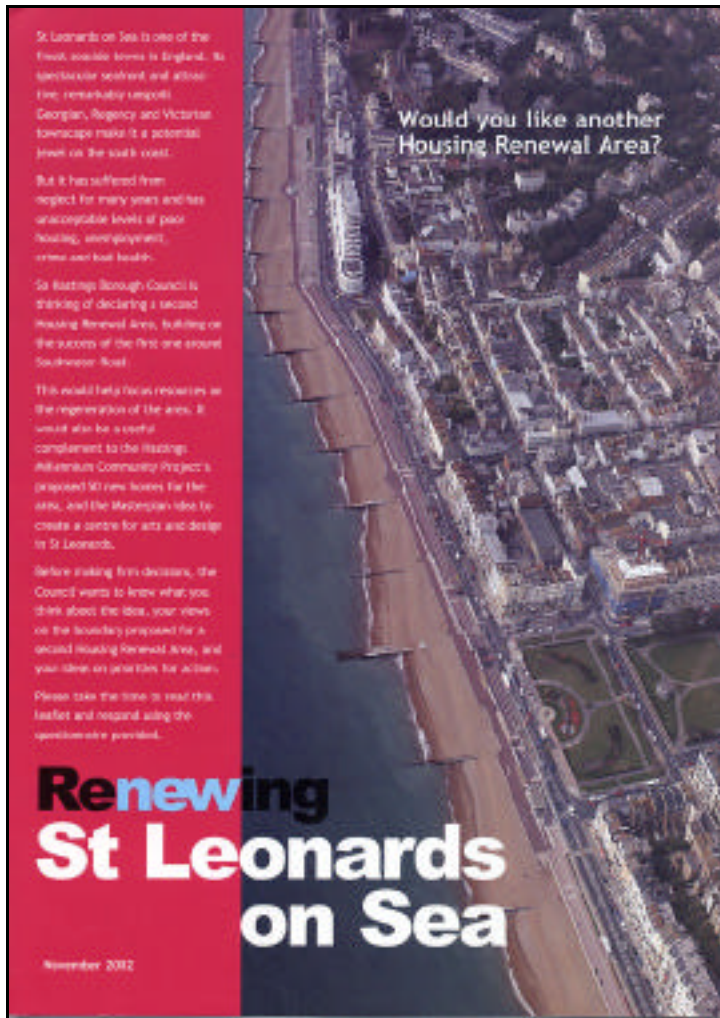


Consultation Results - the future of Hastings & St Leonards and Bexhill

APPENDIX E Housing Renewal Area



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1 Introduction and conclusions

1.1 ABOUT THIS APPENDIX

- 1.1.1 This Appendix sets out the results of consultation which took place during November and December 2002 on the possibility of declaring a second Housing Renewal Area in St Leonards. Hastings Borough Council is intending to continue consulting through 2003.
- 1.1.2 The exercise was part of a wide ranging consultation programme on the future of Hastings & St Leonards. This Appendix covers only the feedback on the *Renewing St Leonards on Sea* brochure. It should be read in conjunction with the report on the overall consultation programme (*Consultation Results; the Future of Hastings & St Leonards and Bexhill*) as well as the Appendices on other plans and strategies. Appendix H on the Gensing & Central St Leonards Local Action Plan is particularly relevant.

1.2 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 1.2.1 A 6-page colour brochure was produced which included a tear off reply-paid questionnaire (see attachment). This was made available at consultation events throughout the town, particularly those in St Leonards and could be obtained at numerous information points. People could also access the document and complete the questionnaire on-line on Hastings Borough Council's website – www.hastings.gov.uk
- 1.2.2 The aim of the brochure was to inform people about the possibility of declaring a second housing renewal area and to secure feedback both on people's general reactions and on their specific suggestions for what area it might cover and on the priorities for action.
- 1.2.3 The results are intended to assist with deciding whether to go ahead with the declaration and to build up detailed data about the state of property in the area and people's views.
- 1.2.4 The brochure and questionnaire were designed to have a reasonably long shelf life for use during the early part of 2003 years of the project. Questionnaire responses are being fed into a database in the Corporate Planning Department which will be built up and developed during the life of the project.

1.3 THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

- 1.3.1 A total of 52 completed questionnaires have been returned to date of which 48, received before Christmas, have been analysed for this report.
- 1.3.2 See main report, *Consultation Results*, for details of event attendance, etc.

