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

APPENDIX H

Gensing & Central St Leonards

GENSING AND CENTRAL ST LEONARDS LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Produced with the Gensing & Central St Leonards Community Forum

This is our draft Local Action Plan for Gensing and Central St Leonards. It is based on a fuller list of priorities drawn up by the Forum.

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 out priorities for action over the next 12 to 18 months based on key issues identified by the community.

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

1. A proposed new Housing Benefits Area for Central St Leonards. Consultation and an extensive survey of local housing conditions are already underway.
2. The Hastings Affordable Community project for 50 new homes, improved public transport and community facilities.
3. The possible creation of a forum for arts and design in the Water Square area.
4. The possibility of the seafront as an attractive and vibrant visitor and business destination.

your views wanted

Please make your comments on this draft Local Action Plan and return to the following by:

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A	<i>Gensing and Central St Leonards Local Action Plan – draft brochure</i>	
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1 Introduction and conclusions

1.1 ABOUT THIS APPENDIX

- 1.1.1 This Appendix sets out the results of consultation during November and December 2002 on the Gensing & Central St Leonards Local Action Plan.
- 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 Gensing & Central St Leonards draft Local Action Plan. 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.
- 1.2.3 This report provides a record of a key stage in the process and sets out data which may be useful in several ways in the future. Already the process has moved on, with feedback being presented directly to the Forum and changes agreed to the draft Action Plan, ready for facilitated workshops with key partnerships.

1.1 THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

- 1.2.1 The Gensing & Central St Leonards Forum had developed a series of local special interest groups which were already working on their own plans. Their experience of living in the area and data collected was used to draft the Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (LNRS).
- 1.2.2 Clive Jacotine & Associates were appointed in August 2002 to work with the Forum and develop a Local Action Plan as part of the LNRS to be agreed by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Hastings. The Plan also had to make links with the Community Strategy being developed at the same time.
- 1.2.3 The twin starting points for developing the Local Action Plan were the statistical information on local issues set out in the LNRS and the views of the local community. After a walkabout in the area with local residents and discussions with key service managers, a draft plan was drawn up. This was developed at meetings with the Forum, before agreeing the draft consultation document, and was greatly informed by the plans being put together by the Forum itself.
- 1.2.4 A 4-page colour brochure was produced on the draft plan with tick boxes and comment boxes for people to complete (see attachment). 10,000 copies were printed and distributed to every household in the area during the week before a local consultation event on 30 November. This was a four-hour drop in session at

the Silchester Mews Community Centre which about 400 people attended. The consultation presentations included the Community Strategy, the Masterplan, the Millennium Community project, the Housing Renewal Area proposal, the Greenway project and the detailed plans of the Forum itself.

- 1.2.5 Following this event, people were given five days to return questionnaires.
- 1.2.6 Responses were analysed and the results were discussed at a meeting of the Forum on 7/12/02, where various changes were agreed. The Plan was produced in a chart form more suitable for project management purposes, in preparation for the facilitated workshops with key partnerships.

1.3 THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

- 1.3.1 87 questionnaires were returned by the deadline and were analysed. A further 55 were received afterwards making a total of 142 to date.

1.4 CONSULTATION FINDINGS SUMMARY

- 1.4.2 The draft Local Action Plan was substantially endorsed. The average level of agreement with the priorities for action suggested was 81%.
- 1.4.3 Many useful suggestions for improvements were made (and have already been taken on board in revising the Plan).
- 1.4.4 There was considerable enthusiasm about the community planning process and many people made offers of help.

1.5 CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.5.1 The consultation was important for informing people about the local action plan and giving them the opportunity to help shape it. It demonstrated public support for the proposals and provided useful suggestions for improvements.
- 1.5.2 The offers of help should be followed up (see 2.5).
- 1.5.3 General feedback on the consultation needs to be disseminated, through *About* magazine, on HBC and other websites and through local newsletters and media.
- 1.5.4 As well as incorporating a summary of the final Local Action Plan in the Community Strategy, it would be useful to produce a version for circulation to all addresses in the neighbourhood. The artwork used in the consultation draft could easily be adapted for this purpose.

2. Questionnaire results

2.1 INTRODUCTION

2.1.1 This section sets out the results of the 87 forms returned by the deadline.

2.1.2 Responses have been minimally edited for clarity.

2.2 KEY ISSUES

Other Key Issues and comments

Numbers in brackets = number of returns making the same point.

Other numbers = reference numbers of questionnaires.

