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Renewing St Leonards on Sea



What CAN be achieved



Before



during



and after

These photos are a good example of what has been achieved in the Southwater Housing Renewal Area. Since it was declared in 1998 there have been:

- Improvements to over 70 privately owned properties with more in the pipeline.
- Affordable properties to rent provided by housing associations.
- Over £2 million spent on environmental improvements, a play area, a community centre and public open space.
- A vibrant residents' association created to ensure the interests of local people are at the heart of the renewal process.



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TIMESCALE	
for the proposed new St Leonards Housing Renewal Area	
Nov 2002	Start of public consultation
Early 2003	Neighbourhood Renewal Assessment Analysis of problems and detailed surveys of buildings.
Mid 2003	Neighbourhood Renewal Plan Plan drawn up with proposals for action.
Late 2003	Public consultation on the Plan Formation of Renewal Area Board to manage the process which will include locally elected people.
Early 2004	Formal declaration of Renewal Area by Hastings Borough Council.
Mid 2004	Improvements begin

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Tuesday to Saturday



...Making the Difference...

St Leonards on Sea is one of the finest seaside towns in England. Its spectacular seafront and attractive, remarkably unspoilt Georgian, Regency and Victorian townscape make it a potential jewel on the south coast.

But it has suffered from neglect for many years and has unacceptable levels of poor housing, unemployment, crime and bad health.

So Hastings Borough Council is thinking of declaring a second Housing Renewal Area, building on the success of the first one around Southwater Road.

This would help focus resources on the regeneration of the area. It would also be a useful complement to the Hastings Millennium Community Project's proposed 50 new homes for the area, and the Masterplan idea to create a centre for arts and design in St Leonards.

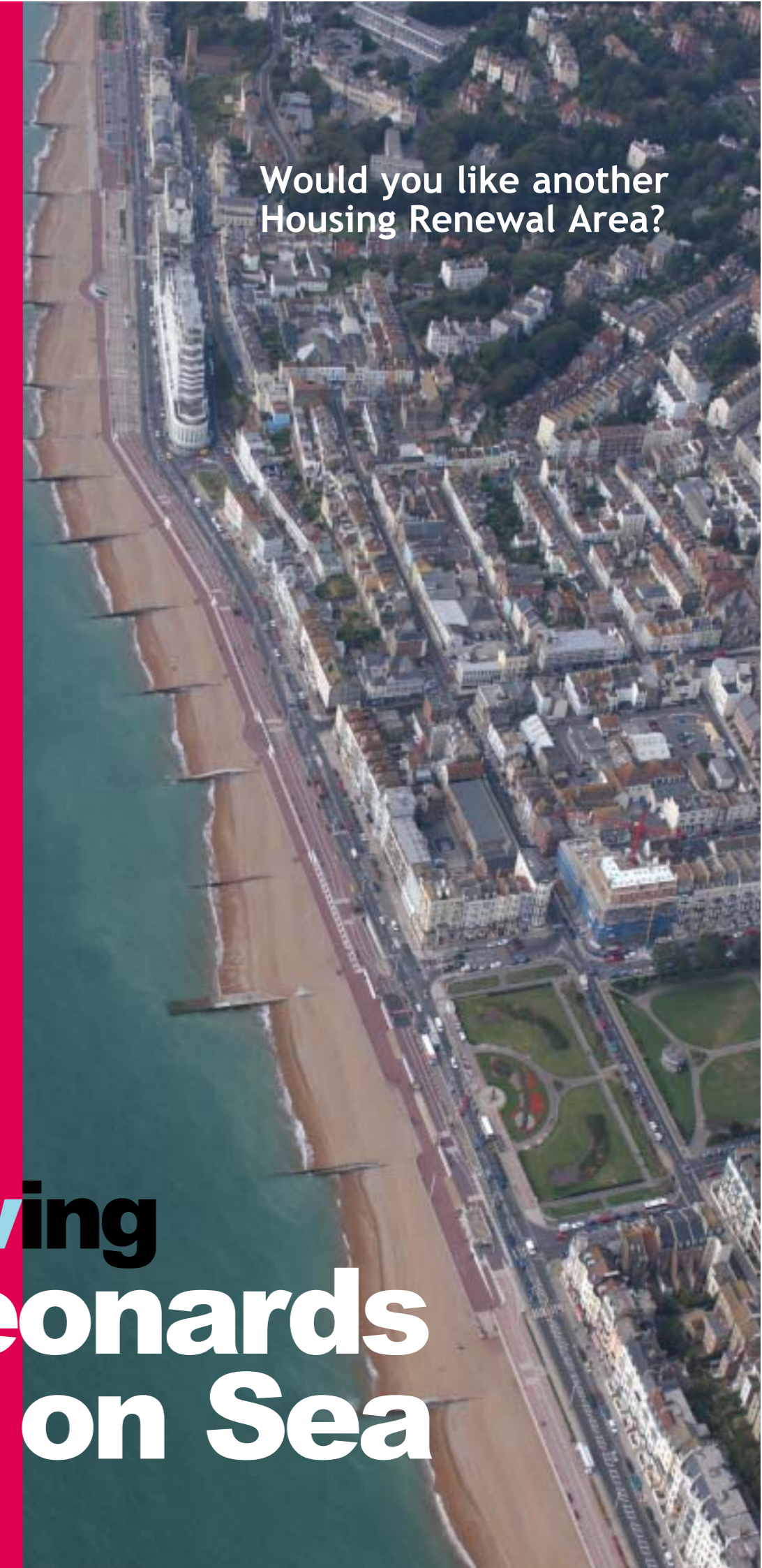
Before making firm decisions, the Council wants to know what you think about the idea, your views on the boundary proposed for a second Housing Renewal Area, and your ideas on priorities for action.

