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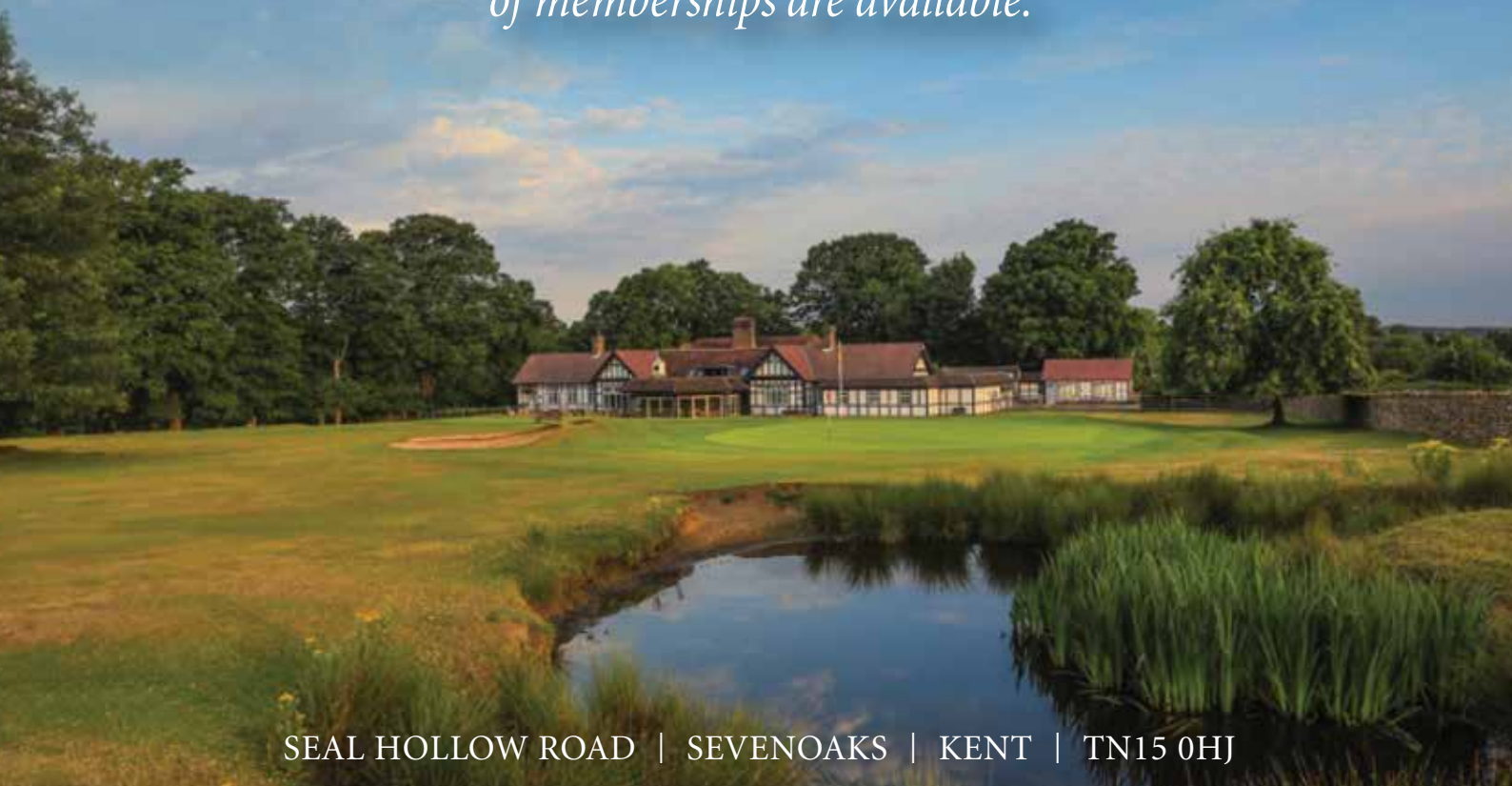
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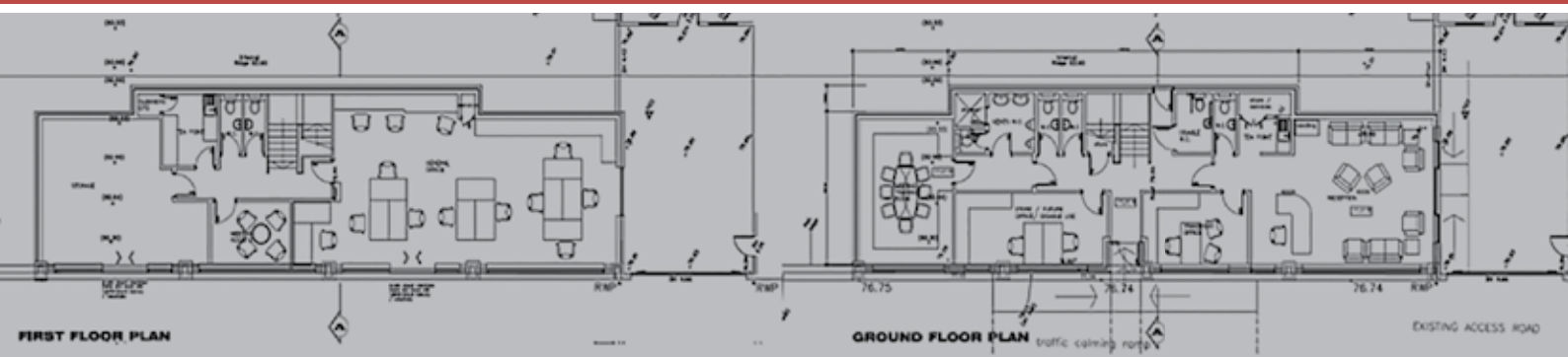


