

Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan 2017 - 2030

Consultation Statement



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Introduction and Purpose of Consultation Statement

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared with the aim of fulfilling the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, in respect of the Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan (NNP). The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Plan Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:

- contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- explain how they were consulted;
- summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 A characteristic of Neighbourhood Plans is that they are 'community led plans', led by authorised local community organisations. This means that community representatives write the plan themselves (or ask others to write the plan on their behalf).

1.3 Community groups can engage properly with the wider community right from the beginning of the plan preparation process to make sure that it genuinely represents the range of wants and needs of the local area.

1.4 One of the reasons that Newhaven Town Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan was to enable local people to know that they could have an input into how their town will grow and change over the coming years. In the past residents of Newhaven have felt that they have had unpopular development (such as incinerators, poor road management and heavy industry) forced upon them and that their objections have not been heard. Although these types of development are not within the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan, it was considered important that the community have an opportunity to voice their concerns and suggest ways of how they would like to see current needs be met.

1.5 Policies in the Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan have been developed following extensive engagement and involvement of residents, businesses and hard to reach groups.

1.6 Newhaven Town Council commissioned 'Action in Rural Sussex' (AiRS) to support them to run an effective programme of community engagement. AiRS in turn contracted Sussex Community Development Association to carry out consultation with young people and the business community.

Background information

1.7 Newhaven Town Council submitted its formal application to Lewes District Council (LDC) to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan covering the whole parish of Newhaven. On 8th July 2013, LDC granted permission for the preparation of the Plan, but at the request of the Port Authority, the area owned by Newhaven Port and Properties (NPP) was excluded. This included prime land in the central area of the town that has the potential to deliver considerable development. The Town Council raised no objection to the amended Neighbourhood Plan area which excluded all NPP land.

Scope

1.8 This Consultation Statement sets out details of the events and activities carried out in the parish of Newhaven during the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. It includes examples of the type of engagement used, from awareness raising to active engagement and lists the Statutory Consultees and key bodies identified as stakeholders.

1.9 It also sets out the broad strategy the Town Council and its consultants followed when consulting with the community in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan for Newhaven. The document seeks to confirm that the consultation process complied with the Town Council's adopted Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement and meets statutory requirements as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012.



Early public engagement

2. Consultation Framework

2.1 Extensive work and consultation with the community had previously taken place in 2012 at the 'Big Planning Event' which sought to identify the local community aspirations for the town. The resultant 'Peoples Report' gave a summary of the views received. The Town Council intended to build on this previous consultation and information in order to assure residents, that their previous engagement was contributing to 'the next stage' of delivering positive change for Newhaven.

2.2 As well as direct contact with residents, several group and organisation approaches were used in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan and their role, membership and method is set out below:

Table 1: Consultation Framework Elements – Main Roles, Membership and Method

Group and Role	Membership	Method
<p>Newhaven Town Council</p> <p>To formally direct, approve and adopt the preparation, policies and proposals of the Neighbourhood Plan for Newhaven and the community consultation process with its residents and key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Town Councillors</p>	<p>Formal process through full Town Council meetings schedule, with extraordinary meetings called as necessary.</p>
<p>Steering Group</p> <p>To oversee the preparation, presentation and adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan to facilitate the establishment, in the long term, of a balanced, sustainable community with the appropriate facilities, services and infrastructure within a quality environment accessible to all.</p>	<p>Town Councillors nominated (by full Council) with availability to participate in regular daytime meetings.</p>	<p>Regular programme of daytime meetings with officers and stakeholders as appropriate.</p>
<p>Focus Group</p> <p>To assist the Town Council in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan by advising and responding to consultations on various proposed broad aspects and policies of the neighbourhood Plan, to gauge broad direction and community requirements and aspirations.</p>	<p>By invitation (from Steering Group) to key stakeholders and relevant community representatives.</p>	<p>Written requests, individual meetings, presentations and group “sounding board” sessions by invitation from the Steering Group.</p>
<p>Citizens Panel</p> <p>To assist the Town Council in the preparation of the Neighbourhood plan by contributing views and responding to consultations on policies and local area based aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>Individuals (living or working within the town) who have expressed interest in all or particular aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>Written requests (initially sent 14th May 2014), presentations and area meetings by invitation from the Steering Group.</p>
	<p>Relevant officers</p>	<p>Written requests and</p>

Lewes District Council	as appropriate	individual meetings.
To assist the Town Council in the preparation and adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan by advising and responding to consultations on every aspect and policies of the Neighbourhood Plan and required supporting documentation and processes.		

