

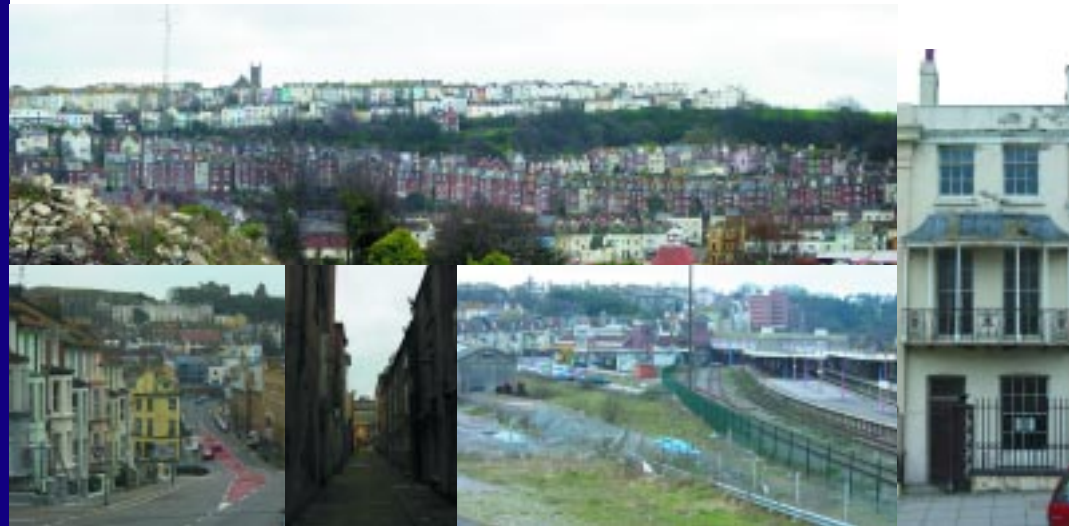
Who is doing what, where and when

The Castle Ward Forum is a resident-led neighbourhood forum. It works in partnership with agencies and service providers to make the area a better place to live and work. It has sub-groups on:

- Community facilities
- Housing and the Environment
- Crime and Safety
- Young People
- Publicity
- Education
- Health and social care

After consultation with local residents during November, the Forum will revise this draft local plan and send it to the Hastings Local Strategic Partnership. This partnership includes all the main service providers and agencies which operate in Hastings and St Leonards,

Once approved by the Local Strategic Partnership, the plan will be supported and put into action.



Dear Castle Ward Resident,
You are invited to a

'Winter Family Fun Party'
Games and food
Free prize draw - family meal at a local restaurant!

Venue:
The Pier Ballroom

From: **2.30** - On: **4.00**
Saturday 4th January

Further information

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Open 11 to 4 Tues to Sat

Please Complete

Complete your details below (optional) and return by 3rd December to:
Viv Reddick, Support worker, Hastings Borough Council, 4 Robertson Terrace, Hastings TN34 1JE
OR post to: FREEPOST PTL (no stamp required)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Ethnic Origin: _____

Age Group under 13 13 to 18 19 to 29 30 to 39
 40 to 49 50 to 59 60 to 69 over 69

I would like to help by _____

General comments or suggestions _____



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CASTLE WARD LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Produced with the Castle Ward Forum

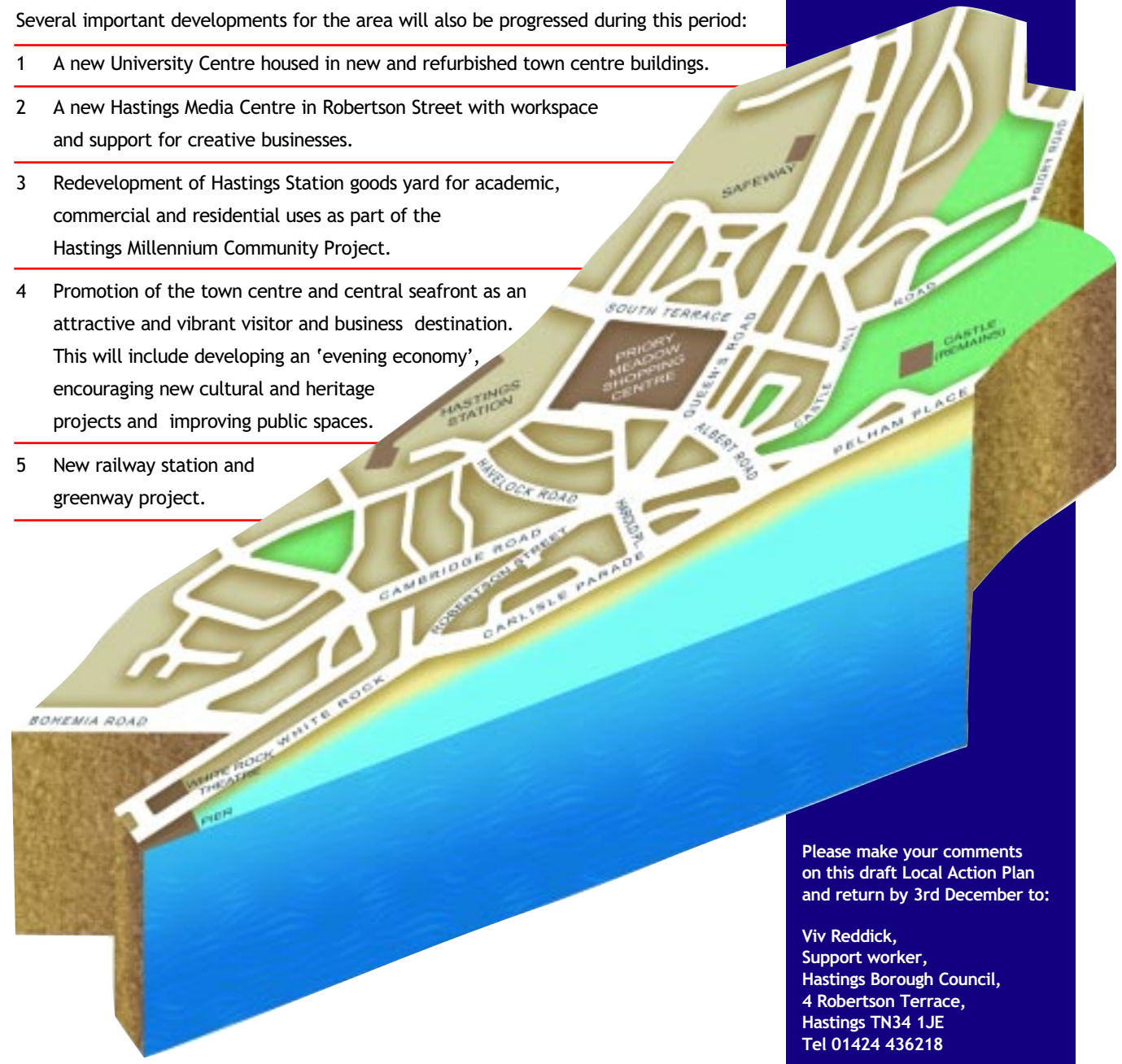
This is our draft Local Action Plan for Castle Ward

After consultation with local residents and with the service providers it will be revised and finalised. It will then become part of the overall Community Strategy for Hastings & St Leonards.

The Action Plan sets priorities for action over the next 12 to 18 months based on key issues identified by the community.

Several important developments for the area will also be progressed during this period:

- 1 A new University Centre housed in new and refurbished town centre buildings.
- 2 A new Hastings Media Centre in Robertson Street with workspace and support for creative businesses.
- 3 Redevelopment of Hastings Station goods yard for academic, commercial and residential uses as part of the Hastings Millennium Community Project.
- 4 Promotion of the town centre and central seafront as an attractive and vibrant visitor and business destination. This will include developing an 'evening economy', encouraging new cultural and heritage projects and improving public spaces.
- 5 New railway station and greenway project.



your views wanted

Please make your comments on this draft Local Action Plan and return by 3rd December to:

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Support worker,
Hastings Borough Council,
4 Robertson Terrace,
Hastings TN34 1JE
Tel 01424 436218

OR post to:
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November 2002

Key Issues

Do you agree that these are the key issues?
Add any others and make comments in the spaces provided.

1 CRIME & SAFETY

- A High crime rate - the highest in Hastings with 877 per 1000 population annually, a drugs offence rate 5 times the national average and violence against the person rate of 7 times the national average.
- B Young people drinking dominate the town centre at night which can be intimidating, especially for the elderly.
- C Lack of police presence at night. Police post not reliably open.
- D Vandalism.
- E Paths and twittens on West Hill feel unsafe at night, especially for women.

Other key crime issues and comments

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2 HOUSING

- A High proportion of housing in a poor state of repair and classified as unfit.
- B High proportion of housing in multiple occupation with high levels of transience. This undermines the sense of community and makes it more difficult to deal with drugs and resulting crime.
- C 40% of housing is private rented which is over four times the regional average.

Other key housing issues/comments

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3 ENVIRONMENT

- A Litter in public areas, particularly from fast food outlets.
- B Poorly maintained and shabby public and private land.
- C Lack of storage space for refuse, particularly for upper floor flats.
- D Rubbish strewn about due to mismatch between street cleaning and refuse collection days.
- E Flytipping of mattresses and other rubbish.
- F Dog fouling, especially from dog owners who drive into the area.
- G Neglect of the many unique steps, footpaths, alleyways and small green spaces.
- H Wellington Square run down and not achieving its spectacular potential.

Other key environment issues/ comments

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4 EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE

- A Lack of a co-ordinated approach to children and young people.
- B Shortage of facilities, especially for 12-16 year-olds who instead 'hang around' in the town centre and get drawn into a drinking culture.

Other key education issues/ comments

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5 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- A Lack of a dedicated community centre or hall for use by community groups.
- B Not enough community development support for active community members and the Forum.

Other key facility issues/ comments

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6 HEALTH

- A Reliance on small GP practices with no modern health centre providing a comprehensive service.
- B High rates of cancer and heart disease.

Other key health issues/comments

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7 TRANSPORT

- A Poor public transport.

Other key transport issues/comments

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8 POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

- A 14.2% unemployment puts Castle in the worst 100 wards nationally (out of 8414 wards). It is within the worst 10 % of areas nationally for child poverty.

Other key poverty issues/comments

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9 TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS

- A Local residents are not effectively involved with local businesses and in planning the many new developments taking place in the town centre.

Other key town centre development issues/comments

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Priorities for Action in the next 12 - 18 months

Do you agree these are the right priorities? Add any others and your comments in the spaces provided.

1 A SAFER PLACE

- A Tighter control and enforcement of licensed premises in the town centre. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B More visible police presence in the evenings with the police post open more reliably. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Review with residents of lighting and planting around paths and twittens in the West Hill area. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Review with residents of street warden service and how to increase its effectiveness. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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2 DECENT HOMES

- A Promote the accreditation scheme for private landlords and the registration scheme for Houses in Multi-Occupation (HMOs). Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Carry out inspections with effective enforcement against bad landlords. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C The University project to help tackle poor quality private rented housing in the area. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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3 A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

- A Coordinate street cleansing with refuse collection days. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Council to regularly publicise its bulk refuse collection service. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Council to reorganise its street-based staff to increase supervision of the streetscape and tackle flytipping. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Promote responsible dog ownership and enforce dog fouling laws. Agree Disagree Not sure
- E Adequate refuse storage to be an absolute condition of planning permission for all new housing and conversions. Agree Disagree Not sure
- F Agree standards with residents for improving steps, footpaths, alleyways and small green spaces. Agree Disagree Not sure
- G Improvement of Wellington Square as a showcase for improving the whole area. Council to improve external condition of its own offices. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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4 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

- A Agencies to jointly agree with the Forum a comprehensive plan for local children and youth provision. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Produce a calendar of all youth-related events for next year. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- A Provide a dedicated venue for community use, along with improved community development support. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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6 A HEALTHIER PLACE

- A Local service point for comprehensive primary care to be developed by the Primary Care Trust. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Promote healthy lifestyles through physical activities, eating fresh fruit and vegetables, and reducing smoking. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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7 TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS

- A Set up task force to integrate improvements to the Town Centre and station. Members to include the Forum, the Council, South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) and Town Centre Management. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Town Centre Management and the Forum to explore how to increase local employment and support for local businesses. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Hold a major community planning event in 2003 so the community can be involved in designing the changes to the town centre. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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