

Hastings Town Centre and Bohemia Area Action Plan

What is the Area Action Plan (AAP)?

The AAP sets out the Council's vision for Hastings Town Centre and Bohemia and provides a local planning framework to manage change and development within the area. The draft action plan identifies a number of Opportunity Areas, where new activities will be encouraged and new destinations created. The action plan includes area specific policies to ensure that new development is of the highest design and environmental quality and sets out site specific proposals within a series of Opportunity Sites.

We welcome your views on proposals?

Proposals set out within the AAP cover the next 15 years to 2033 and are supported by an extensive evidence base. We would like to know what you think of the proposals being put forward, if you agree with them or if you think other uses or proposals would be more appropriate and your reasons why.

Where can I view the Area Action Plan?

The Area Action Plan can be viewed in full online at: hastings.gov.uk/aapconsultation. Alternatively, a copy is available to view during opening hours at:

- Community Contact Centre, Hastings Town Hall, Queens Square;
- Hastings Library, Brassey Institute, 13 Claremont, Hastings;
- Hastings Information Centre, Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings.

How to make comments

This consultation is running from Monday 2 July until Monday 24 September 2018, and you can submit your comments at any point during this 12 week period using the following methods: Online - The easiest way to make comments is online. Visit our website at hastings.gov.uk/aapconsultation and follow the links provided. Paper forms – Pick up a paper copy of our comments form from the Community Contact Centre, Hastings Information Centre or download from our website.

**All comments must
be submitted by 4pm on
Monday 24 September 2018.**

What happens next?

At the end of this consultation, we will take account of comments received and make necessary changes in preparing the final version of the Area Action Plan. The AAP will be consulted on again prior to its submission to the Secretary of State for examination by an independent examiner.



Meet the Planning Policy Team at a drop-in session and discuss the proposals being put forward:

DROP-IN DATES:

Monday 13 August – 3-7pm, Council Chamber at Muriel Matters House, Hastings.

Wednesday 29 August – 3-7pm, Council Chamber at Muriel Matters House, Hastings.

The Hastings Town Centre and Bohemia Area Action Plan covers a 15 year period up to 2033.

The AAP provides:

- a long term vision for the area;
- policies for the use of land and buildings;
- development and design guidance for key sites;
- an action plan for the delivery of key proposals and initiatives.

Once adopted, the AAP will form part of a suite of Local Plan documents and along with the Hastings Planning Strategy (February 2014) and the Development Management Plan (September 2015) will be used for Development Management purposes in the determination of planning applications.

Staying informed?

Please ensure your details are registered on our Planning Policy database to make sure you are kept fully informed during the plan-making process. For further details and to see all the consultation material, please visit our website at hastings.gov.uk/aapconsultation For further information, please call the Planning Policy Team on 01424 451098 or email fplanning@hastings.gov.uk

Bohemia:
a new mixed use neighbourhood providing innovative new housing and civic services in a parkland setting, including protection and enhancement of Summerfields Woods.

Former Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Magdalen Road:
restoration and reuse of the listed buildings and creation of a new cultural hub with links to Bohemia and St Leonards and a network of green spaces.

White Rock Park:
the restoration of White Rock Gardens, the consolidation of leisure uses to form a new Sports Park providing a range of leisure and cultural facilities within a parkland setting.

Station Gateway and Priory Quarter:
the gateway to the town and the focus for business, education and an enhanced retail offer.

Priory Meadow:
the retail heart of the town.

Queens Road:
the northern gateway to the town with a thriving high street and a range of independent shops and small businesses.

Wellington Place and Castle Street:
a high quality retail area with attractive public spaces and good connections to the seafront.

White Rock and America Ground Cultural Quarter:
a focus for the creative and visitor economy with new workspace and cultural venues.

The Draft Area Action Plan includes provision for the following:

- Up to 16,000m² of retail floorspace;
- In the region of 820 new homes;
- Employment and education space including workspace for creative industries;
- New and improved leisure and cultural facilities;
- Hotel and visitor facilities;
- New and enhanced public spaces and pedestrian links.