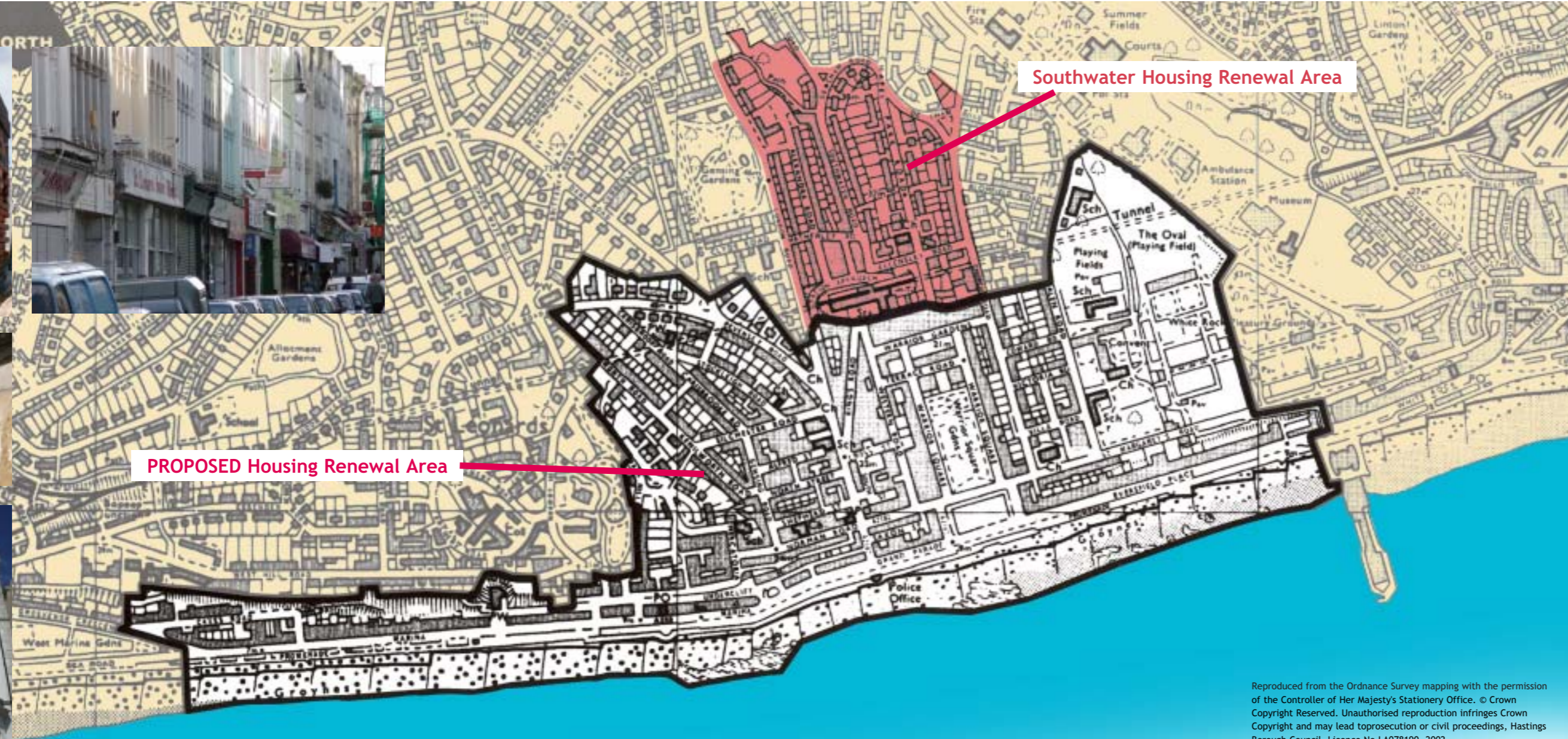
Please take the time to read this leaflet and respond using the questionnaire provided.

