

Marden Infrastructure Spend Plan Summary
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Short within 2 years

Medium 2-5 years

Long 5 years plus

1.	Local venues for meetings and events
(a)	Upgrading of Marden Memorial Hall to include modernisation of facilities including kitchen and toilets, heating system, installation of wifi and other facilities to aid meetings and functions
(b)	New venue dedicated to training, life skills, numeracy and adult education
(c)	Upgrading Vestry Hall
(d)	New enlarge pavilion at Southons Field to accommodate events such as the Summer Play Scheme
(e)	New community facility and changing room facilities at Marden Playing Field
2.	Youth
(a)	Dedicated building for youth people
(b)	Dedicated youth worker for Marden
(c)	New dedicated building for uniformed organisations
(d)	Skateboard / bike park
3.	Marden Heritage Centre
(a)	Improvements to enable greater community use – either a dedicated building or extension to existing Library
4.	Services
(a)	Continued investment in drainage, sewerage, water supply, gas, electricity, telephone and fast broadband
(b)	Water refill station
5.	Open Space
(a)	Southons Field – provision of on site services – water, sewerage, electricity; new pavilion (see above), enhanced outdoor leisure equipment
(b)	Lucks Way Play Area – play equipment, improved landscaping and seating
(c)	Marden Playing Field – new community facility (see above). Continued enhancement of equipment
(d)	The Chestnuts – provision of nature trail / play trail / quiet seating area/Forest School
(e)	The Cockpit Open Space – enhancement of facilities – new play equipment, youth shelter/facilities, landscaping, seating
(f)	Provision of new open space, play facilities and leisure facilities
(g)	Provision of publicly accessible woodland areas
(h)	Additional CCTV in Playing Field

(I)	Playing Field – additional seating and picnic benches
(j)	Playing Field – additional more challenging play equipment – suitable for older children e.g. climbing wall, zip wire
(K)	Southons Field – additional seating and picnic benches
(l)	Southons Field – extending play trail and additional play equipment

6.	Highways
(a)	See separate Highways Improvement Plan

7.	Parking
(a)	Additional car parking at train station
(b)	Provision of park and ride serving both Marden Train Station and Maidstone Town Centre
(c)	Additional car parking in village centre for village services

8.	Public Transport
(a)	Railway – step free access to both platforms to aid mobility impaired users and those with young children using prams and push chairs
(b)	Railway – replacement fencing at Marden /station
(c)	Improved station facilities including larger waiting room / ticket office / bike storage and toilets
(d)	Bus transport – increased frequency of bus connection to Maidstone including evening bus services
(e)	Newer replacement bus stop signage, road markings and bus shelters

9.	Education
(a)	Nursery care – dedicated nursery building
(b)	Marden Primary School – expansion and modernisation of existing buildings to provide 21 st Century facilities / Provision of new school building
(c)	Secondary school – provision of new school within Marden or neighbouring parish

10.	Healthcare
(a)	Expansion of Marden Medical Centre or new building

11.	Street Furniture and Public Art
(a)	Provision of appropriate street furniture and art in public spaces

12.	Marden Cemetery
(a)	Expansion of Marden Cemetery to cater for future need
(b)	Provision of off road car parking

13.	Cycle Paths
(a)	See Highway Improvement Plan

14.	Sports Facilities
(a)	Provision of sports centre including gym, indoor sports facilities, indoor swimming pool
(b)	Marden Sports Club – provision of pedestrian connection to village centre
15.	Public Conveniences
	Refurbishment/rebuild of existing public conveniences