Question 10.1

It is proposed that the Core Strategy should contain a strategic policy based on the following principles/approach:

"Development proposals must contribute to improving the education attainment, health, safety, quality of life and well-being of local residents and visitors to Hastings"

This will be achieved by:

Providing for health and social care facilities supporting the estates strategy of the Primary Care Trust and the improvement plans of the Conquest Hospital and other key health and social care agencies

Securing the physical infrastructure needed to maximise the impact of the Higher Education/ University campus in the Town Centre and at Ore Valley Campus along with parallel development of a town wide educational and skills training infrastructure

Making sure that the future land requirements of education and skills, health and social services, local emergency services and utilities are adequately catered for

Promoting the location of community facilities and services within the area they serve

Safeguarding existing and promoting new opportunities for cultural, recreation and community facilities

Making sure land and buildings are used in a way that reflects people's needs and buildings are designed and located in accessible ways that contribute to all sectors of the community

Making sure the design of new buildings, and their relationship to adjacent public areas, contribute to improving public safety (including road safety and crime reduction) and minimise crime and the fear of crime

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 103
Individuals: Total 63

Local Groups: Total 12

Developers: Total 3

Statutory Agencies: Total 11

Other (including anonymous): Total 14

Response percentages: Agree – 92% Disagree – 5% No Opinion – 3%

Question 10.2

Please tell us any comments you have on the suggested approach of "Development proposals must contribute to improving the education attainment, health, safety, quality of life and well-being of local residents and visitors to Hastings"

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 50

Individuals: Total 30
Braybrooke (2), Castle (9), Central St Leonards (1), Conquest (1), Gensing (1), Maze Hill (1), Old Hastings (3), Ore (1), Silverhill (2), St Helens (1), Tressell (2), West St Leonards (1), Other (5).

Local Groups: Total 9
Castle Court Residents Association, Hastings & Rother Urban Design Group, Hastings and Rother Disability Forum, Hastings Old Town Residents Association, Old Hastings Preservation Society, Ore Valley Forum, The Mother Agnes Trust, Transport 2000; Age Concern Hastings/Hastings & St Leonards Seniors Forum

Developers: Total 0

Statutory agencies: Total 3
Forestry Commission, Highways Agency, Southern Water

Other (including anonymous): Total 8
Anonymous (3), Planning Potential, Rother Amenities Service, Sport England, The Hastings Greenway Project, The Theatres Trust

Ref 13
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/1
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Reintroduce free entry to sports centre and advertise at all schools. Promote café culture with permission for all weather seating outside in Town Centre/Seafront so people feel less intimidated whilst walking especially at night. Beach should be used to its full potential for free activities.

Ref 11
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.2/2
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Support the PCT, when they plan to de-grade the Conquest. The town will need more one bed student accommodation.

Ref 15
Ward Gensing
Response ref 10.2/3
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I am philosophically opposed to the Nietmayor/Hegelion historicist concept of "social engineering" – neither the Hitler Youth nor the Fundamentalists are encouraging precedents. I see the need for – perhaps quite rigorous – planning and behavioural controls but a proactive Social and Cultural Policy scares me

Ref 28
Ward
Response ref 10.2/4
Individual/name of organisation Rother Amenities Serv
Summary of comments Local community facilities for leisure and health care are a priority. Centralised provision of facilities promotes travel and isolation within residential areas.

Ref 32
Ward
Response ref 10.2/5
Individual/name of organisation Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Summary of comments What is the "estates strategy of the PCT"? The Old Town has several specific health led needs but will they be addressed?

Ref 23
Ward
Response ref 10.2/6
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments No 'business' [illegible word] Business is a key part of the community e.g. any downgrading of the Conquest may impact on [or] ability to attract inward investment.

Ref 83
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/7
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments See my comment on "Image of the town" chapter 5

Ref 132
Ward Ore
Response ref 10.2/8
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Please save the Conquest

Ref 77
Ward
Response ref 10.2/9
Individual/name of organisation Ore Valley Forum
Summary of comments
10.8: more improvements, the more expectations raised – continual improvement is likely to be unrealistic, unaffordable. Services need to be of a good consistent standard and evolve with time.
10.2: does not include geography. The town is difficult for some people to move around by public transport e.g. the old infirm or mums and dads with young children.
Development should link to public transport to discourage car use and ownership.

Ref 130
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/10
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Keep both our A&E and Maternity

Ref 125
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.2/11
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Hastings should provide a centre where everyone can become involved in quality arts/cultural activities and where they can then show and perform work. This should involve all members and ages of the community

Ref 127
Ward Silverhill
Response ref 10.2/12
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Tell us how you plan to do it!

Ref 106
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/13
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The public are not happy about the indecision over medical facilities. We are led to believe that it will mean improvements but there is also a great suspicion that is it purely a money saving device – undoubtedly necessary in view of the modern demands on health service. It is essential that good sports facilities are available for students without involving too much travelling

Ref 88
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/14
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Residents have campaigned for a community centre in Castle ward for ages. It would make such a difference to community cohesion.

Ref 84
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.2/15
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It is contradictory that our hospital will be losing facilities when we are planning to increase the Towns population and amenities.

Ref 92
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/16
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Much more complicated without (illegible word) being made.

Ref 93
Ward
Response ref 10.2/17
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments People needs must be determined by effective consultation. Last bullet point should relate to uses of existing building as well as new designs.

Ref 86
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.2/18
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments We should also focus on try to develop low impact architecturally pleasing developments to enable residents to feel proud and to avoid creating a Blot on the landscape.