2.2.1. CRIME & SAFETY

- a) Urgent action needed on all points. (2) 15, 87
- b) Need more police/wardens on streets.(5) 12, 76, 71, 89, 91
- c) Need more police/wardens at night. 31
- d) Need better/quicker police follow-up on reported crime. (3) 62, 41, 37
- e) Tackle low level crime/vandalism. (6) 18, 33, 35, 8, 45, 91.
- f) Need higher profile social agencies to boost community spirit. 24
- g) More support for drink/drug dependency needed. (3) 28, 76, 54
- h) Deal with drug dealing in Bottle Alley. 6
- i) Deal with street drinking. 70.
- j) Deal with poverty. 59.
- k) Council should lobby against 24 hr licensing. 85

2.2.2. HOUSING

- a) Need more affordable housing. 3.
- b) Need more enforcement on shabby properties. (3) 12, 28, 29

- c) More vetting of unsuitable tenants. 15.
- d) Need housing ombudsman to set fair rents. 29
- e) Grants for homeowners to improve exteriors. (3) 30, 88, 54
- f) Housing Associations slow to make repairs/listen to complaints/deal with anti-social behaviour/consult tenants. (4) 33, 71, 85, 41
- g) Enforce improvements on neglected houses/shops/flats. (5) 34, 78, 69, 56, 51
- h) Anti-social neighbours are a problem. (6) 4, 35, 6, 52, 37, 36
- i) Build more houses near museum. 62

2.2.3. ENVIRONMENT

- a) Parking restrictions NOT too lax. 3
- b) Need more residents parking spaces. (3) 9, 33
- c) Need more parking outside shops. 9
- d) Need better street lighting. (4) 10, 12, 76, 57; need to illuminate scaffolding at night. 2
- e) Need more action on:
 - f) dog fouling (d), (8) 15, 24, 29, 73, 87, 71, 57, 89
 - g) recycling (f). (10) 15, 29, 30, 35, 78, 72, 86, 54, 51, 89
 - h) litter/fly tipping (c) (5) 69, 86, 57, 36, 89
 - i) abandoned cars. (5) 47, 69, 71, 86, 41
 - j) Need more street bins. (2) 28, 30
 - k) Pavements are very bad. 79
 - l) Pavements need more dropped kerbs. 38
 - m) Stop skateboarding/cycling/parking on pavements. (2) 2, 37.
 - n) Noise pollution is an issue. 15
 - o) Car Miles cabs unacceptable use of car horns at night. 25
 - p) On street car repairs are a problem. (3) 43, 73, 42
 - q) No provision for allotments. 18.
 - r) Save our green spaces, esp. The Glen. 23
 - s) Greenway project would be of great benefit. 85
 - t) Daily rubbish collection on Alfred Street not happening. 25

- u) Pavement on Pevensey Rd very dangerous. 1
- v) Bikes parked outside pizza shop in Silverhill are a hazard. 86

2.2.4. EDUCATION & YOUNG PEOPLE

- a) Need to view young people more positively. 3
- b) Need more sports facilities/play areas. (4) 28, 72, 45, 89
- c) Need youth/children's centre. (3) 29, 30, 48
- d) Young people need more supervision. (2) 35, 71.
- e) Support disadvantaged single parents. (2) 57, 87
- f) Teach life skills. 48
- g) Too much education. 50
- h) More education/teach self-respect/respect for elderly.(3) 59, 74, 76
- i) Kids lack motivation. 6

2.2.5. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- a) Drop-in shop is excellent idea, very positive. (7) 24, 6, 76, 87, 79, 50, 41
- b) Need support and/or local centre for BME (black & ethnic minority) communities. 26
- c) Bigger, wider neighbourhood watch programme. 29
- d) Make better use Marina Pavilion. (4) 34, 68, 80, 45
- e) Make better use of pier. 57
- f) Silchester Mews is very helpful. 8
- g) Some local facilities not accessible for the disabled. 88
- h) Use Christ Church school for community centre/evening classes/keep fit. 52
- i) Bohemia should have its own Forum. 90

2.2.6. HEALTH

- a) Need hostels for disadvantaged people. 2
- b) Need a yoga centre. 23
- c) Need a community centre providing cheap nutritious food/cultural activities and sports facilities. (2) 24, 44

- d) More use of THB to support people. 28
- e) Not enough access for walking disabled & wheelchair users. 88
- f) Health centre hours are restricted. 38
- g) People need education on nutrition issues/fast food. (3) 35, 47, 69
- h) Need small hospital in St Leonards. 86

2.2.7. TRANSPORT

- a) Transport in St Leonards has improved. (3) 10, 29, 1
- b) Improve buses and trains in general. (4) 6, 34, 85, 59
- c) Improve London trains. (3) 9, 87, 57
- d) Electrify Ashford line. (2) 2, 36
- e) Buses: fares need to be cheaper. (3) 3, 4, 86
- f) Buses: need flat fares. 12
- g) Buses: need circular minibus type service. (2) 6, 45.
- h) Buses: free travel for OAPs. 15
- i) Buses: Better signage/clearer routes. 78
- j) Buses: routing via station causes congestion in Havelock Rd. 2
- k) Need better public transport: around town, (2) 90, 79; to Sainsbury's, 31; to Conquest, (3) 33, 8, 54; at weekends, (2) 1, 45; at night/evenings, (2) 53, 45.
- l) Improve roads. (2) 9, 59.
- m) Traffic lights in Havelock Rd causing congestion. 7.
- n) Traffic lights at Warrior Square causing congestion. 70.
- o) Silchester Rd bus stop is in wrong place. 27
- p) Pedestrianise Kings Rd. 23
- q) Safe lock-ups to encourage cycle use. 28
- r) Bring back trams/trolleybuses. 73
- s) More pedestrian crossings needed in St Leonards. (3) 72, 54, 48.
- t) Don't close Dial-a-Ride. 75
- u) Mis-use of disabled parking bays is a problem. 88