1.4 CONSULTATION FINDINGS SUMMARY

- 1.4.1 The work carried out in the Southwater Renewal Area has been highly appreciated. Over 80% of respondents thought it had been a good thing for St Leonards. The wide range of reasons given show that it has been valued both for its effect on improving the environment and on regenerating community spirit.
- 1.4.2 There appears to be overwhelming support for the declaration of a second housing Renewal Area. Almost 90% of respondents thought it would be good for the area and only 2% thought it would not be.
- 1.4.3 There is reasonable support for the boundaries proposed (66%) but many suggestions have been made for areas that should be included or excluded which will need to be considered.
- 1.4.4 Many suggestions have been made for properties in need of attention and for projects that need undertaking which will be a useful input to the detailed survey work.
- 1.4.5 There appears to be considerable enthusiasm for people to be practically involved in a number of ways.

1.5 CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.5.1 The consultation has been important for informing people about the proposed Housing Renewal Area and giving them the opportunity to make their views known. It has demonstrated public support for the proposal and provided a great deal of data which will be useful in developing it further.
- 1.5.2 Responses to the questionnaire can continue to be encouraged over the coming months, so building up more data. It is recommended that suitable and consistent arrangements are made to collate and analyse responses coming in during 2003.
- 1.5.3 The results need be fed in to the survey process and coordinated with the Local Action Plan.
- 1.5.4 General feedback on the consultation needs to be provided, perhaps through *About* magazine and the *Warrior*.
- 1.5.5 Specific replies needs to be given to those commenting on the condition of their own property and those making offers of help.

2. Questionnaire results

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 This section of the report sets out the results of the 48 questionnaires brochures processed before the end of December 2002.
- 2.1.2 Numbers following the points made are the questionnaire numbers to facilitate checking and follow up.
- 2.1.3 Responses have been summarised and edited for clarity but original phrasing has been maintained wherever possible.

2.2 Views on Southwater Housing Renewal Area

2.2.1 Do you think the Southwater Renewal Area has been a good thing for St Leonards?

<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>No opinion</i>		<i>No response</i>	
<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
39	81	4	8	5	11	0	0

2.2.2 Give any reasons

Positive:

1. Lots of local input, people power really works. 7
2. Increased community involvement. 12
3. Area looks and feels better/really good now. 7, 12, 32
4. Anything that improves the area is beneficial. 8
5. Improved living conditions. 10, 37
6. Improved appearance of property. 29
7. Residents now proud of the area. 10,
8. Has revived area. 16
9. Nice area to walk through now – improved it visually. 22, 42
10. New street lighting and pavements painted buildings, less dereliction must indicate improvement. 26, 27
11. The scheme has: refurbished derelict buildings, improved existing accommodation, enhanced the streetscape e.g. new lighting, paving and walls. The roofscape has also improved - many roofs and chimneys restored using traditional materials. 40
12. Brilliant for both local inhabitants and tourists as it is improving the aesthetics of a previously run-down area. 28
13. Improves quality of life. 30
14. Raises people’s self-esteem. 36
15. Gives people chance to do building work. 37
16. It does not add to watercourse problems [sic]. 38

17. Help was needed in a dire situation. 31
18. Set a bench mark for the improvement of other areas. 43

Negative:

19. Not part of Burtons' St Leonards. 11
20. Not architecturally more interesting than anywhere else. 11
21. No effect on Community / Social issues. 19
22. Selected at the expense of areas more deserving architecturally and historically more worthy. Result 'half baked. 41
23. Little improvement is visible. 45

Other points:

24. Other people in the town see people who have not looked after their property having work done for free and think this is unfair. 32
25. But the people still throw rubbish on the street and in the gardens I can see no benefit to St Leonards as a whole unless some residents change their ways.
26. Whilst some improvements have been made a great deal of money was wasted e.g. traffic calming. 47
27. Recently completed road scheme in the centre of St. Leonards has made the area more car friendly than pedestrian friendly. 48

2.3 A second housing renewal area?

2.3.1 Do you think a second housing renewal area would be a good thing?

<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>Not sure</i>		<i>No response</i>	
<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
42	88	1	2	2	4	3	6