2.3 All the events and processes during the production of the Neighbourhood Plan were designed to facilitate the involvement of as many residents and businesses as possible. To facilitate this, two principle approaches were adopted:

- Direct consultation with interested stakeholder groups and individuals – primarily in relation to specific topic themes
- Direct consultation with residents with drop in sessions and meetings in various areas of the town – covering both general and related localised proposals

2.4 Consultations also took place with established stakeholder groups on the themes in which they have an interest such as economic development with the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce and a youth focus with the Sussex Community Development Association

2.5 In addition the Town Council also consulted with appropriate statutory bodies and key stakeholder organisations as listed below:

Table 2: Consultee list

Statutory Consultee, Key local Partners/Stakeholders
Environment Agency
Historic England
Natural England
Marine Management Organisation
Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership
South East Local Enterprise Partnership
East Sussex County Council (all departments)
South Downs National Park Authority
Lewes District Council (all departments)
Sussex Community Development Association
Lewes and Downs Care Quality Commission
Southern Water
Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner
Seaford Town Council
Peacehaven Town Council
South Heighton Parish Council
Newhaven Chamber of Commerce
Newhaven Heights Residents Association

Focus Group Meetings

2.6 Focus Group membership started early on in the Neighbourhood Plan process and was generated through invitations through the citizens panel, advertising in Newhaven Matters, approaching local groups and individuals at public meetings. Themes discussed corresponded with those in the Topic Papers as well as other subjects such as business, conservation, retail and children's services.

2.7 Focus Group Meetings took place at Meeching Hall or at the Town Council offices every 3-4 weeks between Summer 2014 -Spring 2015. Between 10-14 members attended each meeting.

Steering Group Meetings

2.8 A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group made up of Councillors and residents drove the process of producing the Neighbourhood Plan and worked to a 'Terms of Reference' (Appendix 3). A core group of Councillors made up the steering group at the start of the process and then enrolment of residents took place following early engagement sessions. Meetings were held bi-weekly and meeting agendas were made available on the Town Council's website.

3. Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Timings and Activities

Early Engagement and Consultation

Neighbourhood Plan Launch – Summer 2014

3.1 NDP launch and consultation took place at the towns Fish Festival in June 2014 where 300 leaflets were distributed, and 80 volunteer sheets handed out to residents and other interested parties.

Call for Sites and Site Consultations – Spring 2014

3.2 A neighbourhood plan call for sites commenced on 17th May 2014 to encourage landowners to submit their sites for consideration in the Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan focus and steering groups walked around the town and made suggestions for other sites to be pursued by landowner contact. Suggestions for other land that could have potential for residential development were also invited at all public meetings. The Call for Sites Application Form is reproduced at Appendix 4.

Community Engagement – Summer/Autumn 2014

3.3 This early consultation was carried out from **July 2014 to October 2014** to give residents plenty of time to have their say. The following themes were identified and formed information in 'Topic Papers', the purpose of which was to prompt discussion:

- Topic Paper 1. Introduction and Background
- Topic Paper 2. Vision and Objectives
- Topic Paper 3. Housing (with an appendix)
- Topic Paper 4. Facilities and Services
- Topic Paper 5. Environment and Open Space

- Topic Paper 6. Employment and Tourism
- Topic Paper 7. Transport and Access

Summary Paper and Survey

3.4 A Summary Paper which incorporated a survey formed the central portion of the Town Council's quarterly newsletter Newhaven Matters in the Summer edition 2014. This was delivered to the 5,500 homes in the town. Some households did not receive the newsletter so additional public sessions were held to ensure that residents had a chance to attend. A total of 105 completed survey forms were returned.

Neighbourhood Plan - News

Working together for the good of Newhaven

Background to Neighbourhood Planning

Since April 2012, local communities have been able to produce Neighbourhood Plans for their local area, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of their towns and villages.

Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. They may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, environment and transport) or focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in the local area.

A Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to examination and referendum and then form part of the District Councils Local Development Plan. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than previous community-led plans. Local communities also have a new set of powers that will help them shape the places in which they live.

Latest News - July 2014

A questionnaire will be distributed to each household in the town at the beginning of July. The Town Council would like to hear your views on the issues that have arisen and also how you can contribute and get involved in your Neighbourhood Plan and set out below.

