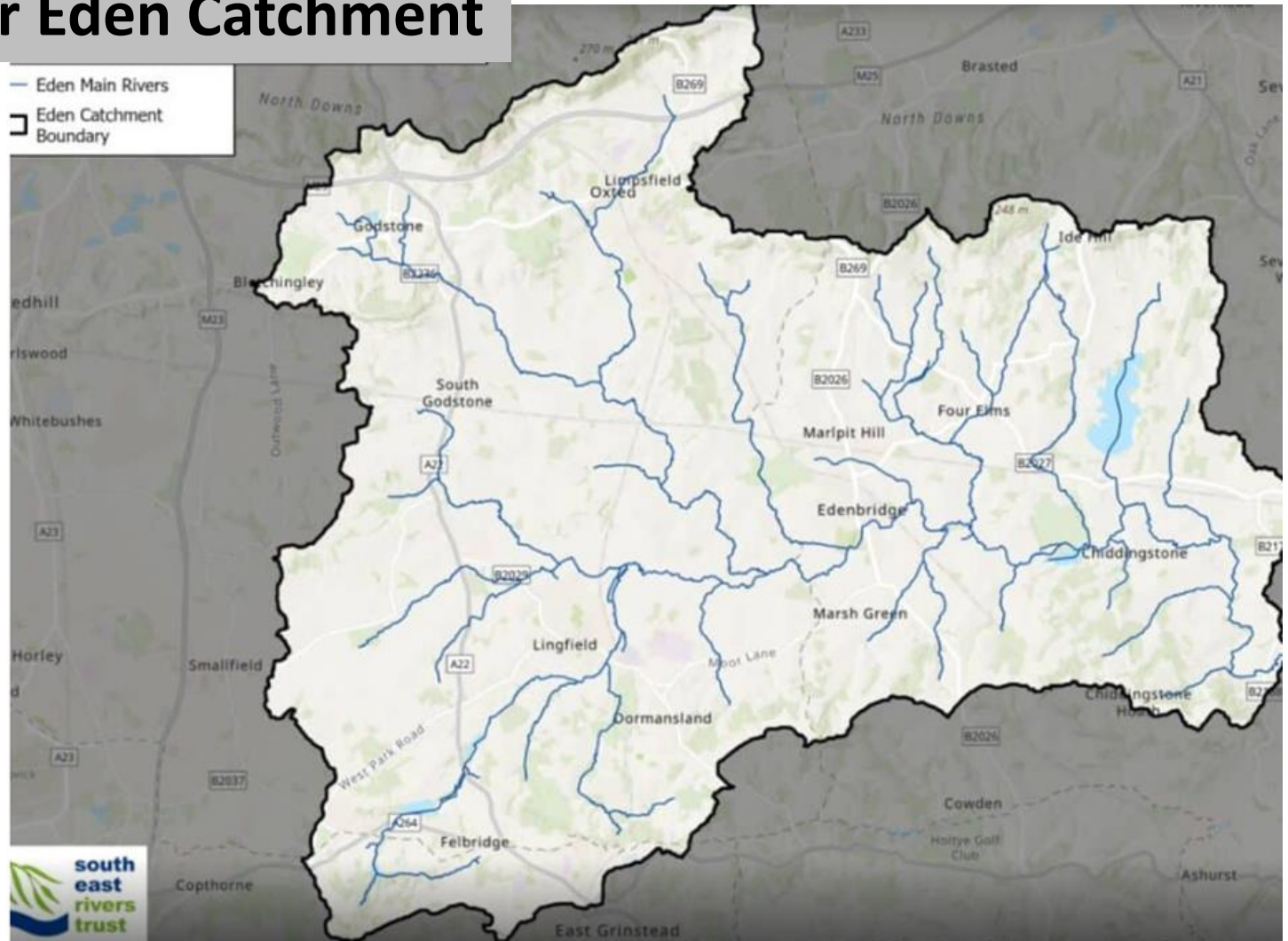


Key Message: Please join or support us and help us to minimise the impact on our town.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Southeast River Trust website. At the top, a dark blue navigation bar contains the phone number "0845 092 0110" on the left, social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube in the center, and menu items "NEWSLETTER", "EVENTS", "NEWS", "CONTACT US", and "DONATE" on the right. Below this is a white header with the "south east rivers trust" logo on the left and a navigation menu with "About us", "Where we work", "What we do", "Take action", and "Careers" on the right, followed by a search icon. The main content area features a large green-tinted image of a river with wooden posts. Overlaid on this image is the text: "Healthy rivers are essential for people and nature." in large white font, and "Rivers are our lifeblood. They shape our landscape, provide freshwater and support wildlife. When rivers thrive, so do we." in smaller white font below it.