2.4 What area should it cover?

2.4.1 If a second housing renewal area is declared, do you think the area shown on the map is right?

<i>Yes</i>		<i>No</i>		<i>Not sure</i>		<i>No response</i>	
<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
31	65	10	21	3	6	4	8

2.4.2. Which other areas or streets should be included?

1. Carisbrooke Road, 2
2. St Johns Road, 20
3. Silchester Road, 2
4. Stockleigh Road, 2
5. Area Bounded by Church Rd. And to Magdalen Road at least. 4, 43
6. Western side of Magdalen Rd up to + including North side of Blomfield Rd + Eastern side of Church Rd. Western side of London Rd up to + including North side of Clyde Rd + Eastern part of Charles Rd. 30
7. All of Burton's St Leonards. 11

8. Most of West Hill Rd - up to approximately the western limit of the current proposed area. 13, 27
9. Most of Gensing Ward especially Bohemia. 26
10. Gensing & West of London Road. 41
11. The Kings Road and main shopping road.
12. Extend into Gensing Ward, up to old Buchanan site along London Rd.35
13. The area from Bohemia Road including Blomfield Road, thus adjoining the existing Southwater Road and proposed Renewal Area. 40
14. Adjoining to both existing and proposed as money available. 34
15. Broomgrove, Churchfields, the Ridge. 19
16. Should be on West Hill in Castle Ward. 14, 37
17. Hastings town centre + seafront, Pelham Crescent, Cornwallis area. 21
18. Hollington, Broomgrove & Castle 42

2.4.3 Any areas or streets that should be excluded?

1. Magdalen Road, (E. Side) The Oval, White Rock Gardens and Verulam Place. 1
2. The area is too large and should be split down London Road. 1
3. White Rock pleasure grounds, the Oval. 3, 13
4. The Convent Area. 3
5. The Green, Hollington Park Rd, Fairlight Avenue, Fairlight Rd. 21
6. It seems a very large area to focus on and I question having the Seafront included right along to West Marina Gardens - this smacks of doing things for looks not for residents. 22
7. Warrior Square, and streets west of London Rd have improved immensely over past years, so money for this project should be concentrated on surrounding areas like Warrior Gardens, which has been neglected for decades. 28
8. Everything to the East of Magdalen Rd. Everything to the West of St Leonards, Parish Church, Eversfield Place up to the corner building on Warrior Sq (consider seafront separately as a whole). 30
9. Why include Maze Hill and the Lawns. They are the nicest areas in Central!
10. Dane Road Avenue. Remains good to dignified appearance. 45

2.5 Property in need of attention

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

Results not included in this report for reasons of confidentiality. See original data.
15 responses made.

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

Results not included in this report for reasons of confidentiality. See original data.
18 responses made.

2.6 Environmental improvements

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

1. Street lamps in poorly lit roads. 4, 13
2. Better Street Lighting, appearance and illumination. 24
3. More attractive street lighting in keeping with existing architecture (galvanised poles look ugly). 27
4. Small garden in South Street opposite Crystal Square. 1
5. Abandoned areas made into pocket parks to sit and play. 7
6. Land on the North side of Caves Rd and adjoining houses. 10
7. Improve highway condition. 10
8. A good general clean-up everywhere. 4, 11, 25
9. Big fines for dumping old furniture and rubbish. 4, 28
10. Clear rubbish from derelict land adjacent to 69 Church Rd. 22
11. Rolling rubbish collections to help prevent dumped goods. 35
12. Better maintenance of St Leonards Gardens. 11
13. Secondary school students to have organic gardening lessons and small plots to learn how to appreciate and look after their environment. 2
14. Encourage local schools to become involved in pocket parks - both design and maintaining. 15
15. South Saxon to remain green area. 19
16. Solar panels. 7
17. Subsidised solar heating for those who work and own their own home. 21
18. Windmills on Pebsham tip once it has finished its landfill use. 21
19. Recycling bins within walking distance. 22
20. Remove street drinkers from Warrior Sq Gardens, so others can use it. 25
More trees and green space. 27
21. Pedestrianisation of Kings Road. 27
22. Fill in area under seafront promenade which is ugly and attracts vagrants. 29
23. Warrior Sq between Rose Garden + St Margaret's Rd – multi-use like a mini Central Park in New-York. Warrior Sq - lower St Margaret Rd to the prom - outdoor arena / ice rink like Broadgate Circle in the City. 30
24. Move trunk road from seafront. 31
25. Put back mouldings and lintels on Victorian properties. 34
26. Plant a few trees. 34
27. Invite residents to help find a tree for their street. 35
28. A Forest Garden – for people to learn about organic gardening and sustainable development generally. 36
29. No development in, nor further reduction of flood plains, or development that will add pressure to already overstretched water courses. 38
30. Demolish 141-155 Stonehouse Drive and restore streamside verge. Create streamside walk through to Gilmans Hill and beyond. Have proper management system of woodland to south of stream to control vandalism and parking of large vans in road. Plant street trees all along. 39
31. Refurbishment of existing green spaces and public amenities. 40
32. Restoration of front gardens and boundaries. 40
33. Traffic calming to facilitate wider pavements and plants. 40
34. Create tree-lined avenues. 40
35. Grants towards historic unlisted building which will otherwise be 'lost' to future generations. 41