Ref 91
Ward West St L
Response ref 10.2/19
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Too general effectively meaningless! More recognition of the value of the heritage and built environment and the towns unique form is needed.

Ref 101
Ward
Response ref 10.2/20
Individual/name of organisation Old Hastings Preservation Society
Summary of comments What improvements at the Conquest?
Any development should be based on wide community consultation.

Ref 90
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/21
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments New buildings especially public buildings should be of the highest design standards (too often Hastings gets fobbed off with the mediocre ie the plans for the Observer building site)

Ref 111
Ward
Response ref 10.2/22
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments I think the White Rock being developed as a centre for young people is a good idea. Need to encourage BMX and skateboarders, a very important part of the culture of the area.

Ref 80
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/23
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Fundamentally, Hastings has serious health problems and especially those relating to mental health and an ageing population. To some degree it goes back to the housing policies of a town and retail led regeneration, which results in a crushing of local businesses for sake of multi nationals. Once more links need to be made as this is a complicated business based on a history of inequalities

Ref 107
Ward
Response ref 10.2/24
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Need several good youth centres.
Down grading the conquest will not provide adequate health provision for new dwelling residents.

Ref 76
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.2/25
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Hastings is an inversion pocket (climatically) and has higher than average rates of asthma. Any concern for quality of life, and for health must give a high priority to air quality, and to reducing air pollution. There should be a Common Strategy for this. As respiratory disease will put more strain on heart, reduce capacity for exercise, etc.

Ref 41
Ward
Response ref 10.2/26
Individual/name of organisation Castle Court Residents Association
Summary of comments No mention of the sea and the seafront – Hastings raison d'etre. Bullet points too weighted towards Seaspace development instead of local needs and strengths. No links shown between health, housing, leisure and evening economy.

Ref 121
Ward
Response ref 10.2/27
Individual/name of organisation The Hastings Greenway Project
Summary of comments English Nature stress a key factor in quality of life issues are daily contact with urban nature, especially trees, The most successful regeneration programs usually have a major tree planting scheme. Current studies and research suggest a link with mental health & well being & the provision (or lack) of accessible urban green space. In addition to more direct (utility-based) links for walking & cycling, there is a need for a more meandering system of amenity based pathways and cycleways (greenways) that help to create a linked local green space network. The greenway program explores this linkage concept to create choice and a more responsive and interactive public realm.

Ref 108
Ward
Response ref 10.2/28
Individual/name of organisation Hastings and Rother Disability Forum
Summary of comments All sounds goof on paper, where, why, how and what?

Ref 123
Ward
Response ref 10.2/29
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments So safeguarding the local green environment, the local countryside, villages & farms does not improve quality of life? It must feature in this section

Ref 122
Ward
Response ref 10.2/30
Individual/name of organisation Hastings & Rother Urban Design Grp
Summary of comments In principle sounds fine, reality there are wide differences across the Borough, Castle ward has no community centre & none is proposed despite regen money. Community facilities mean one thing to the council and something entirely different to the local community

Ref 104
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.2/31
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Save the Conquest Hospital – we need its services!
Thank you for the fantastic community events such as playdays in Park and beach event. Could we have a playday type event at varying locations through the town every weekend? Making use of local childcare workers – great for community building and promoting awareness of different spaces
Improved Green fair such as the initial event held at Alexandra park.
Music and film events on the beach.

Ref 58
Ward
Response ref 10.2/32
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Good infrastructure does not equate to a good quality of life but it can help. People are the important resource

Ref 30
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.2/33
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments This all sounds wonderful; we pay our taxes and community infrastructure must be provided for the services we all need. However, ever since the present local government bureaucracy was set up, all these providers have different budgets and public providers do not generally use their resources in a commercially efficient way. Why did the new station not have other (possibly public) facilities over it?

Ref 39
Ward
Response ref 10.2/34
Individual/name of organisation The Theatres Trust
Summary of comments Welcome the bullet point 'Safeguarding existing and promoting new opportunities for cultural, recreation and community facilities' and hope to see it reflected as policy in the Preferred Options document.
The core strategy should establish a framework whereby developer contributions could be used to implement the cultural strategy, and by supporting collaborative working and the establishment of partnerships to achieve action plans. The developer contributions requirement could be broadened out in the form of a Supplementary Planning Document. Recommend looking at ' *Securing Community Benefits Through The Planning Process*' available at PlanningResource.co.uk

Ref 63
Ward Silverhill
Response ref 10.2/35
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Very problematic is the conflict between new build housing need and open spaces e.g. the Ore Valley.
Maximising open space and keeping new build to sites where it is least intrusive to recreational / leisure space is key.

Ref 161
Ward
Response ref 10.2/36
Individual/name of organisation Sport England
Summary of comments With regard to safeguarding existing facilities particular attention should be given to the protection of playing fields. To avoid duplication of national guidance, Sport England would like to see additional text which highlights that the development of playing field land will only be permitted if the tests in PPG17 and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy are met. If developments are proposed that will result in the loss of open space, sport or recreation facilities, it should be required that replacement of equivalent or better quality is secured.

Ref 53
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.2/37
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments What improvements plans for the conquest – we are facing cuts and should state our support for hands off. How can we justify more people without improvements to hospital facilities?

Ref 69
Ward
Response ref 10.2/38
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments All developments need to have security/safety embedded in the plans to slowly increase peoples confidence in attended these places of education etc

Ref 70
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.2/39
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Not enough for young people to do

Ref 62
Ward St Helens
Response ref 10.2/40
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Much emphasis is put on the youth of our town, as it should be. It would be a great mistake to forget the needs of the seniors of whom there are an increasing number.