River Eden Catchment

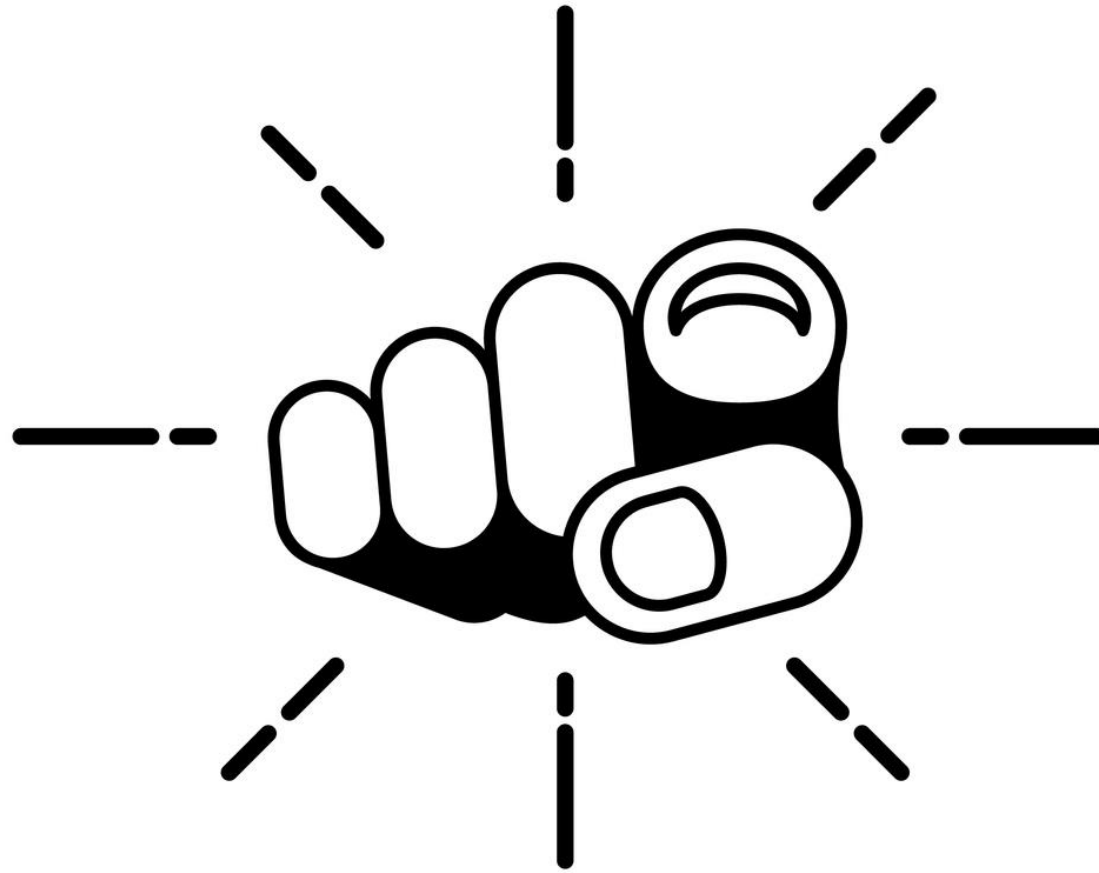


River Eden: Sewer Storm Overflow Spills

Storm overflow spills in hours

	2022	2023
South of Hurst Green- River Eden	420	798
Lingfield – Ray Brook	649	2085
Edenbridge waste water works	474	1220
Godstone, Newchapel and East Grinstead waste water works	?	2119
Total hours of storm overflow spills		6222

Over to you!







Have Your Say in Kent & Medway

Set up by NHS Kent and Medway, the site was launched in May 2022 and will be used by the NHS and its partners to seek the views of people and communities.

? What will happen to the war memorial?

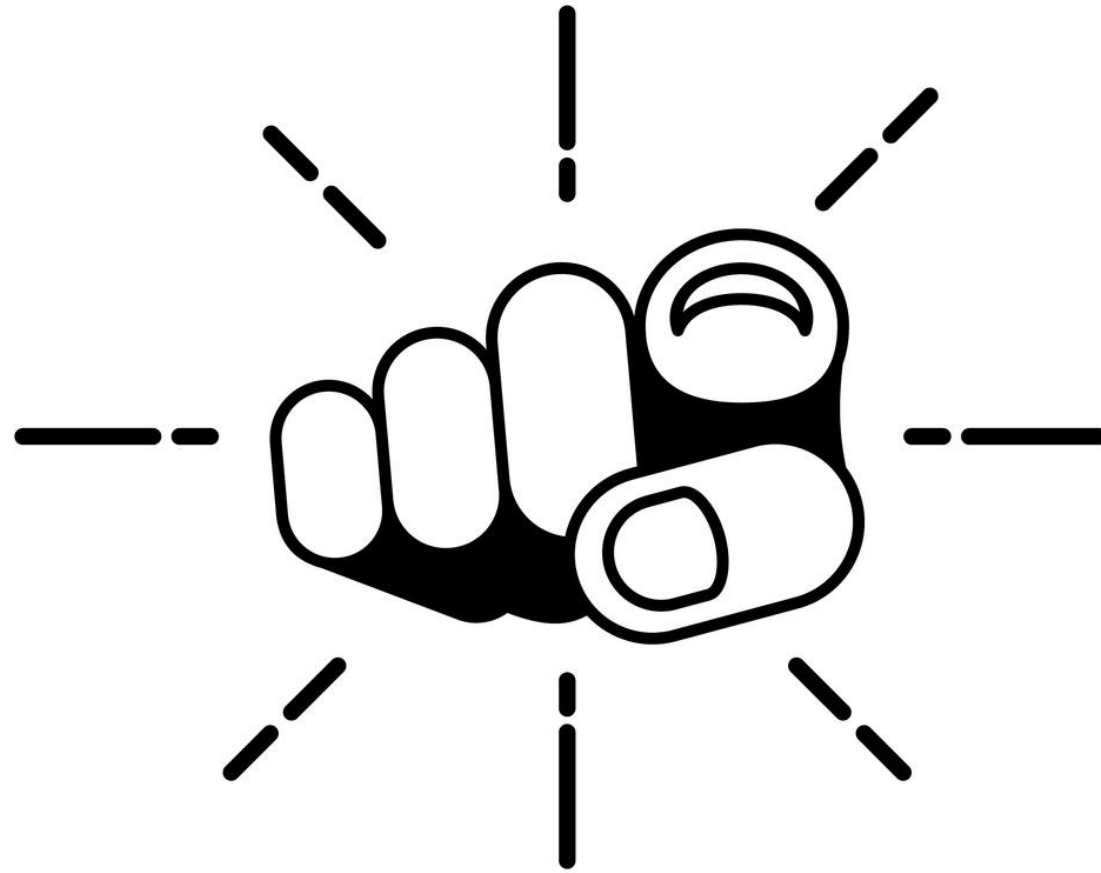
No decision can be made until the new centre is complete and services from the old hospital have been relocated. We will be working with the War Memorial Trust and Edenbridge Town Council at the appropriate time.