36. Deal with dumped cars and shooting alley on access land beside No 1 Blomfield Road. 43
37. Improving the appearance of all Warrior Square buildings with restoration of decorative mouldings, canopies and railings. 44
38. Deal with vandalism, or environmental improvements are a waste of time. 45
39. Buildings to be environmentally audited by a professional environmental engineer before regeneration. 46

2.7 Community facilities

2.7.1 Your ideas for new community facilities needed.

1. Local indoor sports hall. 1
2. Recycling facilities for Silchester Road and surrounding areas. 2
3. More exciting playgrounds for secondary school age groups. 3
4. Childcare facilities. 5
5. A community village in the Stonehouse Road area including coffee bar. 7
6. Re-use existing buildings as community centres, especially schools. 7
7. Somewhere free for young people to go and call their own. 12, 16
8. Drop-in community centre. 17
9. Community centre on bathing pool site. 19
10. A real dog free area in the Square with a playground. 20
11. Low cost, before and after school (+school holiday) children clubs, for those who wish to work. 21
12. Playgrounds for children. 24
13. An enclosed play area for young children & teenagers (separately). 41
14. Areas for young people. Not just for children /toddlers. 42
15. 'Wet' centre for street drinkers. 25
16. A major facility for drink & drug abusers. 48
17. Decent swimming pool for Hastings. 25
18. Something similar to the old Clifton Pub for Southwater Renewal area. 27
19. Residents' only parking, CCTV camera. 28
20. Purpose built multifunction community centre on the Cross St/South Street block, incorporated adequate car parking. 30
21. Health Centre. Complementary therapy clinic. 31
22. Concerts, shows, exhibitions, fairs and events in Warrior Square, the heart of St Leonards. This should be the focus of community activities rather like a town square. The area needs good lighting, good loos. 35
23. Neighbourhood cafe's and meeting places for various activities. 36
24. New toilets on the promenade. 37
25. Make 4 courts community centre more available as a drop-in to all residents of Stonehouse Drive, e.g. more coffee mornings, evenings activities. 39

2.8 Future consultation and planning

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

1. Small permanent public exhibition. 1
2. Regular mail shot with questionnaires. 1
3. Ask all year 11/12 students to give their ideas and fill in short forms at school/college. 3
4. Extend the consultation period. 3
5. Think, listen - do not proceed if in doubt. 6
6. Social events for the whole family to attend - to ask opinions and look at made up plans or very clear plans. 7
7. Make sure people know about the proposed plans, including those in surrounding areas who may wish to be included. 13
8. Inserts in publications like the Observer or 'About' Magazine. 19
9. Talk to the community - give them many different dates/times where they can air their views. 21
10. Co-ordinate consultations - work through community groups - and get on and do things. 22
11. The existing proposals seem good. 24
12. People should be made to feel part of the plan. If they don't then it will not work well. 27
13. Through consultation with the Gensing & Central St Leonards Neighbourhood Forum. 30
14. Invite everyone to Royal Victoria Hotel for brainstorming problems/issues. 31
15. A series of guided walks around the area to hear and see proposals. Easier for people to give ideas and views when they can see and experience the areas in question. 35
16. Would like to join residents association/ neighbourhood watch and work in closer cooperation with HBC to improve area. 43