To get involved and have your say, you can:

- Complete the questionnaire (which will ask for your views on the draft vision and objectives) that will be delivered to each household in the town and return it to the Town Council. The questionnaire will also be available from the Town Council offices at 15 Port Road or can be posted to you, simply phone 01273 616100 and a questionnaire will be posted to you, on request from the Town Council's website www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk or complete online through the <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/newhavenNDP2014>.
- You can sign up to the Citizens Panel which will be used to continue with the and the other stages of the Neighbourhood Plans consultation and other plans of the Town Council.
- A 'Citizens Panel Membership Form' is available from the Town Council offices in Port Road, can be posted to you simply phone 01273 616100 or are available to download from the Town Council's website www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk.
- You or your group/association can be involved in one or more of the Focus Groups that are being established to look at the topics covered in the Neighbourhood Plan in more detail. Please the Council Offices for more details.
- You can attend one of the exhibitions below, which have been organised to provide information and opportunities to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and how it might affect the development in the town.

www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk/news

Excerpt from Neighbourhood Plan webpage on Town Council's website

Early Neighbourhood Plan Exhibitions/Drop in Sessions July and August 2014

3.5 During this period of early engagement Neighbourhood Plan Exhibitions and 'drop-in' sessions were held at different locations across the parish to involve as many residents as possible, local authority officers and interested parties. This initial consultation was focused on the survey material sent out in Newhaven matters and generate a discussion on the vision and objectives for Newhaven.

3.6 There was the opportunity for attendees to also comment on potential sites for residential development that had been submitted through the Lewes Strategic Housing and Economic Land Allocation Assessment (SHELAA) and the Neighbourhood Plan call for sites exercise.

3.7 The exhibitions generally took the form of several tables set out with either activities or information. This enabled visitors to move around the exhibition to retain interaction and interest. Everyone was encouraged to submit their view on a vision for the town.

3.8 Primarily the aim of the exhibition and drop in sessions was to encourage public participation and provide information including:

- Increase awareness and understanding of the plan preparation process, scope and restrictions;
- Identify issues of concern to residents;
- Explore solutions and opportunities to those issues and the wider needs of the town;
- Answer questions

3.9 The meetings used various methods to engage attendees from using 'Planning for Real'¹ techniques, such as usual visual aids, writing a postcard of the future, SWOT² activity, to help people enjoy getting involved and facilitate maximum involvement and interest.



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Young Person's Survey 2015



7: Pretend you are writing a postcard, describing your perfect Newhaven. What would you say?

Newhaven Post Card




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For entry into prize draw please provide the following.

Name:
School:
Class:

Thank you for completing this survey.




¹ Planning for Real is a nationally recognised range of techniques for community engagement

² SWOT stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

Your Voice Your Say

Get involved and make your views known to the Town Council

Complete and return the questionnaire: every household in Newhaven will receive a summary paper which will include a questionnaire that will provide the opportunity for the local community to have their say, on how they would like their town to grow and change. Please take the opportunity to fill it in and return as will be set out

Read the Topic Papers to find out more about each of the Neighbourhood Plan themes on the Town Council website

Sign up to the Citizens Panel Membership Form* is available from the Town Council offices and online.

Join one or more of the Focus Groups being established, to look at the topics covered in the Neighbourhood Plan in more detail.

Attend one of the Neighbourhood Plan exhibitions listed below, to discuss the Plan and how it might affect where you live;

To find out more on any of the above, Contact the Town Council by telephone on 01273 518100 or email

admin@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

You can also request copies of the Topic Papers

Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition Dates

All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

8th July at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, 11am – 3pm

8th July at Lewes Road Hut, 5pm – 8pm

15th July at Denton and Mount Pleasant Social Centre, 10am – 2pm



Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan



Newhaven Town Council is producing a Neighbourhood Plan, which when formally adopted, will set out where new development such as housing and recreation space will be located in the town and what it should look like.

Your views and support are really important to the Town Council and are essential if we are to deliver a Plan that truly reflects the needs and aspirations of those that live and work in the town.

We took first steps to produce a Neighbourhood Plan in 2012, with the Big Planning event. Your views from this have enabled us to prepare seven Topic Papers, which the Town Council are using as the framework for current public consultation.

