

## Homelessness and Rough Sleeping strategy 2026-2030 public consultation survey

The Homelessness Act (2002) says housing authorities must create and implement a homelessness strategy at least every five years that sets out their key priorities for preventing and reducing homelessness and rough sleeping in their district.

This is our strategy for the five-year period (2026-2030).

We are seeking the views of a wide range of stakeholders on the priority areas we have identified as being important to preventing homelessness and rough sleeping in our area.

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1. **Which of the following best describes you? \***

- Resident of the district
- A local business
- Member of a community or volunteer group
- A city, county, parish or town councillor (please provide your name):  
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- An MP
- A representative of a partner organisation (for example a charity, school, health service)
- Other (please specify):  
.....

2. **Do you have a personal experience of homelessness or rough sleeping? \***

*This could be current or in the past and may also include sofa-surfing or living in temporary accommodation.*

- Yes – currently       Yes – in the past       No       Prefer not to say

3. **Overall, how easy did you find the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy to read and understand? \***

- Very easy
- Easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Difficult
- Very difficult

3a. Please tell us more about your answer.

4. The strategy places children's needs at the centre of decision-making about homelessness. Based on what you've read, to what extent do you agree that it does enough to support children and families affected by homelessness? \*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree             | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree |  |

4a. Please tell us more about your answer.

5. Overall, how much do you support the four priorities set out in the draft strategy? \*

	Strongly support	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Priority 1: Increase our prevention of homelessness through early intervention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priority 2: To reduce and prevent rough sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priority 3: To improve how we communicate and provide advice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priority 4: Raise the standards of temporary accommodation and make best use of housing stock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. The strategy sets out a priority to *"increase our prevention of homelessness through early intervention"*. Do you think the proposed approaches will be effective? \*

Yes       No       Not sure

6a. Please tell us more about your answer.

7. The strategy sets out a priority to *"reduce and prevent rough sleeping"*. Do you think the proposed approaches will be effective? \*

Yes       No       Not sure

7a. Please tell us more about your answer.

8. The strategy sets out a priority to *"improve how we communicate and provide advice"*. Do you think the proposed approaches will be effective? \*

Yes       No       Not sure

8a. Please tell us more about your answer.

9. The strategy sets out a priority to *"raise the standards of temporary accommodation and make best use of housing stock"*. Do you think the proposed approaches will be effective? \*

Yes       No       Not sure

9a. Please tell us more about your answer.

10. Are there any organisations or partners you think the council should work more closely with to deliver this strategy?

11. Do you think the strategy is realistic and deliverable given current funding and housing pressures? \*

Yes       No       Not sure

11a. Please tell us more about your answer.

12. **Is there anything you expected to see in the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy which is not there?**

### **Corporate consultations**

We have several corporate consultations coming up soon and we would like to hear from you.

13. **We have several corporate consultations coming up soon and we would like to hear from you. Would you like to be informed about these? \***

Yes       No

**If you'd like to be informed, and are happy for the council to contact you about corporate consultations, please tick the box to indicate your consent to us contacting you:**

I consent to being contacted by the council

**How would you like to be contacted? \***

By email     By post

Please provide your email address: \*

Please provide your details:

Title \*

First name

Surname \*

Address \*

Address

Town \*

Postcode \*

14. **How did you find out about this consultation?** \* Please tick those that apply

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email from the council | <input type="checkbox"/> Council website            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Facebook post  | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Twitter post   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council LinkedIn post  |   |

**Equality information**

We ask a small number of optional questions so we can better understand who is taking part in our consultations and, just as importantly, who we may not be reaching. This helps us to make sure our services and engagement are fair, inclusive and accessible to everyone. You can read our privacy notice [canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-02/Consultations%20general%20privacy%20notice.pdf](https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-02/Consultations%20general%20privacy%20notice.pdf) at any time to see how we handle, store and protect your data.

15. **What age are you?** Please tick one box only

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 64          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 26 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 84          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 and above      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

16. **What gender are you?** Please tick one box only

- Male
- Female
- Prefer to self-describe (for example, non-binary, gender fluid etc)
- Prefer not to say

17. **Do you consider yourself to be disabled?** Please tick one box only

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

18. **What is your ethnic background?** (select the group that best describes you)

- White (English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British)
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background (please specify): .....
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- Asian / Asian British
- Black / African / Caribbean / Black British
- Other ethnic group (please specify): .....
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation.