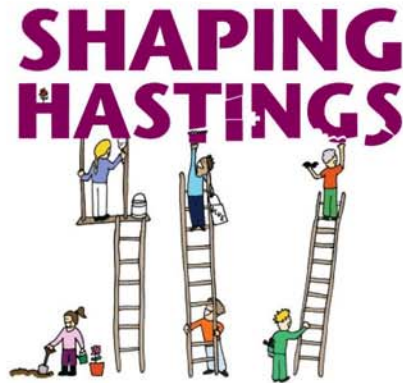


## The Drop-in Session Panel Text

### INTRODUCTION



## Shaping Hastings - The Big Map

### Why are you here?

We are already well on the way to completing the Core Strategy, which sets out the overall aims and principles for development in and around the town.

We now need to prepare a more detailed "Site Allocations" plan that will set out where all the housing, offices, shops and other development will go.

This is your opportunity to get involved in the planning process, and help to "Shape Hastings" up to 2026. We welcome your views on potential new development sites in the town, as well as areas for protection and management policies.

### The ground rules

We are only at the very early stages of the Site Allocations process. This is not a formal consultation stage. However we believe that getting a healthy debate going now with residents, businesses and other organisations, will help whittle down the issues and concerns in a more focussed and involving way.

We already have a regional target to build 4,200 homes by 2026 - this cannot be changed. The challenge now is to set out exactly where all these homes will go.

Our research shows that to keep competing with other shopping areas such as Eastbourne and Tunbridge Wells, we need to provide for an additional 30,000sq.m of retail floorspace in the town centre - how can we accommodate this? Where?

To help improve the local economy, we have to make sure there is enough employment floorspace available to businesses to expand, and for new businesses to start. The Town Centre and existing employment areas are very important in supporting this.

# CONSULTATION



## How to comment on the Site Allocations

We strongly encourage you to make comments here today, staff are on hand to answer any queries or questions and there is a questionnaire for you to complete. Alternatively you can make your comments online, either using the full questionnaire, or commenting on specific sites through the online map. Paper copies are also available to take away, or can be downloaded from our website. Please visit [www.hastings.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/ldf) for full details.

You can also follow on-line discussions over the coming weeks on our Facebook Twitter pages.

## Drop in sessions

We have arranged four drop in sessions at different venues around the town. These are:

### Monday 22 February

**The Bridge Community Centre**, 361 Priory Road, Hastings, TN34 3NW  
3pm - 7pm

### Wednesday 24 February

**Tilekiln Community Centre**, Tilebarn Road, St.Leonards-on-Sea, TN38 9PA  
3pm - 7pm

### Thursday 25 February

**Town Hall**, Queens Road, Hastings, TN34 1QR  
12noon - 8pm

### Monday 1 March

**The Magnet**, 1 Christchurch Courtyard, London Road, St.Leonards-on-Sea.  
TN37 6GL  
3pm - 7pm

## What happens next?

Following this informal consultation, we will collect all the comments received, and provide feedback as soon as possible. This information will feed into a formal draft version of the Site Allocations and Designations document, which will be published for formal consultation next year.

Updates on progress in preparing this document will be provided through our website, the Local Development Framework newsletter, as well as through Facebook and Twitter. If you not already signed up for these, just search for Shaping Hastings at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or follow us on [www.twitter.com/ShapingHastings](http://www.twitter.com/ShapingHastings)

**Thank you** for coming along and helping to Shape Hastings up to 2026!