2.9 Other comments

2.9.1 Any other comments you would like to make.

1. Refuse should be collected at source by dustmen, not left out in bags on street. 1
2. Set up art workshops in area. 2
3. Have recently moved to St Leonards so am only just adjusting to noise from neighbours and dirt. 4
4. Better safety on the streets, e.g. more CCTV would be appreciated. 5
5. Lighting for the whole area should be improved to make people feel safer. 7
6. The most important area for renewal has to be Kings Road. It is after all the first street so many of us have to walk down (from the station). It has so much potential but is just now plain depressing. 9

7. How many Councillors live in Central St Leonards? 14
8. Do not increase business rates for community shops. 19
9. Very little will be achieved unless the population is stabilised, i.e. long term tenants with a vested interest. 20
10. Stop messing around with the roads and improve upon what we have. 21
11. Southwater community centre needs manpower to run it efficiently. Likewise with any facility that is set-up - it's not just physical resources - but human resources that are needed. 22
12. We can't get away from the fact that the seafront is still a major road taking heavy traffic. 24
13. New street lighting helps to boost economy as people feel it is safe to visit shops and cafes when it is dark. 26
14. Many of the problems due to bad housing - too many flats or buildings and no sense of community. 27
15. Many of the small local shops closed and it is these, which can help make a community. 27
16. The Oval and White Rock Pleasure Grounds are Borough-wide facilities and bear no specific relation to St Leonards. 30
17. Take freeholders to task and inspect afterwards to ensure work is of standard. Also paint all seafront same colour e.g. white only. 31
18. Doling out of money should be done in a way that people who have let their property go are forced to pay Y2[?] or CPO is imposed at the value of the house as it stands. 32
19. Consider the present residents, we need a by-pass. 38
20. This used to be a lovely area to live in. Since the building of 141-155 Stonehouse Drive and the acquisition of many of the properties by housing associations it has declined into a breeding ground for vandals and is now like a common, low class council estate. 39
21. Reduce traffic calming seafront London road etc which is self defeating, environmentally friendly and fuel/time wasting. 41
22. Southwater Road looks better but the same people/problems still exist but in a better looking area. 42
23. Only two street lights at Blomfield Road. 43
24. There are too many outlets supplying cheap alcohol. 44
25. We are presently looking to buy a property in St. Leonards because of its beautiful seafront. We fell in love with it two years ago when we visited from Nova Scotia, Canada. We visited again in Oct/02 and remain committed to buying in this area. I applaud your efforts to regenerate and have carefully read your strategy plan. Please keep going with this because this area is too naturally gorgeous to lose. What a tourist attraction you have! 46
26. The policy of forcing freeholders to maintain their properties is one I support wholeheartedly.
27. I would be very much in favour of trying to establish St. Leonards as an arts centre. Is there no scope for a new, exciting and even continental building in this area which might put Hastings / St. Leonards on the map? Why under Warrior Square? Surely for more expensive that building above ground. Compare Bilbao in Spain, Newcastle/Gateshead, Salford, places which have taken off as a result of an exciting new building. How about a new library, the existing library is a disgrace. Despite this, it is good to see a lot of the small buildings being sensitively restored/renovated. There is a lot of quite pleasing architecture in this town. 48
28. The land earmarked for 250 homes on a flood plain under the Millennium project to the North of Bexhill Rd (and marked in yellow) is at present a lake! 38

29. Make Stonehouse Drive a child free zone and get all association properties back into private ownership. 39
30. By encouraging more private investment. 41
31. Drink and drug abuse and antisocial behaviour (fences at rear of new western road houses already vandalised). 44

2.10 Offers of help

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

1. Time, knowledge and opinion. 1
2. Would help set up, initiate and run workshops. 2
3. You could send articles to give knowledge to my readers. My magazine is a bouncing board. 6
4. As I am on the local forum, I hopefully will be working alongside the regeneration. 7
5. I'd like to join the forum. 11
6. If you are doing the same with the West Hill I can offer time and typing/computer skills if needed. 21
7. Would be happy to assist in working party to clear overgrown "open" spaces. 22
8. As a member of the Gensing / Central St Leonards Forum I am only happy to help as necessary. 30
9. Probably spend a few days window cleaning if that helps. 34
10. I teach singing to both groups of adults and children and have a background in the arts in general - knowledge, skill and experience. 36
11. I think it would be a good idea if people would be allowed to train in the building field, while working on this housing project. 37
12. Help with conservation of the woodland stream and verge, clearing away litter. 39
13. Restoring a building of historic interest. 41
14. In what ever way possible/ time, energy, enthusiasm, goodwill and determination to improve St Leonards for all resident and visitors. 43
15. "Moral support" and letters to MP'S etc. 44

2.11 Age and gender profile of respondents

<i>Age group</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>%</i>
Under 18	0	0
19 to 29	3	6
30 to 39	8	17
40 to 49	15	31
50 to 59	10	21
60 to 69	3	6
70 and over	3	6
No response	6	13

<i>Sex</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>%</i>
Male	18	38
Female	22	46
No response	9	16

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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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...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.