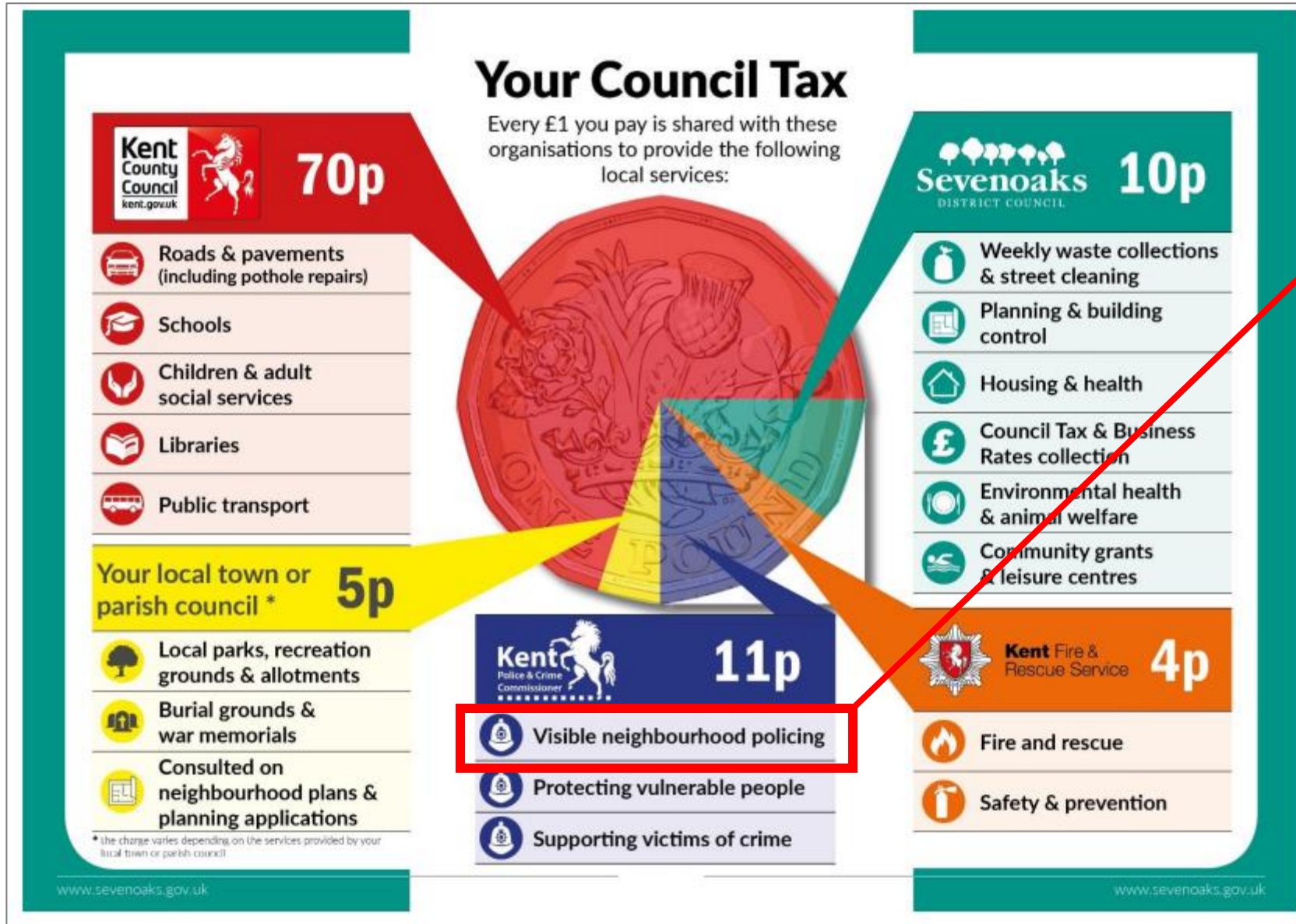
? How can the public get involved with the memorial garden and the artwork inside the building?

The garden area has been identified on site. We are working with a landscape designer and local people to lead the design process and create some plans to be presented to the town. We have been speaking to the League of Friends, patient and public groups about how they and local people can get involved with the design, build and continued maintenance of the gardens.

We want community groups and families in Edenbridge to get involved with the artwork and how to do this will be shared later this year as the project progresses.

Over to you!





Visible neighbourhood policing?

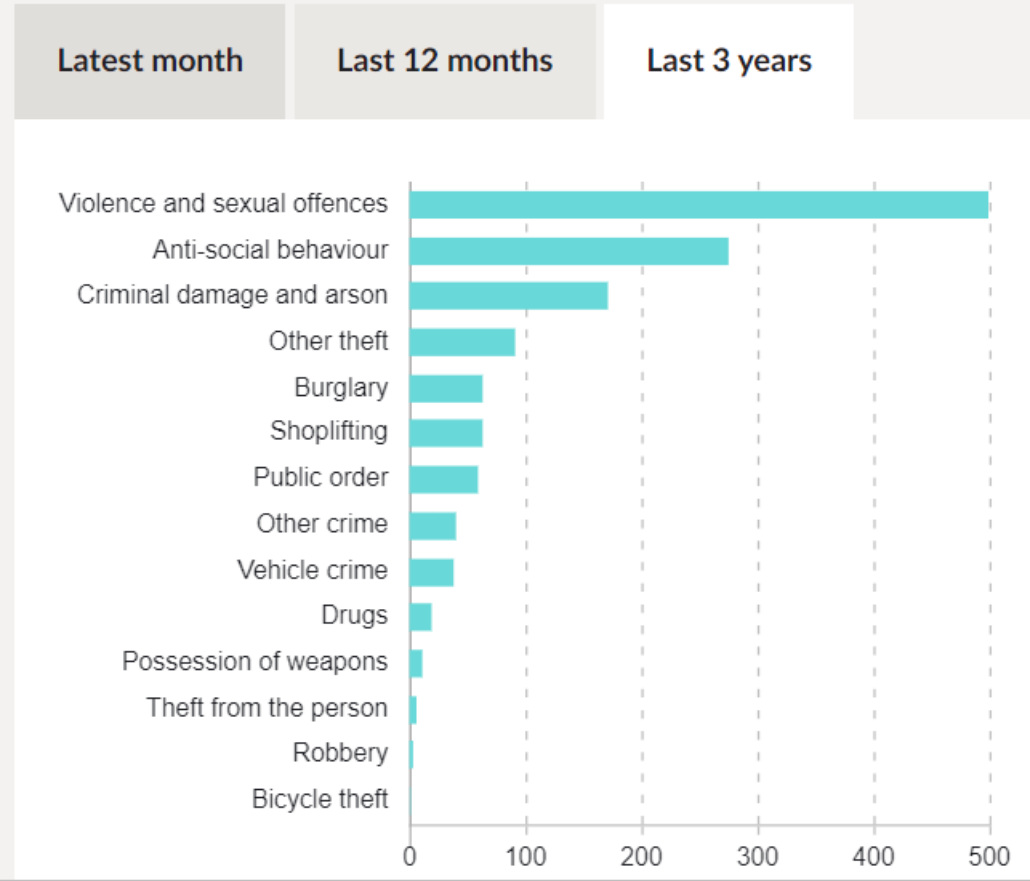
Potentially 2000 more homes, how many more people?