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Would you like another Housing Renewal Area?





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PURPOSE of a Housing Renewal Area

To improve housing and the local environment and to use this to improve employment prospects, social facilities, health and other things important to local people - making it an area where people want to live, work and visit.

BENEFITS of a Housing Renewal Area

- Makes it easier to focus and coordinate efforts of public, private and voluntary agencies.
- Renovation grants for property owners to improve housing conditions.
- Funding for housing associations to repair homes and build new ones.
- Funding for environmental improvements such as street lighting,

traffic calming, boundary walls, paving, restoring lost architectural features and planting trees.

- Funding for community facilities such as buildings for community use, play areas and public open space.
- Powers to compulsorily purchase buildings neglected by their owners.
- People dedicated to achieving the improvements working within a local office.
- A boost to the local economy from the renovation works.
- The potential to create more work and skills training.
- Community involvement in the regeneration of the Area.

PROBLEMS in St Leonards that a housing renewal area would help solve.

Figures are based on statistics for Central St Leonards Ward.

- Unfit homes**
Many homes are unfit for people to live in due to inadequate fire precautions and lack of basic facilities. This problem is concentrated in private rented accommodation, particularly where large houses have been converted into flats. Over one-third of the town's housing complaints come from this area.
- Empty homes**
One fifth of the town's homes left empty for over a year are in this area. Many of these have deteriorated and become an eyesore and health hazard.
- High unemployment**
Unemployment is more than four times the regional average (13% compared with

2.7%). Young people are particularly affected with one in four being unemployed.

- Poverty**
Four out of every ten people are supported by state benefits.
- Illness**
One-third of households have a member with a long term illness.
- Crime**
Crime levels are four times the national average.
- Poor education**
Young people achieve poorer GCSE results than the national average.
- Dereliction**
Several sites and buildings are sadly neglected and poorly managed.
- Empty commercial premises**
Many commercial premises are empty and neglected.



Please answer some or all of these questions

Do you think the Southwater Renewal Area has been a good thing for St Leonards?
Yes No No opinion

Give any reasons here

Do you think a second housing renewal area would be a good thing? Yes No Not sure

If a second housing renewal area is declared, do you think the area shown on the map is right?
Yes No Not sure

Which other areas or streets should be included?

Any areas or streets that should be excluded?

If the property you are living or working in is in poor condition please give brief details.

If there are buildings near where you live or work in particularly poor condition please give details.

Your ideas for environmental projects that could be carried out in the area.

Your ideas for new community facilities needed

Any ideas you have for future consultation activity or for how the neighbourhood plan should be developed.

Any other comments you would like to make.

If you are interesting in assisting with the regeneration of the area please indicate what you might be able to contribute.

Please tick if you would like to be kept informed of progress.

Name

Address

Organisation (if any)

Tel

Email

Your age: under 13 13 to 18 19 to 29 30 to 39
40 to 49 50 to 59 60 to 69 over 69

Male Female

The personal information you have provided will be used by Hastings Borough Council for the purpose of this consultation and will not be disclosed to third parties.

Please hand in completed forms to the project office at 2 Stainsby Street, St Leonards on Sea

Or post to Freepost PTL

Or you can fill this form out on-line at www.hastings.gov.uk