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Welcome

We are proud that Sevenoaks District is an exceptional place to do business, with a great entrepreneurial spirit and an innovative culture.

Positioned in West Kent, neighbouring London, Surrey and East Sussex, we have excellent connectivity via motorway and rail with air transport close by.

Sevenoaks District is home to a wide variety of successful businesses from small enterprises through to multi-nationals and we are fortunate to have a skilled, articulate and highly qualified population.

At the same time, we offer a great quality of life. Not only is our District picturesque, with areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, we also have a wealth of world-class tourist attractions, vibrant town centres and excellent schools and we are one of the safest areas anywhere in the county.

At Sevenoaks District Council, we are committed to supporting our businesses and, uniquely, we offer the 'Team Around Your Business', our one-stop-shop to access our services making it easier for you to do business.

Our Economic Development Team would be pleased to tell you more about how we can support you and your business. Please email the team on business@sevenoaks.gov.uk, call 01732 227000 or drop us a line on

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Cllr Roddy Hogarth
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Community Development

About Sevenoaks District



Sevenoaks District offers an excellent strategic location on London's doorstep with a strong local economy and a host of heritage, tourism and leisure opportunities. Sevenoaks District is one of the best places to live and do business in the UK and offers:

- A large, active business community
- Excellent connectivity
- A thriving tourism industry
- Highly skilled and qualified workforce
- Higher than average Gross Value Added (GVA)
- Higher than average business survival rates
- Low crime rates
- Strong community spirit



The Sevenoaks District economy in numbers

47,020
households



32% with
qualifications
to level 4 or
equivalent and
above



Population **119,160**
projected to rise to
142,400
by 2031



6,640
enterprises
registered for VAT



From **28** minutes to London
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£3,204 million GVA



3.9m visitors
generated
£230m and 5,032 jobs
in the Visitor Economy



Dover within **75** minutes

Median weekly earnings:

£613.20 for
District residents

£542.80
for employees in
District businesses



Heathrow within
75 minutes

Biggin Hill within
30 minutes



Gatwick within
45 minutes

71.4% of 16-64 year olds
are in employment



93% of the District is
designated as
Green Belt and
60% in an Area of
Outstanding
Natural Beauty

52.5% of
those in employment
drive to work



90.6%
of companies
have less than
10 employees



60,400
economically active
residents projected to
rise to 71,000 in 2031

What makes
Sevenoaks
District Council
different?



Sevenoaks District Council is a Seriously Different Council, as the first financially self-sufficient Council we no longer rely on Government funding to deliver our services. In order to do this, we have purchased local office blocks, a garage and shops. By investing in the local economy we can preserve important space for businesses and stimulate growth and development.

We have recently built a new car park to serve Sevenoaks Station and are now developing another car park site to create additional spaces to serve the town.



In August 2018 we have built a new 83 bed Premier Inn hotel as an investment to boost our Visitor Economy and generate income to maintain the District as a great place to visit, work and do business.


Quality, value for money, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit are at the heart of what we do, and as a result we have won a variety of awards, including the top Guardian Public Service award, The Local Government Chronicle 'Council of the Year' and a host of other national and public sector awards.



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Economic Development

- Supporting your business

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If you run a business, our Economic Development Team provide services, advice and support to help you thrive!



Tourism



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Sevenoaks District consists of stunning countryside, historic properties and internationally acclaimed tourist attractions, including four National Trust properties, award winning vineyards and breweries, exquisite castles and magnificent gardens.

The quality of the tourism on offer in the District has led to a steady growth in the industry and is now estimated to be worth around £231 million and is still growing.

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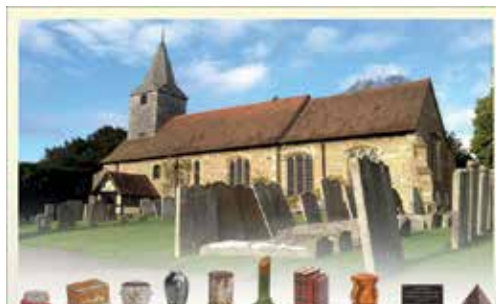
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