Ref 160
Ward Central St Leonards
Response ref 10.2/41
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Community facilities should wherever possible be all-inclusive and encourage integration together with British and local cultural values. Any grants should reflect this.

Ref 147
Ward
Response ref 10.2/42
Individual/name of organisation The Mother Agnes Trust
Summary of comments Need to ensure these objectives do not result in unnecessary or inequitable obligations on developer and landowners.

Ref 156
Ward
Response ref 10.2/43
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments I truly believe empowering of one will benefit all. Making people have a sense of civic pride and providing clear approach to achieving collective goals is a good thing.

Throughout this document very little has been placed upon the cultural and artistic community and what it can provide – which in community terms is vibrant within this area. Along side a real lack of any real acknowledgement of working with those educational establishments that will provide the next generations whose environments we are debating now.

It's not about the ticking of a box or agreeing or disagreeing – but having some soul and belief in taking things forward. I only had this document for two days and knew very little about it!

Ref 100
Ward
Response ref 10.2/44
Individual/name of organisation Highways Agency
Summary of comments The HA supports the development of carefully sited community facilities that may have the potential to reduce the need to travel to larger urban areas and therefore align with the objectives of PPG13.

Ref 112
Ward Maze Hill
Response ref 10.2/45
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Defend all services of the Conquest.
The current library is underused. Elsewhere new, modern libraries have more than doubled use. We cannot claim "educational excellence" without a new library.

Ref 142
Ward
Response ref 10.2/46
Individual/name of organisation Forestry Commission
Summary of comments We support the overall approach of ensuring that development proposals contribute to community infrastructure and quality of life. We wish to ensure that Green Infrastructure is included in this the list of options. Green infrastructure has great potential to deliver health and recreational benefits to the local community. New woodland planting in advance of development allows the environment to begin to mature as the rest of the development occurs. Plans for retaining existing trees and woodlands will particularly help people develop a positive attitude to development areas. It is important to ensure that funding is secured for the continuing management of the green infrastructure, so that the initial investment in green infrastructure creation is sustained. There are a number of models in existence for this purpose:

Ref 146
Ward
Response ref 10.2/47
Individual/name of organisation Southern Water
Summary of comments SW support the general aim of this section to ensure the future land requirements of utilities are adequately catered for to meet the need for community infrastructure. However, SW believes that the CS needs to go further and include policies that fully support the planning and delivery of essential infrastructure.

Ref 154
Ward
Response ref 10.2/48
Individual/name of organisation Planning Potential
Summary of comments The role shopping centres serve in their local communities should be emphasised.

Ref 148
Ward
Response ref 10.2/49
Individual/name of organisation Transport 2000
Summary of comments There are no direct links made in this section between take up of healthy transport options, improving public health, and the wider benefits that could accrue from this approach.

Creating conditions for an increase in walking and cycling, would bring benefits to public health. This would help to deliver objectives of the Health of the Nation White Paper, and is supported by the Primary Care Trust.

Reducing the threat from speeding traffic through 20mph zones can significantly reduce child accident rates (Such zones in Hull have brought about a 74% reduction in child 'killed and seriously injured' (KSI) rates)

Facilitating increased walking and cycling levels can help to support local shopping centres, so making access to fresh food easier and possible for more people.

More people walking, resulting from more lightly trafficked streets, increases opportunities for social contact and casual surveillance which reduces crime and the fear of crime. It strengthens communities.

Ref 177
Ward
Response ref 10.2/50
Individual/name of organisation Age Concern Hastings/Hastings & St Leonards Seniors Forum
Summary of comments
Need for community centres and sports facilities for older people

Question 10.3

If you disagree with the suggested approach that "Development proposals must contribute to improving the education attainment, health, safety, quality of life and well-being of local residents and visitors to Hastings" what would you wish to change/add?

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 17
Individuals: Total 11
Braybrooke (1), Castle (4), Central St Leonards (1), Conquest (1), Ore (1), St Helens (1), West St Leonards (1), Other (1)

Local Groups: Total 3
Castle Court Residents Association, Hastings Old Town Residents Association, Speckled Wood Group.

Developers: Total 1
Walden Pond Housing Co-operative LTD.

Statutory agencies: Total 2
East Sussex County Council, Southern Water

Other (including anonymous): Total 0.

Ref 13
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.3/1
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The design of new buildings should have more balconies.
All schools should participate in a week long Hastings experience – be shown all of the Town and its cultural, recreational and community facilities to understand its history to appreciate it and see what's on offer.

Ref 17
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.3/2
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Need to include improved lighting, especially in passages, steps and twittens.

Ref 32
Ward
Response ref 10.3/3
Individual/name of organisation Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Summary of comments There is not even a swing in the Old Town. We have a few small, inadequate old church halls. There has been no investment in community facilities especially for children and young people. There is no school in the Old Town either. Families moving into the Old Town find great difficulty in gaining a school place.

Ref 21
Ward
Response ref 10.3/4
Individual/name of organisation Walden Pond Housing Co-operative LTD
Summary of comments Add that community infrastructure development should be sustainable in terms of energy & environmental impact e.g. including on site renewable generation and/or combined heat and power.

Ref 35
Ward Central St Leonards
Response ref 10.3/5
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I agree with points 10.2, 10.8, 10.12, and totally with 10.14 where I see no need for further additions and expansion of fast food restaurants whatsoever.

Ref 19
Ward
Response ref 10.3/6
Individual/name of organisation Speckled Wood Group
Summary of comments We do not believe that you can make sure that land and buildings are used in a way that reflects peoples lives without also making reference to the value [of] space and in particular green space.