2.2.8. POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

- a) Build on strengths of arts community to regenerate area. 9
- b) Improve infrastructure to attract investment. 15
- c) 50+ age groups need help to find work. 34
- d) Attract new businesses with tax breaks. 34
- e) Better vocational training. 76
- f) Use unemployed to clean up town 51
- g) Need a Job Centre in St Leonards. 89

2.2.9. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- a) More information and involvement needed. (4) 87, 54, 38, 36
- b) Too many tacky shops. 2
- c) Need ironmonger/hardware/drapers/haberdashers. 2
- d) Magdalen Road development should not lead to gentrification. 3
- e) Convent is a grand building and must be preserved. 57
- f) Develop cohesive approach. 29
- g) Improve seafront properties. 33
- h) Need public library in St Leonards. 1
- i) Need more upmarket developments such as Sovereign Harbour. 6
- j) Plant trees between houses not in parking spaces. 76
- k) Improve whole of St Leonards, not just King's Rd. 86
- l) Need new industrial estates. 59

2.3 PRIORITIES FOR ACTION – ANALYSIS OF CHECKBOXES

1. A SAFER PLACE

1A. Tighter control and enforcement of licensed premises, with better training for staff.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
30-39	2	29	1	14	4	57	7
40-49	16	84	2	11	1	5	19
50-59	16	84	1	5	2	11	19
60-69	6	60	0	0	4	40	10
70+	17	77	0	0	5	23	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	63	72	4	5	20	23	87

1B. Reduce levels of on-street drinking.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	20	91	0	0	2	9	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	80	92	0	0	7	8	87

1C. More visible police presence, with police surgeries held in local community facilities.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	22	100	0	0	0	0	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	85	98	0	0	2	2	87

1D. Dedicated police drugs team.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	2	67	1	33	0	0	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	14	74	1	5	4	21	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	8	80	0	0	2	20	10
70+	18	82	0	0	4	18	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	73	84	2	2	12	14	87

1E. Review of street warden service with residents to increase effectiveness.
and increase parks supervision.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	20	95	0	0	1	5	21
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	78	91	0	0	8	9	86

1F. Review street and park lighting levels with residents, and establish a
single contract and control of lighting for streets, alleys and parks.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	20	91	0	0	2	9	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	81	93	0	0	6	7	87

1G. Provide alarms for the elderly and vulnerable.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	2	67	1	33	0	0	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	14	74	2	11	3	16	19
50-59	16	84	1	5	2	11	19
60-69	8	80	1	10	1	10	10
70+	14	64	0	0	8	36	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	66	76	5	6	16	18	87

2. DECENT HOMES

2A. Promote the accreditation scheme for private landlords and the registration scheme for Houses in Multi-Occupation (HMOs).

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
50-59	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
60-69	8	80	0	0	2	20	10
70+	13	59	0	0	9	41	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	67	77	0	0	20	23	87

2B. Carry out inspections with effective enforcement against bad landlords.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	17	77	0	0	5	23	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	79	91	0	0	8	9	87

2C. Set up a joint board with residents to oversee the new Housing Renewal Area, and tackle unfit housing and empty homes.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	15	68	0	0	7	32	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	76	87	0	0	11	13	87

2D. Promote the area for accommodation for students from the new University Centre.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	1	33	2	67	0	0	3
30-39	4	57	0	0	3	43	7
40-49	14	74	1	5	4	21	19
50-59	11	58	2	11	6	32	19
60-69	8	80	1	10	1	10	10
70+	7	32	5	23	10	45	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	49	56	11	13	27	31	87

2E. The Council and Housing Associations to agree with the Forum a local lettings policy.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	4	57	0	0	3	43	7
40-49	13	68	0	0	6	32	19
50-59	11	58	0	0	8	42	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	13	59	0	0	9	41	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	59	68	0	0	28	32	87

2F. Landlords, the police and the Council to work together to tackle anti-social behaviour and report quarterly on action taken.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	18	82	0	0	4	18	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	78	90	0	0	9	10	87

3. A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

3A. Reduce to 2 days the time for dirty bulk rubbish like mattresses to be removed.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	20	91	0	0	2	9	22
no age given	3	75	1	25	0	0	4
totals	79	91	1	1	7	8	87

3B. Council to reorganise its street-based staff to increase supervision of the streetscape and tackle flytipping.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	6	86	1	14	0	0	7
40-49	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
50-59	17	89	1	5	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	19	86	0	0	3	14	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	76	87	2	2	9	10	87

3C. Promote responsible dog ownership and enforce dog fouling laws.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	18	95	1	5	0	0	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	19	86	0	0	3	14	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	82	94	1	1	4	5	87

3D. Establish uniform standards for repairs and reinstatement of pavements and paths.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	2	67	1	33	0	0	3
30-39	4	57	1	14	2	29	7
40-49	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	20	91	0	0	2	9	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	78	90	2	2	7	8	87

3E. Extend the Greenway project into St Leonards.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
50-59	12	63	0	0	7	37	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	15	68	0	0	7	32	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	64	74	0	0	23	26	87