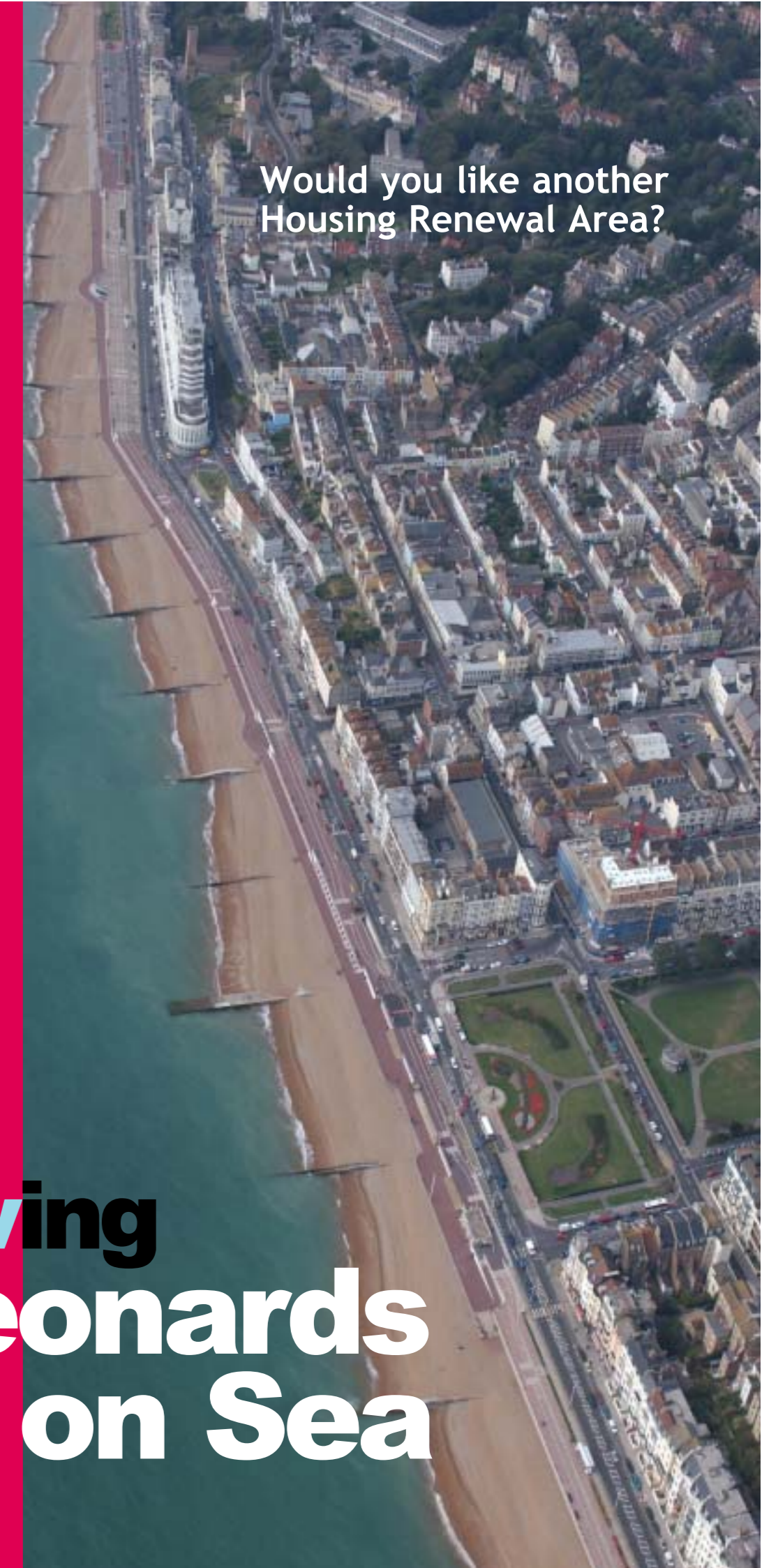
Before making firm decisions, the Council wants to know what you think about the idea, your views on the boundary proposed for a second Housing Renewal Area, and your ideas on priorities for action.