Ref 132
Ward Ore
Response ref 10.3/7
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Deaths will result in merging heart, A&E and maternity with Eastbourne. The cost of journeys re locating etc will be prohibitive

Ref 75
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.3/8
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It lacks recognition of the role of local history in the town's culture. The LDF should give support to helping preserve local history by encouraging and funding local archives and publishing

Ref 106
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.3/9
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments A mini bus service to sports areas from the station – some are attainable by public buses now. Horntye is not well served

Ref 91
Ward West St L
Response ref 10.3/10
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Some design guidelines for the town are very urgently required, including a list of buildings that it is desired to retain in some use even if not "listed". As such its unique heritage and character is at risk.

Ref 41
Ward
Response ref 10.3/11
Individual/name of organisation Castle Court Residents Association
Summary of comments Also need objectives for sports, arts and open space – where is the joining up?
Castle Court and Homedane House – proposals on pg 23 of Seafront Strategy will not improve quality of life for residents – they will cause 15-20 years of anxiety, ill health and financial loss – their needs ignored.

Ref 123
Ward
Response ref 10.3/12
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments So safeguarding the local green environment, the local countryside, villages & farms does not improve quality of life? It must feature in this section.
Paragraph 10.17: People are not surprised by the comment here. They are cynical about planning and see officers earmarking land and actively failing to bring this to the notice of residents.

Ref 30
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.3/13
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments There should be an end to single function sites (look at Summerfields in terms of land use inefficiency). The added policy might read: "Community infrastructure facilities should look to maximise efficient land use and integrate with other uses especially ones that keep the use "active" throughout the day"

Ref 158
Ward
Response ref 10.3/14
Individual/name of organisation East Sussex County Council
Summary of comments Policy CC5 is likely to become the Development Plan's strategic framework on infrastructure and implementation. The Issues and Options should therefore make clear that:

The LDDs will identify necessary infrastructure together with the means, broad cost and timing of provision related to the timing of development; and
The Core Strategy will include a broad policy on development contributions which enables the provision of further detailed policy and guidance, setting out methodologies for the assessment of needs and development contributions (including provisions for pooling of contributions, particularly towards transport infrastructure and services, as well as green travel plans) and viability testing arrangements in the form of subsidiary LDDs or SPDs.

With reference to para B30 of Circular 05/05, it is important that the Preferred Options should specifically provide for the CC to be involved in setting the detailed planning obligation policies required to form an evidence base.

As SPG7 does not include methodologies for the assessment of needs and development contributions or specific viability testing arrangements, the Core Strategy preferred options should confirm that:

The details and comprehensive guidance on development contributions will be provided before the LDF development allocations are decided; and
The LDS will be revised to specify the necessary work programme.

The Preferred Options should mention methodologies for the assessment of needs and that development contributions may be used to rationalise allocation of revenues if the government introduces PGS.

Ref 70
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.3/15
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments New swimming pool, better cinema, beach sports, beach showers.

Ref 62
Ward St Helens
Response ref 10.3/16
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I would question the mention of plans to improve the health care provision at the Conquest Hospital. It would appear that the reverse is the case.

Ref 146
Ward
Response ref 10.3/17
Individual/name of organisation Southern Water
Summary of comments SW endeavours to operate its wastewater facilities in accordance with best practice. However unpleasant odours inevitability arise from time to time as a result of the treatment processes that occur. For this reason sensitive development such as housing should be adequately separated from wastewater disposal and treatment facilities to safeguard amenity. The need to separate sensitive development from existing potentially polluting land uses is recognised in PPS23, Appendix A.
The CS should contain a policy to protect the amenity of residents, to support more detailed policies in subsequent DPDs. These should permit development adjacent to wastewater treatment works only if distance between the works & the development is sufficient to allow adequate odour dispersion.
The CS can help to ensure that the necessary water & wastewater infrastructure is available to support sustainable communities by informing SW investment planning, and by including specific policies to:

- Support provision of water, sewerage & wastewater treatment infrastructure in generic terms
- Allocate land to facilitate delivery of water, sewerage & wastewater treatment investment schemes
- Secure appropriate developer contributions
- Coordinate development with provision of necessary infrastructure

Such policies will help to ensure the CS meets the requirements of PPS1, the ES structure plan & policy NRM1 of the draft SE Plan.

Question 10.4

Do you agree that area co-ordination should be recognised in the Core Strategy as a key way of putting planning policies into practice

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 81
Individuals: Total 56
Local Groups: Total 9
Developers: Total 2
Statutory Agencies: Total 4
Other (including anonymous): Total 10

Response percentages: Agree – 70% Disagree – 15% No Opinion – 15%

Question 10.5

Please tell us any comments you have on taking the approach that Area Co-ordination should be recognised in the Core Strategy as a key way of putting planning policies into practice?

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 31
Individuals: Total 23
Baird (2), Braybrooke (3), Castle (5), Central St Leonards (2), Conquest (1), Gensing (1), Maze Hill (1), Old Hastings (2), St Helens (1), Tressell (2), Wishing Tree (1), Other (2)

Local Groups: Total (5)
Hastings & Rother Urban Design Group, Hastings and Rother Disability Forum, Hastings Old Town Residents Association, Old Hastings Preservation Society, Speckled Wood Group

Developers:
Total 0

Statutory agencies:
Total 0

Other (including anonymous): Total 3
Anonymous (2), The Mother Agnes Trust

Ref 13
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.5/1
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Area coordinators should go to the school assemblies to speak and raise awareness with our children, engage them and ask them to invite their parents/grandparents to get involved. They should go door to door to let people know what they are doing.