3F. Strengthen parking restrictions on some streets and enforcement everywhere.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	0	0	1	33	2	67	3
30-39	2	29	4	57	1	14	7
40-49	13	68	2	11	4	21	19
50-59	12	63	4	21	3	16	19
60-69	7	70	0	0	3	30	10
70+	13	59	1	5	8	36	22
no age given	3	75	1	25	0	0	4
totals	51	59	13	15	23	26	87

3G. Provide Business Tax incentives for shop maintenance.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	4	57	1	14	2	29	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	13	68	0	0	6	32	19
60-69	9	90	1	10	0	0	10
70+	11	50	1	5	10	45	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	63	72	3	3	21	24	87

3H. Develop plan with residents for improving recycling facilities

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	15	79	0	0	4	21	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	21	95	0	0	1	5	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	81	93	0	0	6	7	87

4. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

4A. A Joint plan for local children and youth provision to be agreed with the Forum.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	15	79	0	0	4	21	19
60-69	9	90	1	10	0	0	10
70+	13	59	0	0	9	41	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	69	79	1	1	17	20	87

4B. Produce a calendar of all youth-related events for next year.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
60-69	9	90	1	10	0	0	10
70+	13	59	0	0	9	41	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	67	77	1	1	19	22	87

4C. Provide fenced ball play areas, and play areas in parks.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	17	89	1	5	1	5	19
50-59	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
60-69	8	80	1	10	1	10	10
70+	15	68	1	5	6	27	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	70	80	3	3	14	16	87

4D. Establish a local Young Peoples Forum.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	9	90	1	10	0	0	10
70+	11	50	1	5	10	45	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	63	72	2	2	22	25	87

5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

5A. Local schools to provide facilities for out-of-hours community activities.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	12	55	0	0	10	45	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	71	82	0	0	16	18	87

5B. Support training for young people in community issues, and use this resource to audit local community facilities.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	17	89	1	5	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	13	59	0	0	9	41	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	72	83	1	1	14	16	87

5C. Make Marina Pavilion more available for local community use.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	15	68	1	5	6	27	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	75	86	1	1	11	13	87

5D. Simplify access to information about public services, with a single contact point and easy complaints procedure.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	2	67	0	0	1	33	3
30-39	5	71	0	0	2	29	7
40-49	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
50-59	17	89	0	0	2	11	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	15	68	0	0	7	32	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	73	84	0	0	14	16	87

6. A HEALTHIER PLACE

6A. Promote healthy lifestyles through physical activities, eating fresh fruit and vegetables, and reducing smoking

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	1	33	1	33	1	33	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	13	68	1	5	5	26	19
50-59	16	84	1	5	2	11	19
60-69	9	90	0	0	1	10	10
70+	13	59	2	9	7	32	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	65	75	5	6	17	20	87

6B. Create a joint agency plan with residents for developing better support for disadvantaged individuals and families.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	17	89	1	5	1	5	19
50-59	13	68	0	0	6	32	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	13	59	1	5	8	36	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	68	78	2	2	17	20	87

7 ECONOMIC SUCCESS

7A Provide business and employment advice locally.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	15	79	0	0	4	21	19
50-59	16	84	0	0	3	16	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	15	68	0	0	7	32	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	72	83	0	0	15	17	87

7B. Develop mentoring and work experience schemes for young people.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	1	33	1	33	1	33	3
30-39	7	100	0	0	0	0	7
40-49	15	79	1	5	3	16	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	14	64	1	5	7	32	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	72	83	3	3	12	14	87

7C. Survey the employment of black and minority ethnic people in major businesses.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	4	57	2	29	1	14	7
40-49	11	58	3	16	5	26	19
50-59	13	68	0	0	6	32	19
60-69	8	80	1	10	1	10	10
70+	8	36	3	14	11	50	22
no age given	1	25	1	25	2	50	4
totals	51	59	10	11	26	30	87

7D. Set up a flea market involving young people.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	0	0	1	33	2	67	3
30-39	4	57	0	0	3	43	7
40-49	11	58	1	5	7	37	19
50-59	10	53	3	16	6	32	19
60-69	6	60	1	10	3	30	10
70+	5	23	3	14	14	64	22
no age given	3	75	0	0	1	25	4
totals	40	46	9	10	38	44	87

7E. Balance investment more equitably between St Leonards and Hastings.

Age group	Agree		Disagree		Not sure		Total Number
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
-18	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	16	84	1	5	2	11	19
50-59	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
60-69	10	100	0	0	0	0	10
70+	18	82	0	0	4	18	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	78	90	1	1	8	9	87

8 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

8A. Seek the Forum's views on major planning applications, and involve local people in all strategic planning issues.

<i>Age group</i>	<i>Agree</i>		<i>Disagree</i>		<i>Not sure</i>		<i>Total Number</i>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
-18	1	33	0	0	2	67	3
19-29	3	100	0	0	0	0	3
30-39	6	86	0	0	1	14	7
40-49	18	95	0	0	1	5	19
50-59	19	100	0	0	0	0	19
60-69	8	80	0	0	2	20	10
70+	19	86	0	0	3	14	22
no age given	4	100	0	0	0	0	4
totals	78	90	0	0	9	10	87

2.4 PRIORITIES FOR ACTION - OTHER PRIORITIES/COMMENTS

Comprehensive listing. Numbers are reference numbers of questionnaires.

