



Appendix 1

What people told us

To support the development of our regeneration plan, throughout the summer (June 2025-October 2025) Hastings Neighbourhood Board asked people and businesses across Hastings how they would spend the £20 million in funding.

In total across all our involvement activity 7081 suggestions were made about how the funding should be spent. Responses have been systematically analysed and categorised to inform actionable investment themes, ensuring the regeneration plan reflects local priorities and delivers on the programme's commitment to community-led decision-making.

The below table details categories, including terms grouped within that category, and a count across all involvement activity showing which categories were mentioned the most.

Category	Count (across all involvement activity)
Road maintenance <i>Potholes, improvements, Stonebeach Rise, links out of town, safety, railing removal, schools, road work improvements, road condition, road furniture, alma villas one way, bollards, kerb accessibility, mirror on downs road, Gresham Way, Bethune Way, Adopt Adelaide Road</i>	405
Sports and leisure facilities <i>Basketball courts, leisure centre, sports complex, indoor tennis courts, padel, tennis, Clive Vale, cricket, opportunities, venue, playing fields, running track, football, pitch and cage, training facility for girls, grass roots, rock climbing, Summerfields, badminton, Summerfields improvements, Falaise leisure centre, climbing wall, climbing gym, dance studio, affordable facilities, Horntye, bowling, running track, womens rugby, tennis, netball, Hollington, cricket, Summerfields gymnastics, Tai chi. bowling green</i>	344

Footpaths <i>Improvements, cleanliness, Clive Vale, East Hill, maintenance, Park Crescent, Ore, paving slabs, accessibility, heritage consideration, town centre, restoration, safety, Havelock Road widen, steps, ore station, Linton garden steps, fix pavements, bollards, coronation wood, widen pavements</i>	334
Play areas <i>Play area Alexandra Park, Clive Vale, Ore, play opportunities, disabled access, improvements, maintenance, exercise zones, new, Hollington, indoor play area, Little Ridge, Ore, Speckled Wood, Tilekiln, Hollington, safe, SEN, by local schools, pocket park, play streets, adventure playground, Oval, indoor</i>	323
Youth services <i>Support, services, hubs, facilities, council, clubs, seafront, Hollington, skills hub, young people services, young people work and opportunities, young people, more for young people, lower income, youth centre, community hub, evening, indoor, intergenerational, safe spaces, activities, youth workers, opportunities, support, training, counselling, sports, mentoring, trade services</i>	306
Town centre <i>Regeneration, accessibility, benches, cleaning, improvements, parking, pedestrianisation, public realm, buildings, safer, toilets, appearance, litter, graffiti, connectivity, maintenance, stewards, wifi, markets, shops, busking spots, high street, disabled</i>	297
3G/4G/5G pitch (MUGA)	264
Litter and bins <i>Better bins, communal rubbish recycling provision, bin hubs, improvements, grit bins, waste and refuse, improvements, rounds increase, litter, recycling collection, bin improvement, seafront, fly tipping, town centre, more bins, rubbish collection, composting, food waste, seagull proof, food waste</i>	243
Cleanliness <i>Cleaning, ground maintenance, cleanliness of town, street cleaning, street and ground maintenance, street cleaners, street cleaning litter, cleaner estates and parks, clean up, clean alleys, Grotbusters, drains, sewage</i>	220
Seafront <i>Seafront cleanliness, improvements, café infrastructure, eating and drinking, St Leonards, shelters, surface improvement, seating, benches, communal areas, shaded area, sea pollution, cleaner sea, sewage in the sea, promenade, communal beach huts, showers, improve seafront, paint buildings, more green, disused buildings, boating lake, improve promenade, flamingo park, shade, Argos buildings, kelp project</i>	213

Green spaces <i>Green living roofs green planting, green projects, green spaces, green space maintenance, green space management, green space preservation, green space protection, green spaces, greening, Little Ridge, green streets, greening, seating, between town and seafront, Silverhill, town, trees, wildflowers, overgrown hedges, living walls, landscaping</i>	199
St Mary in the Castle	199
Swimming pool (Silverdale)	193
Empty buildings <i>Empty buildings, pubs, for emergency accommodation, shops, toilets, vacant shops, vacant properties, vacant shops lower business rates, into accommodation, into community use, building improvements, shops, Queensbury House, Debenhams</i>	172
Housing <i>Affordable housing, social housing improvements, housing affordability, housing repairs, housing young people, housing for vulnerable, new build housing, new larger homes, council housing, Benett court, brown field land, HMO, homes grant, lower rents</i>	154
Public toilets <i>Improvements, St Leonards, accessibility, seafront, more, White Rock Gardens, Radar key, Silverhill, Hollington, town centre, East Hill, Falaise, maintenance, opening times, Falaise, warrior square</i>	152
Active travel <i>Cycle routes, cycling, cycle lanes, cycling infrastructure, walking, bike hire, bike parking, bike storage, bike sheds, cycle track, Alexandra Park, network, seafront, route, storage Kings Road, storage town centre, hangers</i>	142
Bus shelters <i>Displays, shelter improvements, art, live timetables, maintenance, Pilot Road, seating, seafront shelters, bus station, green roofs, broken bus shelters, more bus shelters</i>	113
Swimming pool <i>Swimming pool, swimming lessons, swimming pool leisure centre, swimming pool ore, swimming pool town, swimming pool SEN, swimming pool Silverhill</i>	110
Children <i>More for children, activities, children and families, creative spaces, entertainment, entertainment centre, facilities, evening, indoor, soft play, SEN, Silverhill, clubs, cultural activities, sports, after school clubs, counselling, early childhood support, soft play, parents centre</i>	101

Bus services <i>Improve bus service, bus route improvements, night services, Ore night, reliability, times and frequency, Rock o Nore to Glyne Gap, Hoads Wood Road, times</i>	99
Traffic <i>Calming around schools, Silverhill, control, enforcement, flows, Gillsman Hill, improvements, noise, reduction in town centre, wardens, Queens road, delivery drivers, calming, ridge, courthouse street</i>	99
Tourism and marketing <i>Tzar, opportunities, tourist boat, tourist information, tourist information centre, all year around economy, information boards</i>	98
Homelessness <i>Homeless support, homeless shelters, social housing homeless and vulnerable, warming up</i>	91
Benches <i>Benches accessible, Alexandra park, town centre, promenade, shelters, in parks, the oval, street furniture</i>	90
Lido <i>Bathing pool, bathing pool regeneration, lido water play, lido tidal pool, old bathing pool, old bathing pool restoration lido</i>	88
Parking <i>Parking charges, St Leonards, costs, enforcement, delivery drivers in town, improvements, town centre, issues, local, Old town, prices, restrictions near schools, St Pauls road, signage, spaces outside homes, car parking train station, car parks under seafront, cheaper</i>	85
Public transport <i>Night, connectivity, train, accessibility, minibus, infrastructure, reliability, cost, park and ride</i>	84
Dog fouling <i>Dog fouling bins, Springfield road, Ore, enforcement</i>	77
Pier	75
Community services <i>Engagement, community care, cohesion, community culture, community events and festivals, event kits, intergeneration events, older people, festivals, vulnerable people, projects</i>	74
Maintenance <i>Repair, maintain, maintenance for all projects, key infrastructure, Battle Road arches, landlords, buildings, public realm</i>	74

Community spaces <i>Community spaces, spaces for free use, greening, venue, hub, hub for children and adults, community areas, all weather public spaces, performances</i>	69
Pilot field <i>Pilot field improvements, pilot field restoration, Hastings United football ground, Hastings united facility improvement, Hastings United football stadium, Hastings United pitch</i>	69
Public art <i>Alexandra Park, performances, Bayeux tapestry, Bottle Alley, murals, derelict buildings, Braybrook/Waterworks, sculpture, creative spaces</i>	69
Education and skills <i>Opportunities for young people, education and skills, education improvement, education support, educational centres, youth training hub, workshops, advice services, careers, jobs, capacity building, large employers, outdoor learning</i>	68
Antisocial Behaviour <i>Alcohol and drugs, safety, alcohol, e-scooters, noise pollution, criminals, graffiti, littering, vandalism, town centre, criminality, shoplifting</i>	66
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Businesses <i>Support, creative businesses, range, independent, rates, investment , local support , local, pop ups, promotion, small support, local enterprise, St Leonards business district, career advise</i>	60
Disabled access <i>Access to country park, accessible play areas, accessible beach, path St Helen's Wood, toilets, emergency housing, changing facilities, parking, gate at museum</i>	59
Y Centre roof	57
NHS services <i>GP services, health hub, health facilities, hospital parking, Conquest, mental health services, mental health support, cerebral palsy support, Parkinson's hub, long term illness support, cardiac care, dentist, hospital car, hydrotherapy pool</i>	56
Safety <i>At night, community, security, community spaces, roads, dog warden</i>	53
Street lighting <i>Lighting, lighting Alexandra Park, twittens, Ore, East Hill cliffs, not LED</i>	53

Signage <i>Wayfinding information boards, visitor information points, station, parks, brown tourist signs, digital information signs, clean signs, information boards, north seat</i>	51
Skatepark and skate ramps	45
Tidy up <i>Tidy streets, tidy up and paint, tidy up estates, Hollington, town</i>	45
Community centres <i>Activities, capital investment, inclusive, improvements, town centre, Ore, Robsack</i>	44
Policing <i>Policing, police cadets, police foot patrol, police presence, policing street crime, policing town centre</i>	44
Owens/Debenhams <i>Debenhams as community space, Debenhams as open market</i>	42
Waterpark <i>Water park, water play, splash pad, splash park, splash pool</i>	40
Alexandra Park <i>Access, Old Roar, bridge mural, events, outdoor theatre, maintenance</i>	38
Events <i>Local, community, historic themes, activities for elderly, disability club, entertainment, festivals, markets, street food, social action weekend</i>	38
Gardens <i>botanical, Marianne North, Gensing, community, sensory, rain</i>	38
Boating lake (seafront)	37
Heritage <i>Heritage, castles and caves, lampposts, historic building, historic building restoration, historic features restoration, history</i>	37
Parks <i>Maintenance, improvements, more, dog friendly, maintenance, inclusive, clean</i>	37
Station area	36
Pelham Crescent and Pelham Place	35

Employment <i>Employment opportunities for young people, opportunity, training opportunities, unemployment support, support low income, Insurance to employ teenagers</i>	34
Pedestrian <i>Pedestrianisation, improvements, town centre, Trinity Triangle</i>	30
Trees <i>Trees, tree planting, street trees, flowers</i>	30
St Leonards <i>Park, church, gardens, festival, academy, station, connection with old town, Marine Court, Marina Pavillion</i>	29
Building improvements <i>Paint, restore, tidy</i>	27
Dotto train <i>Seafront, Alexandra Park, monorail, St Leonards to Old Town, tramway</i>	24
Graffiti removal	24
Improved shops <i>Town, independent, local, Bexhill road, Silverhill, removal of betting shops, pop ups</i>	24
CCTV <i>CCTV Alexandra Park, Ore, Zebra crossings</i>	23
Hastings Castle	22
Art <i>Art quarter, art shack, art trail, arts centre, arts classes, arts programme, arts venue, light shows</i>	21
Weeding	21
Free parking <i>30 minutes, residents, evenings, town, town centre</i>	20
Outdoor gym <i>Outdoor fitness, outdoor gym equipment, outdoor sports equipment</i>	20
SEN <i>Provision, respite, facilities</i>	19

Substance misuse <i>Drug dealing, drug consumption rooms, drug issues, drug misuse, enforcement, addiction support, treatment</i>	19
Theatre/concert hall or outdoor cinema	19
Music <i>Studio, centre, venue, public piano</i>	18
Sustainability <i>Solar panels, pollution, eco hub, chemical , marine conservation, wind power</i>	17
Pride in place <i>Education, town, town centre</i>	15
Schools <i>Improvements, minibuses, crossing, education</i>	15
Silverhill <i>Improvements, Bohemia</i>	14
Connectivity <i>Mobile signal, 5G mobile/broadband</i>	12
Ice rink	12
Old Town <i>Improvements, Butlers Gap, George Street, car park</i>	12
Support for VCSE	12
Funfair and Boating lake	11
Hollington <i>Library, improvements</i>	11
Arcade and amusement area	10
Flood management	10
Ore Community Centre	10
Queensbury House	10
Zebra crossing	10

<i>Zebra crossing, Norman Road, St Helens Road, safer road crossing, White Rock, Dordrecht, London Road</i>	
Hastings Museum	9
Queens Road	9
Peacocks	8
Priory Meadow	8
The Bridge	8
West St Leonards <i>Regeneration, Bulverhythe Road, Coombe Valley</i>	8
Allotments	7
Community food garden	7
Fishing Quarter	7
Removal of caravans	7
Water <i>Water quality, waterways, pollution, drinking water fountains</i>	7
West Hill <i>Café, lift improvements</i>	7
A21 <i>Access, cleanliness, entrance, improvements, roundabout</i>	6
Apprenticeships	6
Bottle Alley	6
Christmas <i>Christmas trees, Christmas decorations in Ore, Christmas lights, tree disposal scheme</i>	6
Denmark Place	6
Electric car charging	6
Hollington Community Centre	6

Internet improvements	6
Volunteering <i>Volunteer schemes, community teams</i>	6
20MPH speed limit	5
Communications on decision making	5
Convent site	5
Information centre with toilets	5
Ore <i>Regeneration, Speckled Wood</i>	5
Play facilities (indoor)	5
Stade	5
White Rock	5
Dog walking areas	4
Holiday rentals, AirB&B, hotels	4
Land Stability (Marina)	4
Planning	4
Poverty	4
Shared workspaces	4
Wellington Place <i>Regeneration, improvements</i>	4
Country Park	3
Resident subsidy of Funicular lifts	3
Mosque	3
The Fountain	3
Women's facilities, refuge or centre	3

Woodlands <i>Woodland paths, Ponds Wood improvements</i>	3
Boat rides	2
Broomgrove community centre	2
Castle Street	2
Cooking classes	2
Creative centre with 3D printers, CNC machines, other tools	2
Hastings Commons	2
Mobile Library	2
Pest control	2
Parkstone Post office	2
Southern Water	2
Stray animal support	2
Support for carers through art	2
Town hall	2
Transparency and promotion of progress updates	2
White Rock Theatre	2
Abandoned vehicles	1
Adelaide road	1
Albert memorial	1
All Souls church	1
America Ground	1
Banking hub	1

Big Local North East Hastings	1
Big town fair	1
Bottom-up approach	1
Bring Royal Victoria Hotel back to former glory	1
Coach park	1
Community use of Prince of Wales pub	1
Councillors support	1
Crematorium	1
Decimus Burton way	1
Disability bikes	1
Electric bike charging	1
Electric Palace cinema	1
Eversfield hospital	1
Friston house	1
Fund local council services	1
Get East Sussex College Group to do work	1
Hastings Contemporary	1
Hastings Greenway	1
Havelock Terrace	1
Hire legal team to address financial corruption/mismanagement of funds	1
Households to receive percentage of the £1m	1
HTH Church restoration	1
Less cafes	1

Lighthouse tower	1
London Road	1
Longer term investment	1
Lost rose garden	1
Lower council tax	1
Muriel Matters House	1
Nature trail	1
Neighbourhood Watch	1
Nightlife	1
No dogs on beaches	1
Organise group trips	1
Oval	1
Oval coffee shop	1
Playday in the park	1
Progress Network Community Centre	1
Queensway Gateway	1
Reduce non-statutory spending	1
Remove STAR and methadone distribution points from town centre	1
Renovate Old Roar Gill	1
Reopen Ashford International	1
Research into best improvements for the town	1
Resident discount on attractions	1
Restrict barbers and vape shops	1

RV park	1
Seaview project	1
SIL	1
Small grants programme	1
St Leonards Church	1
St Peter and St Paul church	1
Sue ESCC for state of infrastructure in Hastings	1
Sue ESCC/Balfour Beaty	1
Supermarket in Rye	1
Support for immigration	1
Surface Rock a Nore car park	1
The Colonnade	1
The Corner House	1
The greenway	1
The hurst	1
Time bank	1
Trinity Triangle	1
University building	1
Utility supply for community spaces	1
Warrior Square	1
Water board	1