- More ASB?
- More violence and sexual crime?
- More criminal damage and arson?

Edenbridge North & East

Crime types description

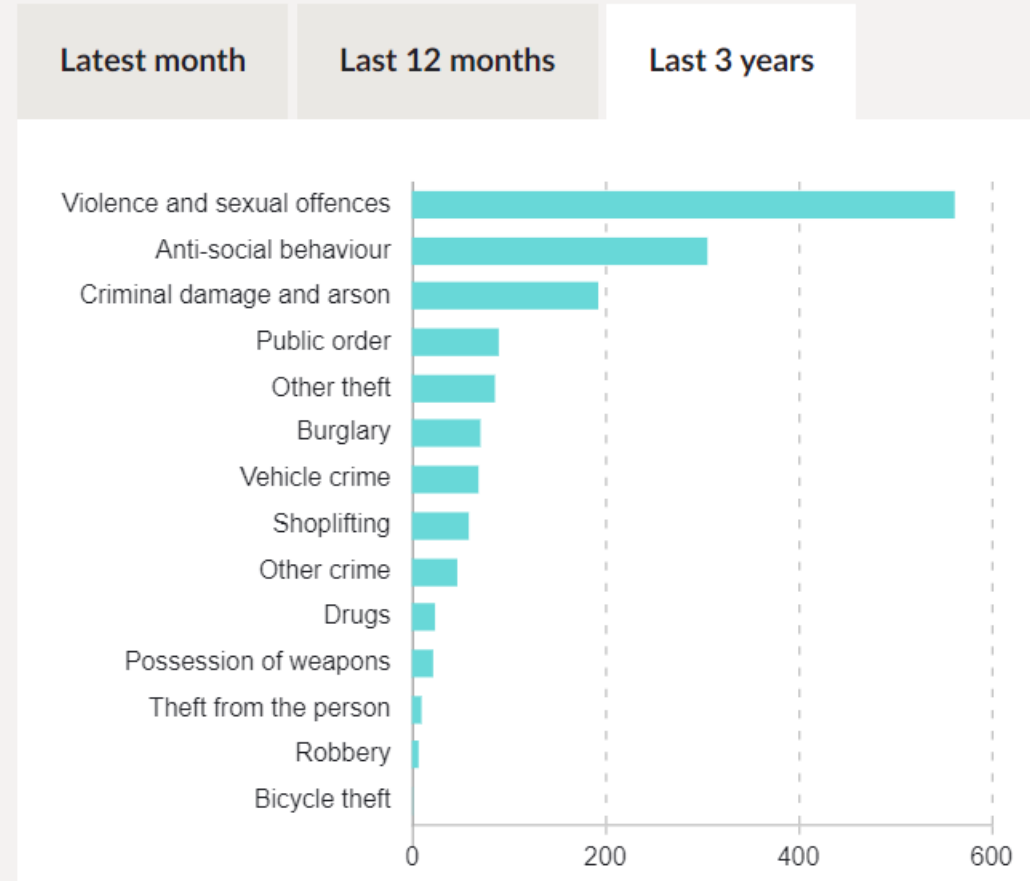
for the last 3 years (from Apr 2021 to Feb 2024)



Edenbridge South & West

Crime types description

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Edenbridge 2024 Crime Scorecard

- ↑ **Top 20 Most Dangerous**
Small Towns, Kent
- ↑ **6% higher**, regional crime rate
South East
- ↑ **1.1% higher**, national crime rate
England, Wales & NI

So, what can we do about it?

Local Crime in Context

As of 2024, the crime rate in Edenbridge is 6% higher than the South East and 1.1% higher than the England, Wales & Northern Ireland overall figure.



Report It



CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.



Report Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour to Kent Police

www.kent.police.uk/report
(call 999 in emergencies)

Report Information to CrimeStoppers

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Set up or join local Neighbourhood Watch

www.ourwatch.org.uk/get.../find-my-local-scheme

WHY?

6 beat officers get sent every morning to wherever the most **reported** issues are!

WHY?

100% Anonymous
Reports are passed on to the relevant authorities

WHY?

Helps to cut crime, reassure communities, encourage neighbourliness and build closer communities.

**Attend the next community PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting
Monday 22 April 2pm Rickards Hall *[put request in for evening meetings occasionally](#)***

Stay Informed



Sign up to receive Alerts

First name*

Last name*

Postcode*

Email address*

I have read and agree to the [terms and conditions](#).