The Topic Papers will be available at the Town Council's offices and on their website, the local library and at exhibitions to be held at the locations overleaf. The Topic papers will cover the following themes:

- Topic Paper 1 – Introduction and Background
- Topic Paper 2 – Vision and Objectives
- Topic Paper 3 – Housing
- Topic Paper 4 – Facilities and Services
- Topic Paper 5 – Environment and Open Space
- Topic Paper 6 – Employment and Tourism
- Topic Paper 7 – Transport and Access

CREATING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR NEWHAVEN

NEWHAVEN NEEDS YOU!

We are currently looking for volunteers to join any of the focus areas to work with the steering group to plan the future of Newhaven

If you will you like to be part of the driving force behind the Newhaven Neighbourhood Plan, please tick the relevant boxes below

Please tick which Area groups you would like to join and your Topics of interest

Focus Areas	Topic Areas				
	Housing	Facilities & Services	Environment & Open Space	Employment & Tourism	Transport & Access
2 - The Town Centre					
3 - East Side/South of Area					
4 - Valley Road Area					
5 - Moorings Area					
6 - Denton Area					

Name:

Email address:

Telephone number:

The first focus group meeting is planned for Thursday 19th June 2014 at Meeching Hall from 7pm – 9pm. Will you be able to attend?

Yes, I can attend	
No, I will not be able to attend	
Maybe	

Alternatively you can leave your details on our website www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01273 467320

Together we can make a difference to Newhaven

Early engagement: Excerpts from Newhaven Matters

3.10 The following photographs show activities and engagement at the first public consultation events.



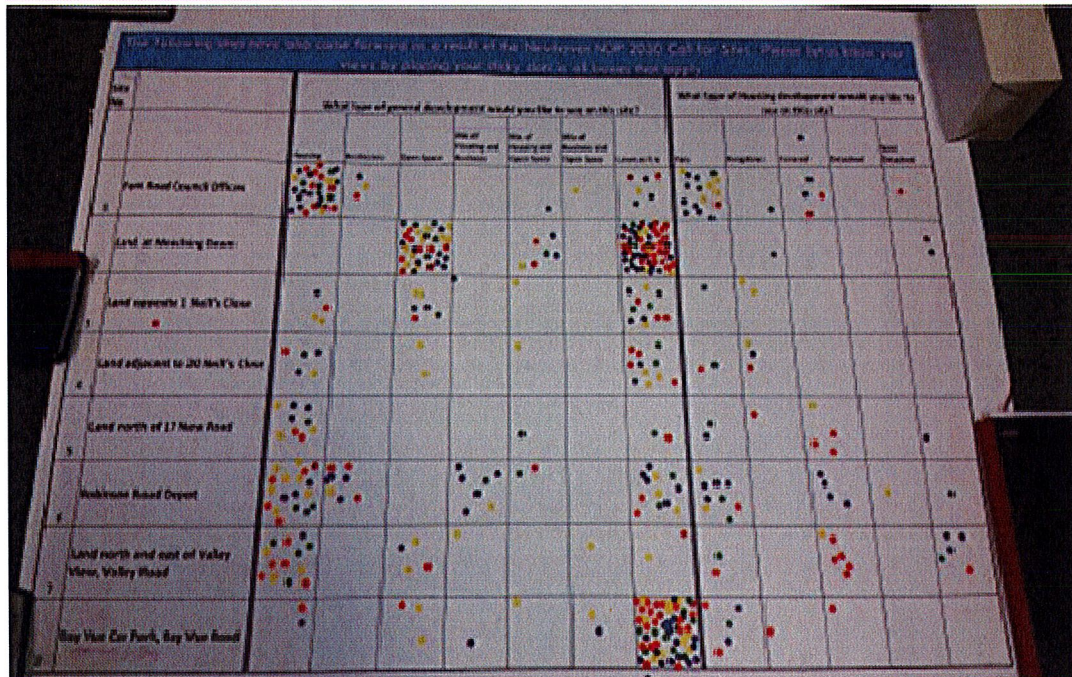
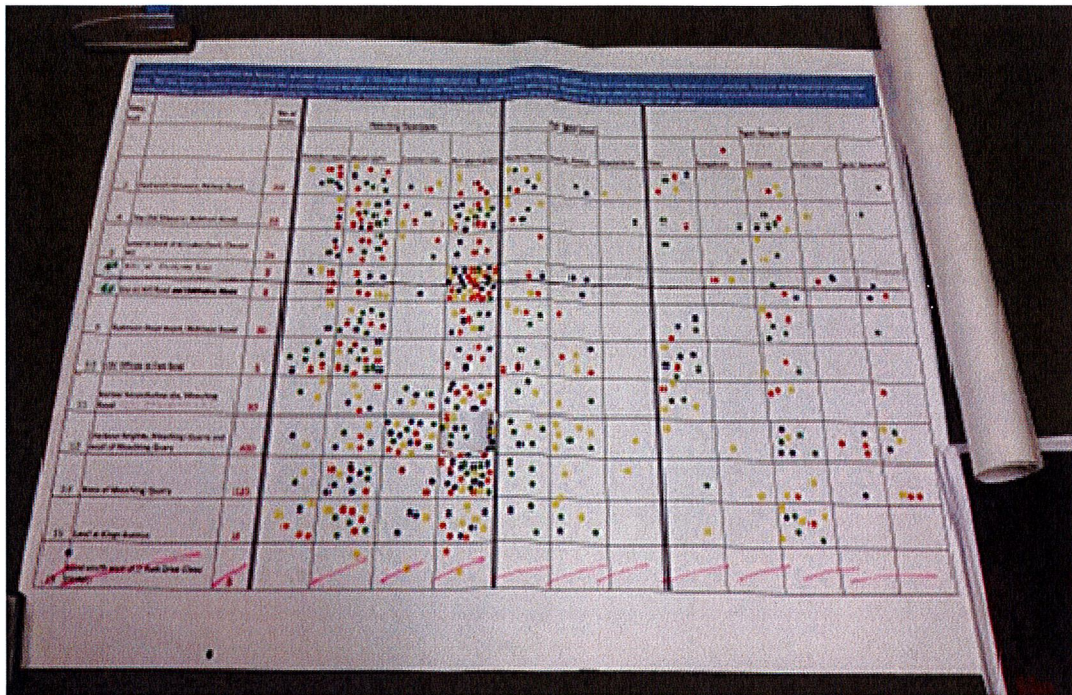
Meeching Hall Exhibition - 68 attendees on 8th July 2014 from 11am– 3pm