1. A SAFER PLACE

- a) Police and street wardens need to make themselves known to local residents and patrol on foot. 2
- b) Promoting tourism is important but tourists will not come if they do not feel safe walking about. 6
- c) Better street lighting. 8
- d) Street wardens a good idea. 8
- e) Intercom systems in blocks. 8
- f) Create and police group to investigate and deter car arson. 16
- g) Not with detriment to general policy (referring to D). 17
- h) Zero tolerance of minor crimes. More use of ASBOs. 18
- i) Tackle anti-social behaviour. 26
- j) Provide "wet centre" for drinkers? 28
- k) Removal of asylum seekers involved in crime. 28
- l) More street lighting in Silchester Road (refers to A). 33
- m) ("alcohol" added to D). 34
- n) Revitalise Neighbourhood Watch - more police/local neighbourhood contact (refers to E). 39
- o) "C" - it's important. 35
- p) My priorities B, C. 36
- q) Alarms are useless if there is no response from the authorities. 41

- r) Untaxed vehicles on streets. 42
- s) Bobbies on beat. 42
- t) Discourage adults from cycling on pavements (except on the cycle track). 45
- u) Some people seem to receive a great deal of help, others have none. 51
- v) Improve all street lighting. 54
- w) CCTV in Kings Road. 56
- x) Outreach workers for those sleeping rough. 56
- y) Crime to be reduced to national average. 56
- z) E. (Words "including night" added)
- aa) G. Everyone is vulnerable - clean up the streets. 57
- bb) C & F are most important. 66
- cc) Parking and damage to cars on the sea front is a big problem. 70
- dd) Hold workshops to enable citizens to be more assertive with people behaving anti-socially. 72
- ee) Those people who want an alarm will buy one. One problem in this country is too much is given to people - "nanny state". 73
- ff) Encouraging the public to develop, maintain and trust Neighbourhood Watching .74
- gg) Introduction of speed limits on side roads which are used as rat runs. 76
- hh) Skateboarding restrictions enforced. 76
- ii) Major problem is drug use. Have noticed four or five new characters in the area who are aggressive and abusive. 77
- jj) The volume of the power lighting fluctuates. Very poor at times. 79
- kk) G. What sort of alarms? - OK if someone around to hear it and act or there are more alarms going off and ignored. 80
- ll) Finance and resources. 82

- mm) Enforce stricter licensing laws on public houses situated in residential areas. Noise pollution, etc. 84
- nn) To control licensed premises the Council will have to engage with new licensing provisions which will lead to increase as in Scotland. 85
- oo) Stop cars parking on pavements!! And on yellow lines to do shopping!! 86
- pp) Police presence especially around the station and London Rd would be very welcome. 87
- qq) Street drinking is an old chestnut with many promises in the past but little or no action. 90

2. DECENT HOMES

- a) Fit housing must be affordable. 3
- b) Aim should be to reduce the number of properties owned by absentee landlords.
- c) Talk to councils who have had universities opened and find out the problems. 5
- d) Social engineering doesn't work. One bad tenant in a street ruins the lives of all the others. 6
- e) Do something about empty houses. 8
- f) More "supported accommodation" for vulnerable people, young people. 28
- g) Stockleigh Court they destroy everything and put a lot of rubbish in the street. 35
- h) D is an excellent idea. 36
- i) B is OK but don't forget bad tenants (Stockleigh Court). 36
- j) D. Is this for student hostels or student lodgings? 39
- k) Item F. Requires action, not just agreement. 41
- l) D. Do we really need even more multi-occupancy in this area? 44
- m) Foreign students need a leisure centre and a hostel for college students. 45

- n) A little help would not go amiss for those of us who do try against all odds of age and lack of finances. 50
- o) D? Keep close eye on mess in gardens/noise pollution from parties, etc. 56
- p) Need affordable homes and housing to reflect better. 56
- q) D. University will not generate need for vast amount of accommodation - certainly not in the immediate future. 67
- r) Overgrown gardens are an eyesore and landlords and others should be forced to deal with them. 76
- s) Dog mess that owners get away with. 86
- t) D. When I was at Hastings college I don't think I ever saw any of the students contributing anything very good to the area, except for drunken behaviour etc.

3. A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

- a) Better parking to attract more shoppers. 1
- b) What is the Greenway Project? 2
- c) Stop builders putting rubbish outside properties and not clearing for weeks. 5
- d) Hastings and St Leonards are good places to live. Get rid of the anti-social minority who terrorise the law-abiding majority and your problems will disappear. 6
- e) Once a property is sold the advertising board should be removed by the estate agents. 15
- f) More opportunities for bulk waste removal for elderly (refers to A). 17
- g) Extend local parking for residents, the right to park outside your own house. 28
- h) Do something about anti-social behaviour of some residents living in the flats on Gensing Road. 30
- i) Parks to be safer. 33
- j) Not enough parks and gardens. 33
- k) Should not pay for bulk rubbish collection. 33