Sign up now

www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

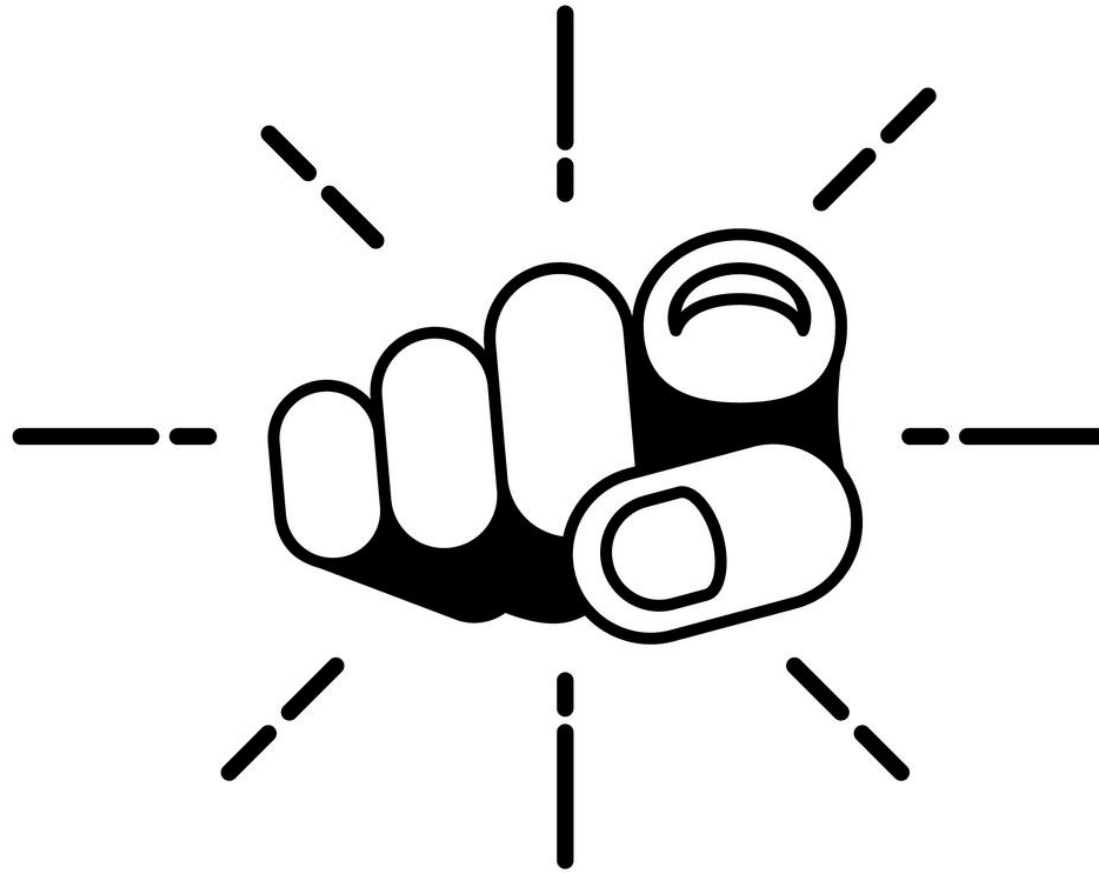
What It Is

- Sign up for personalised alerts
- You can reply to messages

What It Is NOT

- A place to report crime or incidents

Over to you!





New Edenbridge Medical Centre

Have been both positive and not so positive comments:

The positive:

"I very much doubt Private Health Providers could match this service. We are so lucky to have our NHS and even more so to have such efficient and dedicated Doctors and staff on our doorstep."

"Excellent service received from Edenbridge Medical Practice@ today. Submitted an online form for an appointment for my daughter at 8.15am this morning. Was called at 9.30am with an appointment time of 10.30am and we were out of the door by 10.45am! Great to see the new self-check in is now up and running. Couldn't fault my experience at all. Thank you."



The not-so positive:

*“My mum rang for an appointment today, she's in her 70's and was told they wouldn't book an appointment on phone, has to go through form on website. **You can only submit this form during opening hours**, so haven't been able to help her this evening.”*

“Oh dear, the GP website says that if you phone up because you can't do it yourself via the website, they will fill one in for you during the phone call.”

“Wasn't true for my mum.”

Please don't worry if you do not have access to the internet or have difficulty with IT, you can telephone us instead on **01732 865055** and a member of our Reception Team will be happy to complete and submit a medical or admin query on your behalf.

Once your submission has been reviewed by the Triage Team, we will contact you with the outcome.

Practice details

Edenbridge Med Practice

The Surgery, Station Road,
Edenbridge TN8 5ND

G82019 Practice code

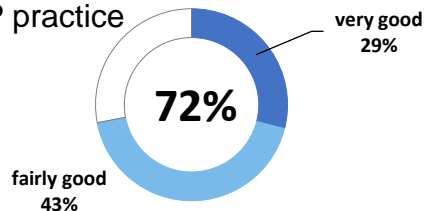
308 surveys sent out

124 surveys sent back

40% completion rate

Overall experience

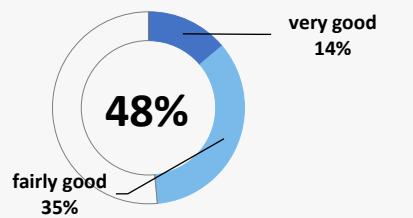
Good overall experience of this GP practice



	Very Good	Fairly Good
National	37%	35%
ICS	32%	33%

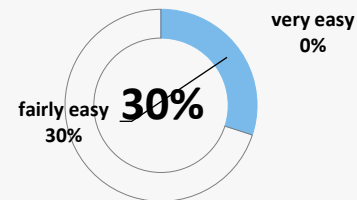
Accessing the practice

Good overall experience of making an appointment



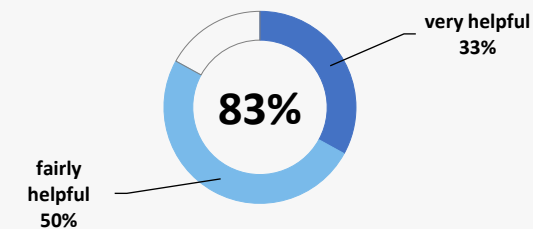
	Very Good	Fairly Good
National	23%	32%
ICS	18%	28%

Easy to get through to this GP practice by phone



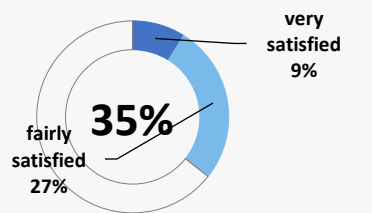
	Very Easy	Fairly Easy
National	13%	37%
ICS	9%	32%