Denton and Mount Pleasant Social Centre Exhibitions - 59 attendees on 15th July 2014 from 10am – 2pm and – 49 attendees on 29th July 2014 from 4pm – 8pm



Lewes Road Hut Exhibition - 38 attendees on 8th July 2014 from 5pm – 8pm



Early Engagement – Responses to the exercise on potential sites for residential development

Consultations that run in Tandem

3.11 As part of the Neighbourhood Plan Summer 2014 consultation exercise, at the request of East Sussex County Council, views were sought on the possible use of Section 106 money set aside for mitigation measures in respect of the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF).

3.12 The County Council had completed an extensive planting programme to mitigate the landscape impact of the ERF and under the terms of the Section 106 Agreement were seeking the views of the local community as to how the residual money may be spent. This element formed an integral part of the Town Council’s consultation on the open space requirements and proposals of the Neighbourhood Plan and its potential opportunity to contribute to meeting the shortfall of recreation facilities for the town.

3.13 Lewes District Council also took the opportunity of the Town Council's consultation and presented Part 2 of its Local Plan and revised housing requirements at the various exhibitions. Presentations on this were also part of the consultation process of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3.14 It was considered useful to run these consultation exercises in tandem, to enable local people to have a say on these separate but related issues and so that residents did not suffer from 'consultation fatigue' through too many consultations running concurrently.