- l) H. We need to go to Summerfields to recycle and it's far away from our house. 35
- m) E. We have to carry materials (&H) to Summerfield Centre (36)
- n) G. And stop car maintenance in the streets. 36
- o) Area wardens to cover street maintenance etc (refers to B). 37
- p) What about other businesses (refers to G). 37
- q) Road speed in residential areas broken. 42
- r) More street and pavement cleaning. 42
- s) Where dogs are not allowed on the beach, rules should be enforced not ignored. 45
- t) When recycling facilities were in the car park of Warrior Square, return was easier for elderly. Climbing steps is too much and also mothers with young babies. (49)
- u) Ask refuse collectors to replace lids on bins causing rubbish and lids to blow over the gardens, Very old people find it hard to empty water from bins and soaking rubbish which careless tenants deposit. 50
- v) Minority tenants again culprits for rubbish dumping in our 1066 area. 52
- w) Make areas available where there are severe problems for parking between 6pm - 8am in St.Pauls/Hornty. Introduce voucher/permits or allow residents to use Hornty Park/school area. 53
- x) G. Demand much higher standards of presentation, hygiene, decoration etc from local shops. 55
- y) Wealden have free parking for 2 hours. This supports local shops. 56
- z) Diversity of shops in Kings Road include a health shop/co-op - incentives to have a business there. 56
- aa) Traffic calming in side roads, Tower Rd etc. 76
- bb) Unblock silted-up drains in roadways. 76
- cc) I take my paper to Safeways on the bus. Hard work. 79

- dd) Need bins near Silchester Road. Had no right to take bins away without asking people who live there. We pay for that.
- ee) Make more of this park at Bohemia end with more to sit on. 86
- ff) F. I don't drive but I've heard that it's very difficult to park legally around here...especially to park near the shops. 87
- gg) Considerable gap in railings where London Road crosses the railway - very real possibility of someone falling down a nearly vertical slope to the railway below. 61

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- a) The above is not enough - real action and commitment is needed. 3
- b) Do not build where there are no facilities for children for instance Western Road. 5
- c) Ban skate boarding in Priory Meadow and Town Centre. Provide a proper place for this. 6
- d) There have to be priorities of priorities. 24
- e) Provide more physical exercise clubs for children at weekends. 26
- f) More support for parents (28)
- g) More sport facilities (28)
- h) Bathing pool site utilised (28)
- i) D. They are very aggressive and they frighten me especially when they are in groups. 35
- j) Try to help them to lead better lives than their parents (36)
- k) Christchurch playground in Silchester could be used (52)
- l) If the authorities can get money from government (76)
- m) More discipline and thought for others to be taught (76)
- n) D. Danger of duplication = lots of agencies are trying to start young people's groups/forums in order to consult and get their view - maybe this needs to be integrated (80)

- o) Council should show more incentive (82)
- p) More police to be seen, and walking round, not in cars! (86)
- q) In my own experience young people are little interested in anything where discipline is needed (90)

5. COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- a) Unfortunately the poor staffing of council-owned catering outlets puts the kiss of death on places like the Marina Pavilion (6)
- b) Information - "About" magazine is quite good (8)
- c) Open up all year (refers to C) (17)
- d) Sporting facilities seem not to get mentioned in the literature (especially cricket)(24)
- e) Provide a premises for Chinese communities to do activities and run a school on Sundays (26)
- f) Use bathing pool site for new leisure facilities/decent swimming pool (28)
- g) Marina Pavilion is an excellent facility (36)
- h) And make sure that office carries out any promises (refers to D) (37)
- i) C. What about teas or Sunday lunch all the year round (45)
- j) Can asylum seekers/others take some responsibility for their particular community? Mentoring/monitoring. Help received from social services dependent on good citizenship. Apply to all, not just asylum seekers. (57)
- k) Bus transport for schoolchildren (subsidised) to prevent traffic congestion at school starting and closing time (76))
- l) Set up art workshops for youth and unemployed ie photo workshops. Could be in liaison with art college but not held in college. (77)
- m) Young people's drop-in centre? (80)
- n) Get the kids off the streets as anti social behaviour (86)

6. A HEALTHIER PLACE

- a) Means what? (referring to B) (3)
- b) Not my priorities (3)
- c) Hastings is a lot better and more healthy than other places. Education in eating is necessary (6)
- d) Not for asylum seekers, only support for local families (8)
- e) Introduce real farmers' markets (9)
- f) Give help to allotments throughout town as allotment gardening is so beneficial (18)
- g) Provide more sporting activities for young people and mentally ill people - encourage holistic healing/activity (28)
- h) It's a very good option (ref A) (35)
- i) Shouldn't mean more handouts (re B) (36)
- j) In schools, yes, but leave the public to follow their own inclinations (re C) (39)
- k) Encourage a reduction in alcohol consumption (41)
- l) I think it is unnecessary to ban games in St.Leonards Gardens. Grass is for playing on. (45)
- m) Support groups run by the "disadvantaged" for the disadvantaged to engage people more, decrease disaffection, dependency attitudes (57)
- n) More facilities in educating young people on stop smoking (74)
- o) To help families (counselling) on managing their money better, less smoking to prevent others receiving disadvantage of passive smoking (76)
- p) Health needs of young people - easier access to health/information/advice (80)
- q) More disabled parking spaces and more help for them (86)