Helpfulness of receptionists at this GP practice



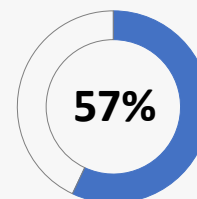
	Very Helpful	Fairly Helpful
National	37%	45%
ICS	34%	46%

Satisfied with the general practice appointment times available



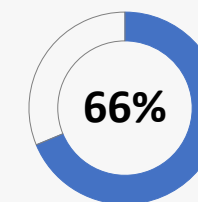
	Very Satisfied	Fairly Satisfied
National	19%	34%
ICS	15%	31%

Offered a choice of appointment when last tried to make a general practice appointment



	Offered a choice
National	59%
ICS	51%

Satisfied with the appointment offered



	Satisfied with the appointment
National	72%
ICS	68%

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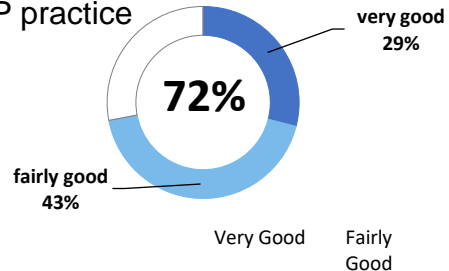
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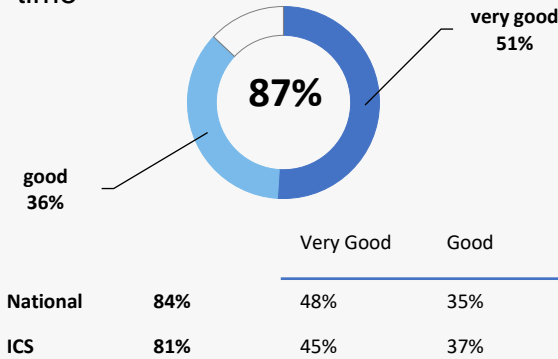
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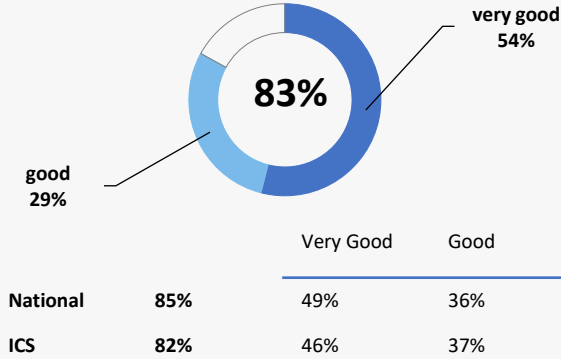
	National	Very Good	Fairly Good
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ICS	65%	32%	33%

Appointment experience

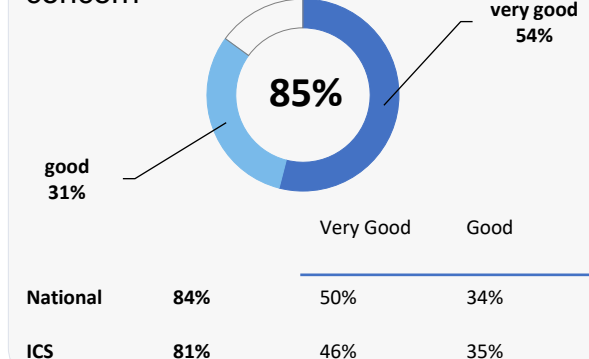
The healthcare professional was good at giving the patient enough time



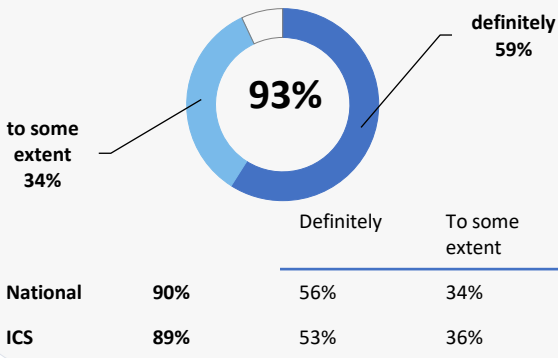
The healthcare professional was good at listening to the patient



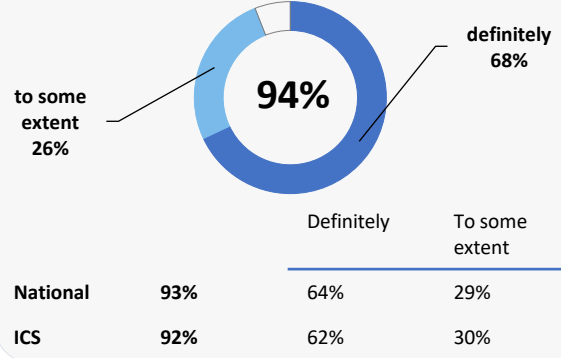
The healthcare professional was good at treating the patient with care and concern



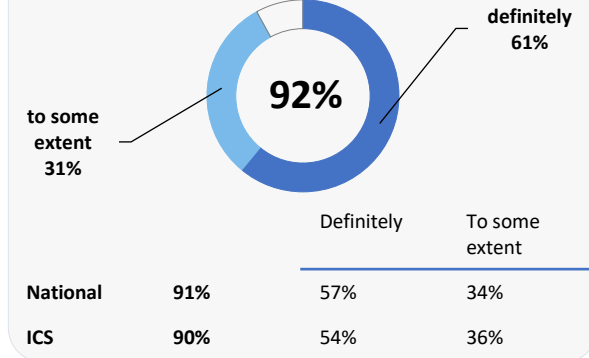
The patient was involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment



The patient had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to



The patient's needs were met



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Some Questions to Ask

Why is this and who does it benefit?
Not really the spirit of online!

Edenbridge Medical Practice

How to Make and Cancel an Appointment

Make an Appointment

Patients no longer need to telephone to book an appointment with a clinician. You must now complete a simple on line form via our website, which allows you submit a short medical or administrative query to the Surgery for review by our GP Triage Team.