Focus Meeting average attendance was between 10-14 people

Neighbourhood Development Plan Briefing Sessions – November 2014

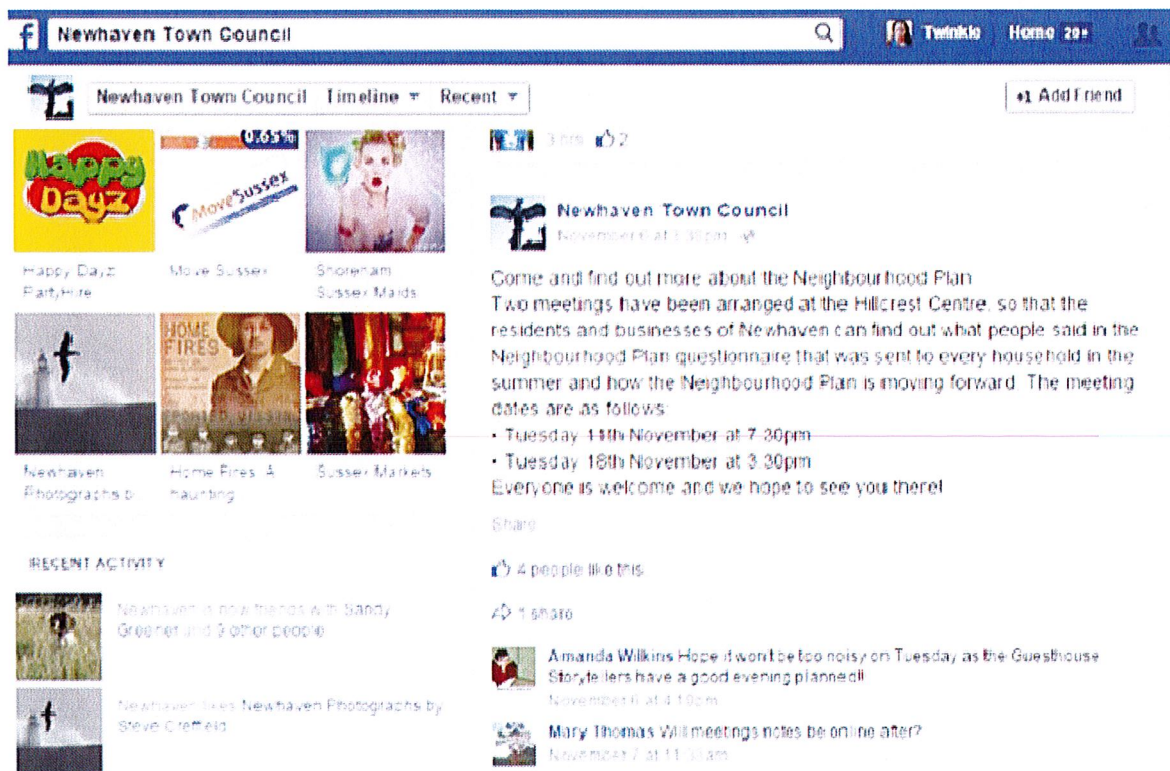
3.15 Following the extensive consultation in Summer 2014, two public briefing sessions were run to update residents and other interested stakeholders on the outcomes of the earlier consultation and advise on progress and next steps of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3.16 The first session was held at the Hillcrest Centre on the 11th November 2014 from 7.30-9.30 pm with 14 people in attendance. The second session was also held on the Hillcrest Centre on the 18th November from 3.30 – 5.30pm with 30 people in attendance.

These sessions were widely advertised through posters on all notice boards, advertised in Haven News, Facebook and the Town Councils website.



Neighbourhood Plan Briefing Sessions – November 2014



Facebook post advertising November 2014 update meetings

Engaging with Local Businesses

3.17 Local Businesses Consultation was carried out on 30th July 2014 with a Sussex Community Development Association representative (who were supporting Action in Rural Sussex) attending a breakfast event of Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC). A business event scheduled for the 7th August 2014 and was promoted at this meeting. Invitations were sent by post to 400 local businesses informing them about the Neighbourhood Plan and advising of a workshop being planned to enable discussion on aspirations, concerns and needs of the business community. Nine businesses sent representatives to this meeting which was held at the Enterprise Centre.

3.18 A further presentation was given to NCC in September 2014 and July 2015. In addition, progress of the Neighbourhood Plan was given at Newhaven Enterprise Zone board meetings.

Engaging with Young People

3.19 SCDA carried out young people consultation via the youth club, in August 2018 and this was followed by a young persons' survey in 2015. 6 young people responded to the survey.

3.20 In view of the limited response to the young people's survey, it was decided to engage with young people through local primary and secondary schools. Members of the Steering Group with the Mayor led school assemblies at Harbour, Denton and Newhaven Academy primary schools and Seahaven Academy Secondary school in June 2016. In addition to engage older students, conference style events with Geography GCSE students were run at Seahaven Academy (see Appendix 5) with guest speakers including, South Downs National Park Authority, SCDA and groups involved with sustainable development.