Ref 15
Ward Gensing
Response ref 10.5/2
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It's a key way of putting planning policies into the public arena during their formulation. But citing "it's in the Core Strategy" as authority for doing something is, well, authoritarian and it can be daft e.g. strengthening European links via Ashford International just at it closes

Ref 17
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.5/3
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The problem is will this be substantial when the neighbourhood funding runs out?

Ref 18
Ward Baird
Response ref 10.5/4
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments As Hastings and St Leonards are in the top 11% of most deprived Local Authority areas in England, why bring more people in to drain our resources? Why not place them up north where there is more space and opportunity and the cost of living is lower?

Ref 32
Ward
Response ref 10.5/5
Individual/name of organisation Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Summary of comments Wonderful theory but early evidence shows that in operation it is slow, cumbersome and has lead to a worsening response to many issues.

Ref 33
Ward
Response ref 10.5/6
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Yes: however, reading this document for example, which contains a huge amount of complicated information can be confusing. Information (about planning) needs to be more easily accessible.

Ref 35
Ward Central St Leonards
Response ref 10.5/7
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments
Para 10.17: No to development of any kind to area of greenspace of Victoria Avenue near Ore Village.
Community Strategy target 13a&13b, I believe you should appose fast food outlets that are non-widely accepted for such diseases mentioned.
Encouraging healthy lifestyles I agree with the point of encouraging exercise and healthy eating by protecting allotments but I disagree with farmers market in Town.

Ref 27
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.5/8
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Current area co-ordination does not allow for proper feedback from residents. There is a lack of information from my area – viz Ore Valley Forum-Castle Ward forum do a good job

Ref 19
Ward
Response ref 10.5/9
Individual/name of organisation Speckled Wood Group
Summary of comments The problem is that some of the Forum undertake no meaningful consultation of the wider community. Some of them feel as though they have got too close to HBC and in doing so have forgotten their role as a voice for the community

Ref 134
Ward St Helens
Response ref 10.5/10
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The 4 areas also need to meet each other to share ideas, problems, solutions – help to create greater cohesion over the whole of H&StL – helping to work with each other to improve all areas, not in competition for resources and expertise.

Ref 75
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.5/11
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments This is creating an unnecessary bureaucracy/ quango which most people will not know about

Ref 106
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.5/12
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Have we any evidence as to why life expectancy is low in Hastings? Should be healthy as we are a seaside town

Ref 139
Ward Baird
Response ref 10.5/13
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments More jobs, encourage more employers

Ref 93
Ward
Response ref 10.5/14
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Provided the people engaging with & working with the community are trained and effective professionals.

Ref 95
Ward Wishing Tree
Response ref 10.5/15
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It’s too early yet to say if it’s going to work.

Ref 101
Ward
Response ref 10.5/16
Individual/name of organisation Old Hastings Preservation Society
Summary of comments Existing areas area too big to be meaningful. Planning need to be even more grassroots.

Ref 90
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.5/17
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Planning issues should be a major part of area coordination/neighbourhood renewal teams work with neighbourhood forums

Ref 119
Ward Maze Hill
Response ref 10.5/18
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I have supported this since its conception but there is very little information available. Management boards have been informed but local communities have not been involved with this process if area coordination continues in secret it will be a complete waste of time & resources.

Ref 111
Ward
Response ref 10.5/19
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Hastings has a very secretive way of doing things, hence this survey which hardly anyone knows about. Typical of this town!

Ref 80
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.5/20
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I would agree, if it actually worked. Local co-ordinated ward groups constantly complain that no notice is taken of them and no proper resources are allocated for local initiatives.

Ref 108
Ward
Response ref 10.5/21
Individual/name of organisation Hastings and Rother Disability Forum
Summary of comments However I have been involved with area coordination at HBC have made a complete ass of it. If they recover and do it properly then I know that it will work and be key to the development of Hastings

Ref 123
Ward
Response ref 10.5/22
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments More use of vision groups in each area to safeguard their own community

Ref 122
Ward
Response ref 10.5/23
Individual/name of organisation Hastings & Rother Urban Design Grp
Summary of comments Principle is fine, but needs to be backed up by neighbourhood design/development statements, which involve community before planning application is logged.

Ref 54
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.5/24
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments An important factor in requesting feedback is for people to realise that their voice counts and can make a difference; this aspect needs to be heavily advertised. Note that word of mouth from friend to friend carries far more weight than words from commonly mistrusted political figures.

Ref 50
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.5/25
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Local Authority always used this as a rubber-stamping process. How to investigate and organise real community consultation?

Ref 57
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.5/26
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Danger of being formulaic and not relating to individual area needs

Ref 30
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.5/27
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It's not of much significance really. What the LDF should do is make some real attempt at defining (and continually revising) actual neighbourhoods. Planners know only too well that most people will not get involved in planning until it effects them directly i.e. very locally. Area co-ordination areas are too big and the LDF should facilitate the gradual development of neighbourhood design statements.

Ref 53
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.5/28
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Deprived wards "black areas" identified in LDF document AMR should not be lumped together with non deprived wards leading to less work being done to alleviate deprivation.

Ref 68
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.5/29
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Another layer of bureaucracy. Not yet proven to achieve a faster, more reliable solution to problems

Ref 71
Ward Central St Leonards
Response ref 10.5/30
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments When the community and/or its representatives disagree with the planning committee, the committee almost always ignores their views – Hastings Mosque, Old Observer building, the Marlborough, West Marina beach chalets etc.