7. ECONOMIC SUCCESS

- a) The large number of refugees/illegal immigrants does nothing to attract business to the area (2)
- b) Ensure it is open and accessible (appears to be referring to A) (3)
- c) Ask Y/P to set their vision (3)
- d) Jobs will come only with better communications and road and rail links (5)
- e) People won't visit Hastings and spend money if they see alcoholics peeing etc. in the streets, or if they get mugged. (6)
- f) We cannot integrate the community if we keep dividing the different races (refers to D) (9)
- g) Art and design area to focus on local artists and promote their work (9)
- h) Liaise with college/university/business support links (refers to D) (17)
- i) Too great an opportunity for selling on stolen goods, eg, boot fairs (refers to D) (18)
- j) Saturday market in St Leonards (Camden Market look out!) (28)
- k) Encourage alternative shops/crafts/arts/out of mainstream (28)
- l) Flea market should involve all people and could be regular event (34)
- m) I am from another country and never expect especial treatment (re C) (35)
- n) Give priority to all people regardless of ethnic origin (re C) (36)
- o) And those going back to work (refers to B. The word "young" in the question deleted) (37)
- p) What does this mean? Do young people have fleas? Is this a venture similar to a boot fair? (re D) (39)
- q) Get the pier owners to hurry up with the improvements, eg, remove scrap metal. And allow more fishing. Pay as at Eastbourne to fish. (45)
- r) Make all trains new trains so area looks regenerated from outside in (57)

- s) Help people seek work elsewhere by paying season ticket on rail instead of dole - make work affordable (57)
- t) Why should it matter what colour you are? you should have the same opportunities (68)
- u) We have enough markets and charity shops. We need to get better shops otherwise you will only encourage low income into the area (70)
- v) Is this entirely necessary? Aren't there enough bodies to oversee equal opportunities? (re C) (73)
- w) End positive discrimination. People should be chosen on their merit, neither colour or culture, many genuine candidates lose out and are negatively discriminated against (76)
- x) I am not sure what use the market would be (re D) (78)
- y) St Leonards misses 1st class shops. We are tired of all these 2nd hand shops (79)
- z) Yes, street lighting is very poor (86)
- aa) Would like to know more about this (re D) (87)

8. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- a) Not gentrification but investment for local people (3)
- b) Get the A21 Improved (6)
- c) It would be foolish to disagree with any of the issues, they are all important (15)
- d) Use the seafront/prom/West St Leonards more - the sea is our greatest asset (28)
- e) The entrance to seafront toilets should be from the road not hidden down below which is unsafe (45)
- f) Inform residents at all stages of planning. Make Cabinet more open to local residents (54)
- g) Avoid the lengthy delays caused by irresponsible action groups blocking sensible projects (viz, Marlborough Hotel) (55)
- h) To attract a wider socio-economic ? to area (56)

- i) Need better sound insulation (56)
- j) Have only owned house here 3 years. Feel Hastings/St.Leonards ready to buzz. Good luck! (57)
- k) Some green and wooded grass should remain undeveloped. (76)
- l) There used to be a Woolworths, a properly laid out shop. Also a pram shop. Clements could not get the trade so it shut up (79)
- m) Who is going to organise all this? (82)
- n) Make more shops not turn them into houses or flats (86)
- o) Strongly agree with above (87)
- p) Economic development will never take place until the level of street violence and general level of malevolence are addressed. This is one of the main reasons why businesses are moving out. Greater street and traffic warden presence would be a short-term solution but a good start. (91)

2.5 OFFERS OF HELP

I would like to help by:

1. Promoting allotments (18).
2. I am interested in health issues. I teach yoga and tai-chi, I'd like to help the community work with these skills (23).
3. Giving my time and (language skills?) teaching experience. And some musical knowledge and practical ability (24).
4. I don't know how! But I would like to be involved! (28)
5. Putting forward suggestions; helping in the administration of activities; taking part in local community discussions (29).
6. Offering web services free of charge (30).
7. Volunteering to help. I can teach English and IT skills (32).
8. In some way, but I don't know how yet (36).
9. Not sure: perhaps hear a non-English child read once a week if its parents don't know English to help (45).

10. I am already on the forum (54).
11. My business experience in advertising, publicity, & marketing - if that's any use (55).
12. Jeff Clarke would like to be on any forums (56).
13. Any help you need; I am still Creative Director of London ad agency – good communication/writing/people skills (57).
14. Attending meetings (65).
15. Providing PR, marketing assistance at incredibly low rates (66).
16. I am in the process of (TRYING) developing a neighbourhood watch but finding it hard to convince and generate motivation in making people commit themselves – people don't trust people anymore! (74).
17. Would help in setting up and running arts workshops (77).
18. Maintaining dialogue as it develops (85).
19. Not sure how, but as a practising designer perhaps I could somehow help to make St L a focus for arts and design – let me know! (87).
20. Taking part in any Bohemia forum (90).
21. Continuing to be a responsible resident of central St L, respecting my neighbours and taking responsibility for myself & family & dog! (94).
22. Working with young people/ethnic minorities (95).
23. Being on forum (103).
24. Displaying posters/being positive (105).
25. Involvement with further consultations (112).
26. Being a responsible citizen; using local facilities ie shops; contributing to the vibrant local arts scene.
27. I would like to be informed of any meetings (116).
28. I might like to help if I knew the source of funding for and local financial consequences of promoting this project (117).
29. Being involved with and informed about housing and environmental issues (118).
30. Join your committee and events you hold (126).
31. Can display leaflets etc in office (128).