Engaging with local groups and organisations

3.21 In July 2014 a consultation workshop was held for local groups and organisations in Newhaven. The event was held at the Hillcrest Centre from 4pm to 7pm. Fourteen organisations attended the event and outcomes of the meeting are set out at Appendix

Support for Steering and Focus Groups

3.22 To support Steering and Focus Group members with the tasks of delivering a Neighbourhood Plan and help effective networking with the community, two events were arranged to advise on best practice for place making.

Workshop by Farrell Architects

3.23 In February 2015 an opportunity was given for Max Farrell from the Farrell Architectural practice in London to make a special visit to Newhaven, to run a workshop on 'place shaping'. Max was the project leader for the Farrell Review of Architecture and the Built Environment commissioned by Culture Minister Ed Vaizey in 2013. The practice was involved with projects such as Chelsea Waterfront, Beijing station, The Home Office and the Royal Albert Docks.

3.24 Steering Group and Focus Group members were invited to the session as well as members of the public with an interest in place making and shaping. The workshop followed a discussion on the following ideas:

Discussion

- Landscape should be primary infrastructure
- New buildings must fit in with the context, character and place
- There must be continuity following the shape, pattern and form of what's there
- Disaggregation not mass housing, infill with character, style and scale
- Phasing – each phase should be complete within itself
- Sustainability should be fundamental
- Architectural quality – secure good design through to the detailed design

- Minimise the impact of the car
- Social mix – build a balanced community
- Proactively engage with the community through consultation, workshops and exhibitions.
- Do we think anything is missing!?.....

Visit to New England Quarter

3.25 Members of the Steering and Focus Group visited the New England Quarter in Brighton, a redeveloped site with a high standard of sustainability imbedded in the scheme. The development has low car use development with a car share scheme, rooftop allotments and green procurement procedure. Members were given a tour of the site and the visit provided an example of achievable sustainable development.

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Updates

3.26 From the early consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan the Town Council provided regular updates of the Neighbourhood Plan process on the Town Councils website and in Newhaven Matters, the quarterly magazine delivered to all households. This was to ensure that the local community was aware of progress and that questions and contributions could be made. This was especially important as the Plan process was long and regeneration proposals for Newhaven were being discussed at County and District level and these were in the public domain.

3.27 The website included information on sites submitted for consideration, survey material, exhibition material, site assessments and agenda and minutes of Steering Group meetings. Neighbourhood Plan updates were given at all Full Council Meetings with meeting minutes setting out any information.

3.28 In addition, there was active engagement with landowners and site proponents with sites submitted for consideration over the 3 year period, leading up to the Regulation 14 consultation.



A drop- in session with visitors choosing sites

4. Regulation 14 Consultation

4.1 The Draft Newhaven Neighbourhood Development Plan (Pre-submission Consultation and Publicity Regulation 14 version) was published on 3rd May 2017 for a 6-week period until 14th June 2017. Statutory Consultees identified at Table 2 were consulted as were key stakeholder organizations.

4.2 The consultation period was advertised in Newhaven Matters and was made available on the Newhaven Town Council website (www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk/), the Lewes District Council Website (www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) and South Downs National Park Authority website (www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/community-planning/). It was also made available for inspection in the locations set out in Table 2 below. Copies were also made available to be taken away.

Location	Made available from
Town Council office	3rd May 2017
Newhaven Library	3rd May 2017
Paradise Park Garden Centre, Avis Way,	3rd May 2017
Hillcrest Centre	3rd May 2017

Table 2: Locations where the Draft Plan was made available for inspection.

4.3 A Focus sheet was made available for people to gain an overview of what the Neighbourhood Plan aimed to achieve and was made available at all the above locations and at the public meetings. (A copy of a poster used on all the Town Council's notice boards and local shops and press release are reproduced at Appendices 6&7)

4.4 Drop in sessions for the public were run at the following locations, dates and times:

Wednesday 3rd May from 2pm – 8pm at Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road

Wednesday 17th May from 2pm-7pm at Lewes Road Social Centre, Lewes Road

Saturday 27th May from 10am-2.30pm at Denton & Mount Pleasant Social Centre



Excerpt from Spring 2017 edition of Newhaven Matters advertising Regulation 15 Consultation

Extended Regulation 14 Consultation

4.5 At the public drop-in session on 27th May 2018 concern was raised by attendees that there should be a longer opportunity for residents to have the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan. Newhaven Town Council therefore took the decision to extend the consultation period by a further five and half weeks finishing on 21st July 2017.