The form is available for clinical queries from 8-5pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays), however in the event we reach a safe working capacity, the clinical submissions will be switched off for that day. For administrative enquiries the form is available 7 days a week, please note that forms submitted out of hours will not be looked at until the next working day.

The surgery will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

Thursday 1st February 2024

Wednesday 6th March 2024

Thursday 9th May 2024

Wednesday 5th June 2024

Tuesday 16th July 2024

Wednesday 14th August 2024

Thursday 5th September 2024

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Wednesday 6th November 2024

What happens when the surgery is closed, and people need to be seen by a doctor?

Why does the 2040 plan show Edenbridge as having a hospital?

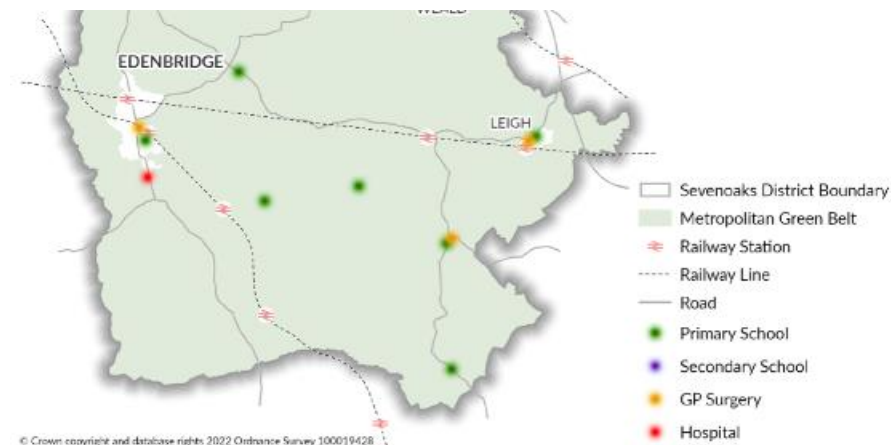
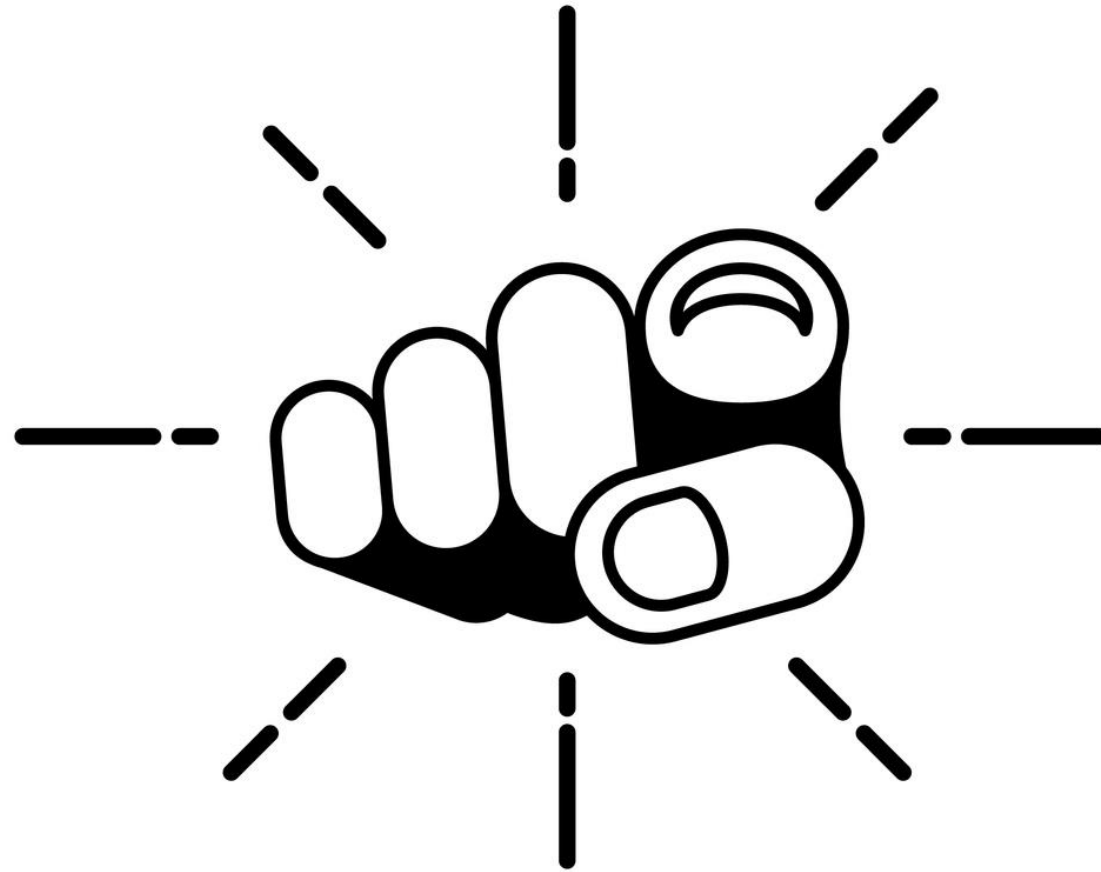


Figure 0.4: Doctors Surgeries, Hospitals, Primary and Secondary Schools in the District

Over to you!





Priorities for NEDRA

- Build up a sizeable Residents' Association and supporter group
- Establish what are the most important issues for our town
- Work out a plan for how we can influence these key issues and topics
- Give Edenbridge a voice in what happens in its future
- Make sure we are ready for the next stage of the 2040 Local Plan
- Get an opportunity to be consulted at the inspection stage for the 2040 Local Plan
- Keep Edenbridge residents informed

The Power of Community!

Every Moment Counts



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36 hours to raise
£400,000

7th - 8th April 2024

Time is precious, and so is every donation.