Ref 147
Ward
Response ref 10.5/31
Individual/name of organisation The Mother Agnes Trust
Summary of comments In a relatively small and compact area such as Hastings it is unnecessary and bureaucratic to introduce neighbourhood planning. It will jeopardise achievement of the main growth and innovation objectives the Council need to pursue.

Question 10.6

Do you agree that area co-ordination should be recognised in the Core Strategy as an important way to involve local communities in planning issues relevant to their neighbourhood/local area?

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 77
Individuals: Total 52
Local Groups: Total 9
Developers: Total 3
Statutory Agencies: Total 4
Other (including anonymous): Total 9

Response percentages: Agree – 78% Disagree – 16% No Opinion – 6%

Question 10.7

Please tell us any comments you have on taking the approach that Area Co-ordination should be recognised in the Core Strategy an important way to involve local communities in planning issues relevant to their neighbourhood/local area?

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 28
Individuals: Total 18, Baird (1), Braybrooke (1), Castle (6), Central St Leonards (1), Conquest (1), Gensing (1), Maze Hill (1), Old Hastings (2), St Helens (1), Tressell (1), Wishing Tree (1), Other(1),

Local Groups: Total 6
Hastings & Rother LA21, Hastings & Rother Urban Design Group, Hastings and Rother Disability Forum, Hastings Old Town Residents Association, Old Hastings Preservation Society, Speckled Wood Group.

Developers: Total 0.

Statutory agencies: Total 0.

Other (including anonymous): Total 4
Anonymous (3), The Mother Agnes Trust

ref 9
Ward Baird
Response ref 10.7/1
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments You can only involve people about local issues if they can be bothered to up at meetings and look at plans redevelopment.

ref 14
Ward
Response ref 10.7/2
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Involve but don't consult to the nth degree and use it for delaying tactics

ref 11
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.7/3
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Unless everyone receives and understand the AC, local community will not be aware of local issues.

ref 15
Ward Gensing
Response ref 10.7/4
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Oh yes, this is the big one. And a more rigorous policy of leafleting, visiting, etc in the local area would be a very justifiable expense – if only because it pre-empts much time wasting and trivial after the event objection

ref 32
Ward
Response ref 10.7/5
Individual/name of organisation Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Summary of comments This will only happen if all planning issues/applications are subject to long delays

ref 27
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.7/6
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Current area co-ordination does not allow for proper feedback from residents. There is a lack of information from my area – viz Ore Valley Forum-Castle Ward Forum do a good job

ref 19
Ward
Response ref 10.7/7
Individual/name of organisation Speckled Wood Group
Summary of comments The problem is that some of the Forum undertake no meaningful consultation of the wider community. Some of them feel as though they have got too close to HBC and in doing so have forgotten their role as a voice for the community

ref 134
Ward St Helens
Response ref 10.7/8
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The 4 areas also need to meet each other to share ideas, problems, solutions – help to create greater cohesion over the whole of H&StL – helping to work with each other to improve all areas, not in competition for resources and expertise.

ref 130
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.7/9
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Also need a citizens assembly/forum, meeting regularly & listened to.

ref 75
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.7/10
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Too complicated and remote

ref 128
Ward
Response ref 10.7/11
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments All crime from 14 years of age to 50 years should have to do 3 years in army special force to train up to go to war. Drug dealers and takers 10 years in army.

ref 106
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.7/12
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It is time to involve the population of Hastings in trying to improve health, education and early death rates. Seniors in the town have skills they could and would probably be willing to pass onto young people. The Quality of Life group in the Seniors Forum might be willing to take some action.

ref 88
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.7/13
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments But only if the views and opinions of residents of the neighbourhood are taken into account. There has been too much so called consultation which have amounted to nothing but information giving.

ref 93
Ward
Response ref 10.7/14
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Provided the people engaging with & working with the community are trained and effective professionals.

ref 95
Ward Wishing Tree
Response ref 10.7/15
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Communities have not truly been involved yet. There isn't a rush of new people wanting to get involved.

ref 114
Ward
Response ref 10.7/16
Individual/name of organisation Hastings & Rother LA21
Summary of comments We support the involvement of communities on planning issues but need to ensure that too much weight is not given to local community groups when proposals have borough wide impact.

ref 101
Ward
Response ref 10.7/17
Individual/name of organisation Old Hastings Preservation Society
Summary of comments Existing areas area too big to be meaningful. Planning need to be even more grassroots.

ref 90
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.7/18
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The planners should come to us

ref 119
Ward Maze Hill
Response ref 10.7/19
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I have supported this since its conception but there is very little information available. Management boards have been informed but local communities have not been involved with this process if area coordination continues in secret it will be a complete waste of time & resources.

ref 111
Ward
Response ref 10.7/20
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Very important, people need to know what is going on.

ref 80
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.7/21
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I agree but a proper informed dialogue needs to be developed with the community that may involve the creative sector working with communities. Otherwise people tend not to agree on anything, preferring no change.

ref 108
Ward
Response ref 10.7/22
Individual/name of organisation Hastings and Rother Disability Forum
Summary of comments However I have been involved with area coordination at HBC have made a complete ass of it. If they recover and do it properly then I know that it will work and be key to the development of Hastings.

ref 122
Ward
Response ref 10.7/23
Individual/name of organisation Hastings & Rother Urban Design Group
Summary of comments But it could be. Principle is fine, but needs to be backed up by neighbourhood design/development statements, which involve community before planning application is logged.

ref 30
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.7/24
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments It's not of much significance really. What the LDF should do is make some real attempt at defining (and continually revising) actual neighbourhoods. Planners know only too well that most people will not get involved in planning until it effects them directly i.e. very locally. Area co-ordination areas are too big and the LDF should facilitate the gradual development of neighbourhood design statements.

