

A new West Kent Council

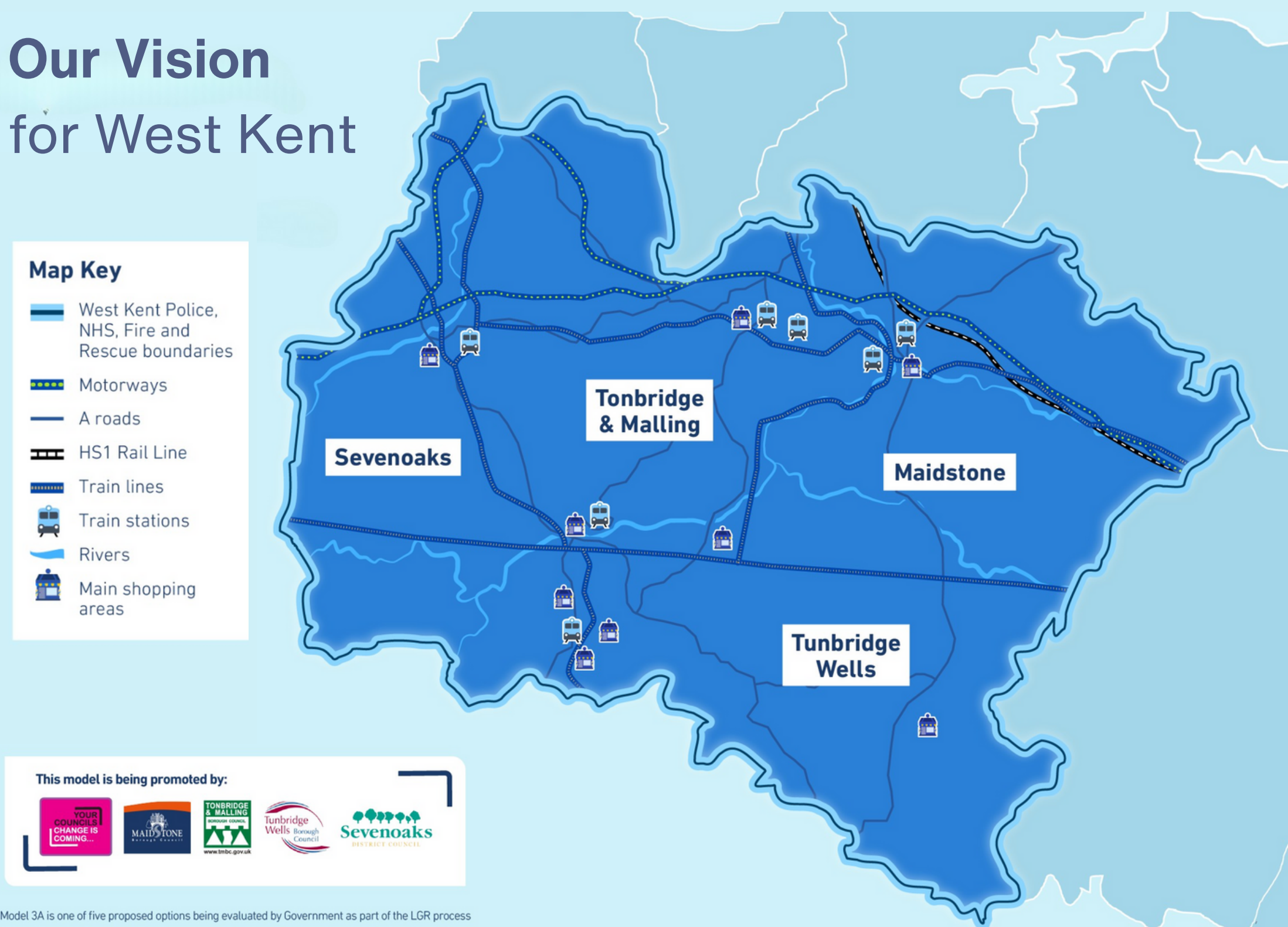
Big enough to make a difference,
small enough to care

We are proposing a new West Kent Council, bringing together **Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, and Tunbridge Wells** into one unitary authority.

Working as one will mean simpler services, better value for money, and more joined-up support for over half a million residents.

West Kent is already a great place to live, with thriving towns, strong communities, beautiful countryside, and excellent transport links. A single council will help us **protect** what works well while **improving services** for the future.

Our Vision for West Kent





Homes and Infrastructure

A single council will help deliver safe, good-quality homes through coordinated planning. Developments like Lidsing and Heathlands will bring thousands of new homes, around 40% affordable, plus new green spaces and land for future jobs.



Life in West Kent

From rural villages to busy towns, West Kent has a strong sense of identity. Our growing mix of backgrounds and cultures enriches local communities. The new council will work to keep our neighbourhoods safe, connected, and welcoming for everyone.



Culture and Heritage

Local theatres, arts venues, and museums, like The Assembly Hall, Trinity Arts Centre, the Hazlitt, The Stag, The Amelia Scott, and Maidstone Museum, bring people together and celebrate our heritage. We will support culture, creativity, and learning across West Kent.



Protecting the Environment, a Greener Future

We are committed to protecting our environment while planning for sustainable growth. Investment in green spaces, low-carbon transport, and renewable energy will help cut emissions, support wildlife, and create a cleaner, greener place to live.



Local Jobs and the Economy

West Kent has one of the strongest economies in the region, with over 26,000 businesses and excellent links to London and beyond. Bringing the four councils together will help attract new investment, support local employers, and create more opportunities for residents.



Skills, Transport and Connectivity

The area has a skilled workforce and strengths in creative industries, manufacturing, and life sciences. Good road and rail connections and easy access to airports, make West Kent well connected. A single council will help plan for future growth and improve transport links.



Working in Partnership

We already have strong partnerships with the NHS, police, fire and rescue, schools, voluntary groups, and businesses. A new West Kent Council will make it easier to work together, share information, and design services that meet local needs.

Our Vision

A **thriving, safe and sustainable** West Kent where:

- Residents can live well and feel supported
- Local businesses grow and create jobs
- Communities feel connected and proud of their area
- Services are simple, efficient, and joined-up

Together, we can build a **West Kent** that works for everyone



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