£408,828

RAISED OF £ 400,000 GOAL



102%

When you or someone you love is faced with a terminal illness, every day becomes an opportunity. To live, to laugh, to do what you love, with the people you love. Every Moment Counts. [More ...](#)

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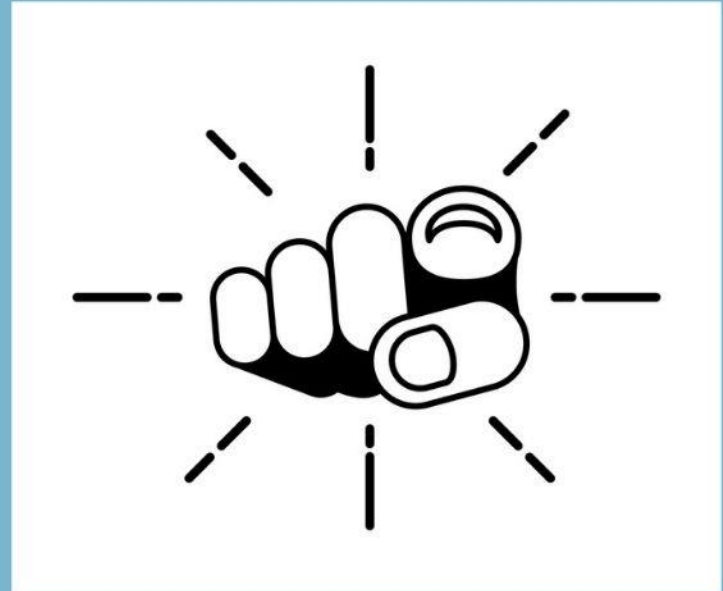
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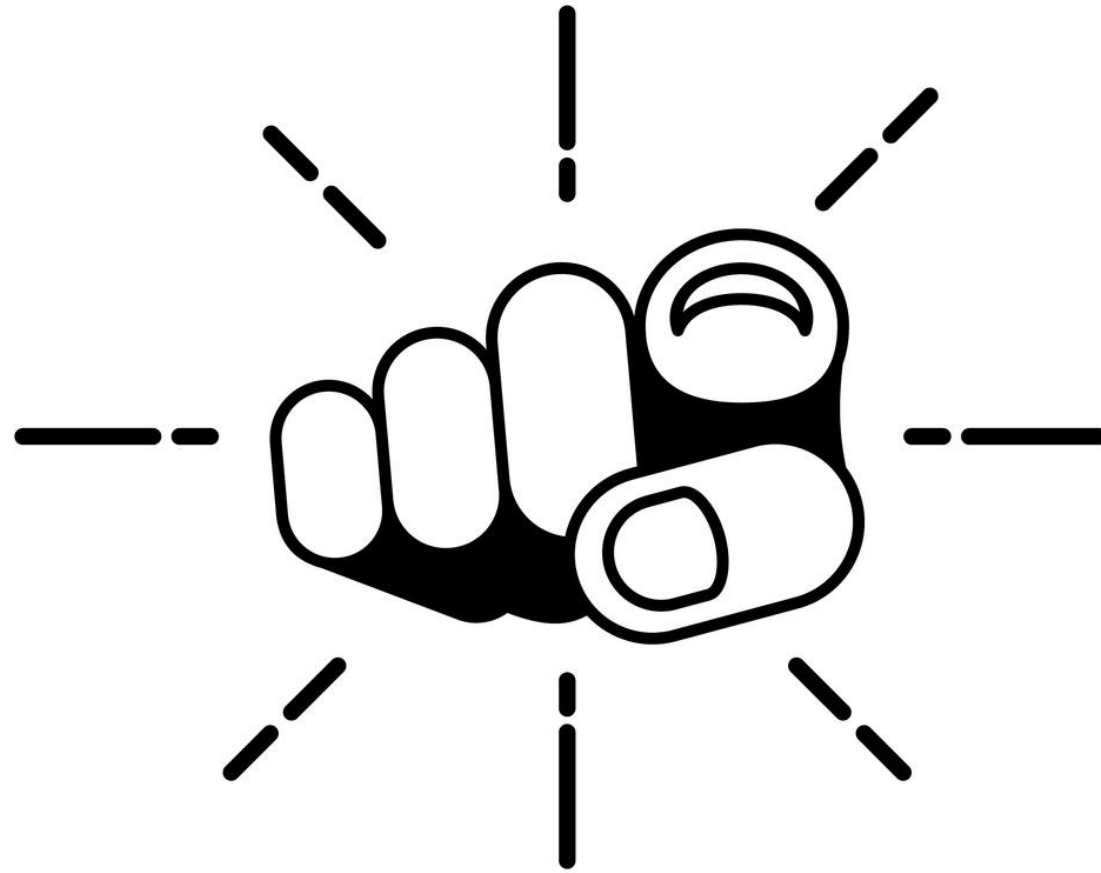
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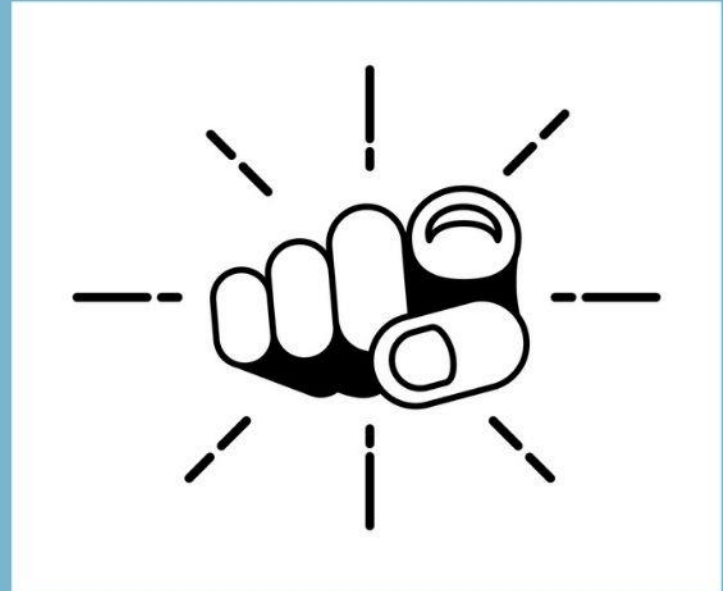
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