ref 53
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.7/25
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Strongly disagree – local people care about their locality, will lose interest in a larger area.

ref 68
Ward Old Hastings
Response ref 10.7/26
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Another layer of bureaucracy. Not yet proven to achieve a faster, more reliable solution to problems.

ref 71
Ward Central St Leonards
Response ref 10.7/27
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Looks good on paper but when has local opinion ever stopped a building being demolished? People need to feel they can affect the decision making process. As a community we are not empowered. The Task Force is not democratically elected.

ref 147
Ward
Response ref 10.7/28
Individual/name of organisation The Mother Agnes Trust
Summary of comments In a relatively small and compact area such as Hastings it is unnecessary and bureaucratic to introduce neighbourhood planning. It will jeopardise achievement of the main growth and innovation objectives the Council need to pursue.

Question 10.8

Do you agree that area co-ordination should be recognised in the Core Strategy as a mechanism for ensuring continual improvement in services provided by the council?

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 73
Individuals: Total 49
Local Groups: Total 7
Developers: Total 3
Statutory Agencies: Total 4
Other (including anonymous): Total 10

Response percentages: Agree – 71% Disagree – 14% No Opinion – 15%

Question 10.9

Please tell us any comments you have on taking the approach that Area Co-ordination should be recognised in the Core Strategy as a mechanism for ensuring continual improvement in services provided by the council

Responses to this question:
Total number of responses: 23

Individuals: Total 18
Braybrooke (2), Castle (5), Conquest (2), Gensing (1), Maze Hill (1), Old Hastings (1), Ore (1), St Helens (1), Tressell (1), Wishing Tree (1), Other (2).

Local Groups: Total 2, Hastings Old Town Residents Association, Speckled Wood Group.

Developers: Total 0.

Statutory agencies: Total 0.

Other (including anonymous): Total 3
Anonymous (2), The Mother Agnes Trust

Ref 7
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.9/1
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments But no big brother tactics

Ref 14
Ward
Response ref 10.9/2
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Look for ‘lean’ processes and get value money, cut out bureaucracy.

Ref 15
Ward Gensing
Response ref 10.9/3
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Yes, it can be, if (1) Local residents have the chance to be heard, (2) they take advantage of this and (3) the council listens

Ref 32
Ward
Response ref 10.9/4
Individual/name of organisation Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Summary of comments They should be but no clear responsibility/power exists. One person needs to be answerable for failure to deliver

Ref 27
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.9/5
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The Council has done better in recent times but more needs to be done

Ref 19
Ward
Response ref 10.9/6
Individual/name of organisation Speckled Wood Group
Summary of comments Have seen no evidence of this

Ref 134
Ward St Helens
Response ref 10.9/7
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Easier for Council to see actual impact of service level at the point of use by meeting users rather than presuming impact.

Ref 132
Ward Ore
Response ref 10.9/8
Individual/name of organisation Individual
There is very little opportunity for the people of Hastings and St Leonards for open debate, and little accountability of council officers

Ref 130
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.9/9
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Not enough on its own, also need a citizens assembly/forum, meeting regularly & listened to.

Ref 128
Ward
Response ref 10.9/10
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Cars are hard to give up you must make it easy for parking and clean up. New sunflower oil clean fuel so clean cars grow your own fuel take away subsides from farm fields and grow sunflower oil.

Ref 106
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.9/11
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments If the mechanism is efficient and not piecemeal where somebody has a good idea

Ref 88
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.9/12
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments But it will only be a mechanism for improvement if the views of residents are actually listened to. They are the ones who know whether the rubbish is being cleared, fly-tipping dealt with, small green spaces attended, wardens patrolling etc.
The service providers become far more proactive and get out in the streets as well.

Ref 93
Ward
Response ref 10.9/13
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments As for 10.5

Ref 95
Ward Wishing Tree
Response ref 10.9/14
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Too early to say – but it could work.

Ref 90
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.9/15
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The Council should listen and respond to local residents – feeding back, explaining and being prepared to justify their action/non-action

Ref 119
Ward Maze Hill
Response ref 10.9/16
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I have supported this since its conception but there is very little information available. Management boards have been informed but local communities have not been involved with this process if area coordination continues in secret it will be a complete waste of time & resources.
Since the roadshows launched area coordination I have been unable to glean very much information from council officers – hardly a good start to continual improvement in services provided by the council.

Ref 80
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.9/17
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Once again, need to empower and facilitate by changing the hierarchical nature of local authority administrations

Ref 50
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.9/18
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Will the Council ever be really transparent?

Ref 58
Ward
Response ref 10.9/19
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Only if the Council listens and the people talk

Ref 30
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.9/20
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments See above (answer to 10.5) The LDF should include for Neighbourhood Design Statements to be progressively included as they are developed. Examples from "Good" and "Bad" areas might be included to shows what's possible/acceptable. With some guidance local people could start this at minimal cost to the council (Planning Aid might help).

Ref 53
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.9/21
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Strongly disagree, area co-ordination is clearly going to result in a watering down of action on deprived wards.

Ref 68
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.9/22
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments As above

Ref 147
Ward
Response ref 10.9/23
Individual/name of organisation The Mother Agnes Trust
Summary of comments See answer to 10.5

Question 10.10

Are there any other links which need to be made?

Responses to this question: Total number of responses: 18
Individuals: Total 12
Braybrooke (1), Castle (4), Conquest (1), Gensing (1), Old Hastings (2), St Helens (1), Tressell (1), Other (1).