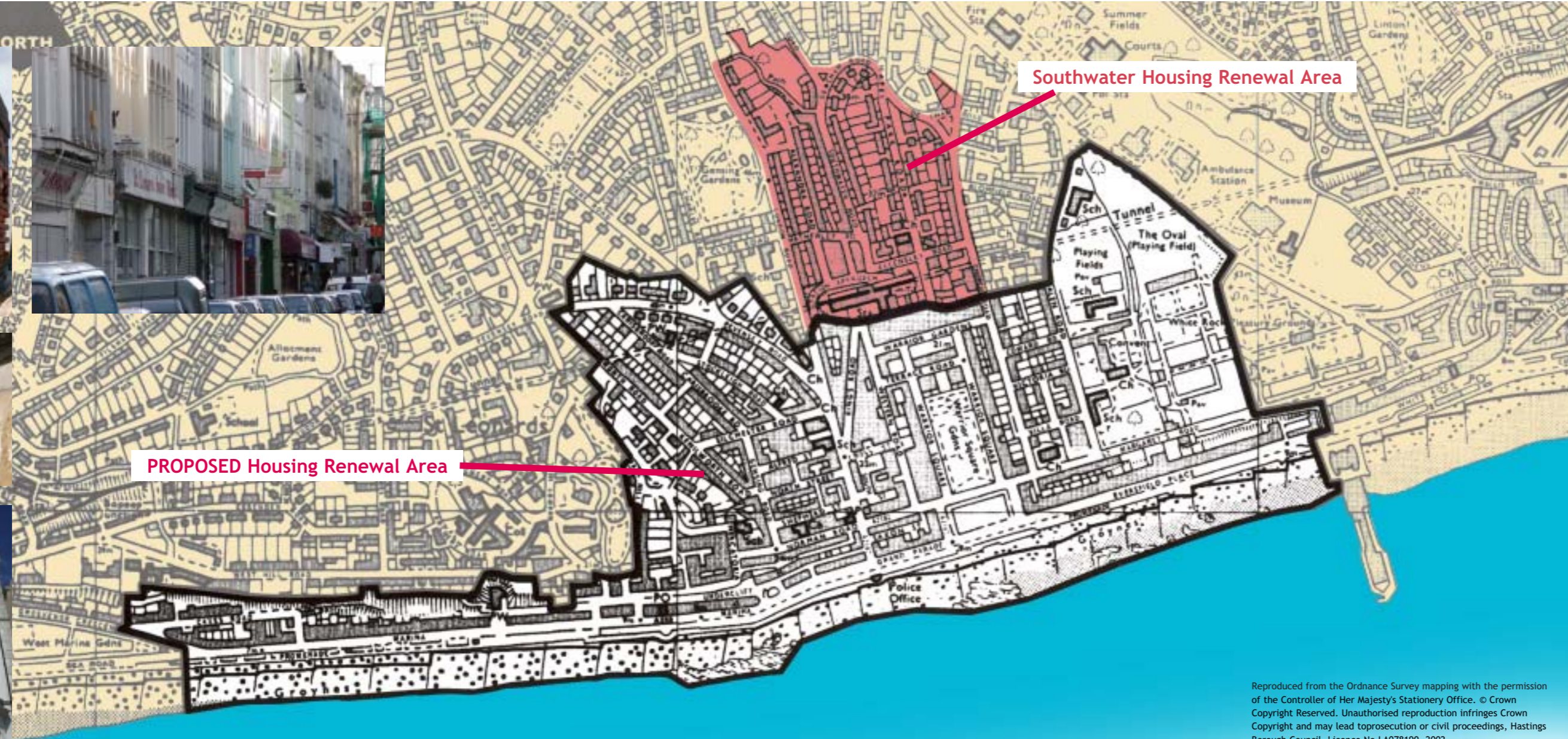
Please take the time to read this leaflet and respond using the questionnaire provided.

Renewing St Leonards on Sea

November 2002

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