4.6 A further 'drop-in session' took place on 12th July from 3pm – 7pm at Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road.



YOUR CHANCE TO INFLUENCE WHAT HAPPENS IN NEWHAVEN

Newhaven Town Council wants your views on the Neighbourhood Plan it has prepared. The plan identifies land for new retail outlets, commercial properties and 425 new homes which are in addition to the circa 900 homes already coming to Newhaven. This is **your opportunity** to comment on where some of the homes will go and to give us your ideas on ways the town can be improved for the benefit of all residents.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
Lewes District Council and an examiner will ensure that the Plan has followed the correct legal process, then will assist eligible residents a polling card to vote 'YES' or 'NO' at a polling station on whether the plan should be adopted.

A failure to gain a majority vote of 'YES' will mean that Lewes District Council decide where the new homes go and what improvements will be made to the town.

You can respond to the Plan by using the **COMMENTS FORM** opposite which is also available on the Town Council's webpage above. The form sets out how you can submit your comments.

The deadline for the submission of forms has been extended to 5pm on 21st July 2017 to ensure that all residents get to hear about this important document which will impact on how Newhaven grows and develops.

For further information contact Susie Mulline on 01273 816100 or email mulle.susie@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

One to one meetings can be arranged.

You can view the plan at www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk/newneighbourhoodplan, or a hard copy at:

- Newhaven Library, High Street, Newhaven BN9 9PD
- Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road, Newhaven BN9 5EH
- Hillcrest Park, Leisure Centre, Customer Services, Avis Road, Newhaven, BN9 9DE
- Town Council Offices, 18 Port Road, Newhaven BN9 9DB

To speak with the people involved come along to the Hillcrest Centre on Wednesday 12th July from 3pm - 7pm.

14 Newhaven Matters Summer 2017

Excerpt from Summer edition of Newhaven Matters advising of extended Regulation 14 consultation

4.7 The responses received as a result of the Regulation 14 consultation are set out at Appendix 1, Schedule of Comments Received from residents and other bodies and Appendix 2, Schedule of Comments Received from Lewes District Council, SDNPA and other Statutory Authorities. Both schedules summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the representations and describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

4.8 During the Regulation 14 Consultation many visitors to the exhibitions and respondents raised their concern regarding Lewes District Council's Joint Core Strategy Policy SP7 which is an allocation for 400 new homes. Although this document had been consulted upon a few years before, many people in the town had not realised the implications of this document.

4.9 Consequently real efforts were made to advise residents that the Neighbourhood Plan could not withdraw this extant allocation and meetings were held with residents groups and organisations to advise of the relationship of the Neighbourhood Plan with other Development Plan Documents, relevant to Newhaven.

Sustainability Appraisal Consultation

5.1 As sustainability is an important consideration in land use planning, a Sustainability Appraisal has been undertaken on the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012 states that the aim of the planning system is to deliver sustainable development. This has been carried through in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that neighbourhood development plans contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. Although not a statutory requirement, a sustainability appraisal of a Neighbourhood Development Plan is a positive step to meeting these basic conditions.

5.2 A Strategic Environmental Assessment is a requirement of the EC Directive 2001/42/EC (the 'SEA Directive') on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment. This is enshrined in UK law through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, which introduced environmental assessment as a requirement for most planning documents in the UK. Appendix

5.3 While a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is concerned with environmental effects, the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is more comprehensive as it considers the environmental, social and economic effects of plans and its policies. An SA seeks to identify ways of achieving a proper balance between these three considerations. By undertaking a SA of the SNP, the requirements of the SEA Directive were fulfilled.

5.4 In developing the Sustainability Appraisal Newhaven Town Council produced a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (including Environmental Assessment) and this was consulted on with the statutory authorities for a 6-week period between 18th September 2015 and 30th October 2015. Feedback received on the scoping report is set out at Appendix 8.

5.5 The Sustainability Appraisal was subject to the same statutory consultation arrangements as the Neighbourhood Plan and comments made on the SA at the time of the Regulation 14 consultation and are included within Appendix 2 – Schedule of Comments received from Lewes District Council, SDNPA and other Statutory Consultees.

Glossary

LDC – Lewes District Council
ESCC – East Sussex County Council
SDNPA – South Downs National Park Authority
NPPF – National Planning Policy Framework
SA – Sustainability Appraisal
SEA – Strategic Environmental Assessment