Local Groups: Total 3
Hastings & Rother Urban Design Group, Hastings Old Town Residents Association, Speckled Wood Group.

Developers: Total 1
Walden Pond Housing Co-operative LTD.

Statutory agencies: Total 0.

Other (including anonymous): Total 2
Anonymous (2)

Ref 6
Ward
Response ref 10.10/1
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Internally, we need to make sure these key messages area being carried consistently on all materials produced from website info, leaflets to officer involvement at area coordination events.

Ref 15
Ward Gensing
Response ref 10.10/2
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The old Police-Community Consultation group was criticized because it was full of INTERESTS e.g. St Luke's Church, Kings Road Traders, rather than areas e.g. Hollington. True enough, but Area Co-Ordination does the reverse in that it overlooks groups spread throughout the Borough who do have certain interests in common but LOCALLY are too few to count

Ref 32
Ward
Response ref 10.10/3
Individual/name of organisation Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Summary of comments ESCC
Churches and other faiths
OMISSION: Without a focal point it is difficult for any community to achieve its own identity

Ref 33
Ward
Response ref 10.10/4
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Young people especially need to be brought into the planning process – more work needs to be done with education and schools on this and funding should be sought for a post to address this issue (employ me! – I'm out of work!)

Ref 21
Ward
Response ref 10.10/5
Individual/name of organisation Walden Pond Housing Co-operative LTD
Summary of comments As a general point I think there needs to be more devolution of power down to the local community level, giving decision making power to bodies like the neighbourhood forum.

Ref 27
Ward Tressell
Response ref 10.10/6
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments A lot of privately owned homeowners do not get involved with anything partly because they are not aware that they can. There is a lack of Residents Associations viz the above as well

Ref 19
Ward
Response ref 10.10/7
Individual/name of organisation Speckled Wood Group
Summary of comments "Ore Valley Action" should be given the same status as Ore Valley Forum. Contact : Ore Valley Action, HVA Priory Street, Hastings Orevalleyaction@hotmail.co.uk

Ref 134
Ward St Helens
Response ref 10.10/8
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments The 4 areas also need to meet each other to share ideas, problems, solutions – help to create greater cohesion over the whole of H&StL – helping to work with each other to improve all areas, not in competition for resources and expertise.

Ref 130
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.10/9
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Less inclusion of national organisations with non-local agendas. Take advantage of our 'café culture' to canvas real people's opinions not just those in business and charities.

Ref 75
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.10/10
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Yes – provide more services from the town hall where officers and councillors should be made more approachable

Ref 106
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.10/11
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I notice that at meetings speakers impart their specialist knowledge and then often leave or are silent about everything else. We are all citizens and should try to involve ourselves in all aspects whenever possible. I know how difficult it is

Ref 116
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.10/12
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments I was only aware of this consultation by chance, having picked up a copy of the Observer. I'm sure there are others like myself would like to be made more aware of all ideas & planning proposals by the Council, SEEDA, Seaspace etc with much higher profile advertising document, newsletter distribution etc. I have received nothing through the post relating to any development in Hastings and have generally only discovered these plans by chance. What is happening with the Pelham Place Development? I last heard many months ago considerable opposition had been raised?

Ref 111
Ward
Response ref 10.10/13
Individual/name of organisation Anonymous
Summary of comments Just be more transparent. The perception that people have is that Seaspace are running the show; undemocratic; unsympathetic and answerable to no-one. Maybe they are right!!!!

Ref 80
Ward Castle
Response ref 10.10/14
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Of course! Cultural solutions at the centre of change

Ref 122
Ward
Response ref 10.10/15
Individual/name of organisation Hastings & Rother Urban Design Group
Summary of comments The LDF should provide an easy link to the following registers, listed buildings, buildings at risk, land in public ownership

Ref 60
Ward Old Hast
Response ref 10.10/16
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Local papers and TV are effective ways to reach people

Ref 30
Ward Conquest
Response ref 10.10/17
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Other links: in terms of community benefit, the LDF should identify all public land so that the public can monitor its efficient use.

Ref 53
Ward Braybrooke
Response ref 10.10/18
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Constantly improve links already existing (but not working) between local people (forums) and council officers.

Additional comments on chapter 10

ref 110
Individual/name of organisation Individual
Summary of comments Develop a conservation strategy that will identify structures and buildings within the town that are not on the national list of buildings but are considered worth extra consideration before alteration or demolition. A local list for Hastings & St Leonards. To date Hastings has a poor conservation record and prefers demolition to conservation. Currently aspiration paragraphs 5.5 & 5.6 is being subverted by the planning department such as Stonecourt, Salisbury Yard, 53 Cambridge Rd etc

Adopt policies that will encourage re-use of redundant buildings as opposed to allowing the environmental cost of demolition & rebuild

Increase available data re planning such as building lists, prow paths, BAR on the web to make it truly available to all

ref 158
Individual/name of organisation East Sussex County Council
Summary of comments The securing of developer contributions towards providing necessary infrastructure and services is a key issue that is vital to the successful planning of the region. It is crucial that the Hastings core Strategy reflects the SEP and Sussex Coast Sub-Regional policy stance on infrastructure and its implementation.

The document should make reference to policy CC5 (infrastructure and implementation) of the draft SEP, government circular 05/05 (Planning Obligations) Hastings SPG7 (Development Contributions) and the Governments consultation/proposal to introduce a planning gain supplement.

We also encourage Hastings Borough Council in supporting the necessary infrastructure at existing and new education sites and also as a partner in terms of linkages with local communities and local business.