2.6 GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

General comments and suggestions:

1. Is asking for ethnic origin useful or racist? (1)
2. St L was once the west (superior) end of H, make it so again; emphasize the historical points of St L; encourage people who will appreciate the area (2).
3. More benefits advice (33).
4. Things are getting better (36).
5. Well done (37).
6. Several large under-used churches locally. Could these not be converted into student/refugee hostels and smaller church halls used for services? (39a).
7. Actively promote White Rock and Marina for venues for weekly fairs/sales/farmers markets/jumble sales (39b).
8. As far as licensing matters go it should be left to those competent and interested parties (ie local magistrates and competent licensees), not local authorities or groups. We already have enough legal and moral regulations and policing which is controlled by central government law (40).
9. If residents want a better way of life here then they must be prepared to help, not just moan about it (41).
10. Before starting new projects deal with pavements, fences, bus shelters, road signs. Smarten up the place. The flowers near seafront in St L are always perfect. People appreciate them (45).
11. I think the suggestions overleaf are excellent, and I hope successful (52).
12. There tends to be too much consultation in this country, delaying essential projects, listening to “professional” objections & single interest groups. Let’s get on with the work that is needed (55).
13. Pedestrianise Kings Rd but have 2-hour free parking nearby (like Wealden DC do) (56).

14. I think the following is important and urgent: Where London Rd crosses over the railway, just behind the phone box and bus stop, there is a considerable GAP in the railings & a very real possibility of someone (elderly) falling many feet down a near vertical slope to the roadway below (61).
15. Fully support all the positive action (63).
16. More police on the streets (64).
17. More notice of the event on 30 Nov would have been appreciated (67).
18. Please keep up this positive & dynamic approach to these community issues (69).
19. Has anyone thought what will happen to cars when Regent opens as flats,
20. 50+ more cars (70).
21. I think you have covered most problems that we have to face! (73).
22. The culture of community spirit needs to be revived! How? Maybe if everything in the 'Key Issues' page materialises! (74).
23. In the unlikely event of me winning the cash please put it into your funds as I am very grateful for the [disabled] grant I have (75).
24. Keeping us informed – thank you (76).
25. A comprehensive document (78).
26. I wish you good luck, there is SO much to do; it used to be the better part of Hastings (79).
27. Stop cars parking over the pavements and getting away; broken pavements after they have gone away (86).
28. If St Leonards really wants to move into the 21st C then the rail link to/from London needs to be improved, it will encourage more business and private investment and could improve the whole atmosphere of the area. Faster service and clean, warm trains doesn't seem much to ask (87).
29. Bohemia is far remove from central St L and as has already been suggested at a meeting with local councillors should have its own forum (90).
30. There is a lack of laws & regulations. There is a lack of effective enforcement and maintenance [dog mess]. Get real! (93).
31. It is not easy for me to attend meetings but I do appreciate having a chance to state my comments on paper (94).

32. Overall it's still a great place to be! (105).
33. Hastings & St Leonards has changed a lot in 52 years (109).
34. One can hardly disagree with any of the well-meaning well-intentioned suggestions above. However success does not just percolate from one place in isolation from the rest of the world. Accessibility thru better transport is the key (111).
35. Well thought out plans. Tackle the boredom/disaffection of young people (114).
36. Consultation events should have been held over 2/3 day period (115). This document should have included information as to the financial consequences of the plan; it seems too all-embracing to be effectively implemented by a small organisation (117).
37. Take consultation out into the streets EG set up a stall in the street and invite comments to engage people who have not been involved so far (118).
38. Obviously you have put a lot of hard work into this planning; we as residents must take up the challenge with your help (119).
39. Make the town safer for single women. Bring students to H to create an environment similar to Brighton; make the place artistic and creative and let young people be involved (125).
40. Complete ban on drinking in all streets and beaches; get all drugs and [homeless?] out of the area (126).
41. All your suggestions admirable. Who is really delaying Bohemia rd camera? Police/council blame each other – someone is fibbing! (128).
42. Projects like this are fantastic! They get the residents involved. They need to feel proud to live in the area, not embarrassed. Things are looking up (136).
43. Go for it! (138).

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, with much of the crime funding drug habits.
- B High level of violent incidents in Central St Leonards.
- C Alcohol behind most domestic violence with many emergency admissions to hospital. On-street drinking common.
- D General fear of crime amongst public, particularly around Warrior Square Station. Many streets and alleys badly maintained and poorly lit, partly due to split responsibilities. Some local parks also feel unsafe.
- E Lack of police presence and local police surgeries.
- F Anti-social behaviour.

Other key crime issues and comments

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2 HOUSING

- A Much of the housing is in a poor state of repair and classified as unfit, with many empty homes.
- 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 Property owned by some Housing Associations is poorly managed, with anti-social behaviour not tackled.
- D One-third of housing is privately rented - over four times the regional average - and there is a low level of social rented housing in the area.

Other key housing issues/comments

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3 ENVIRONMENT

- A Poor street and pavement maintenance with no uniform standards.
- B Weak parking restrictions and enforcement.
- C Flytipping of mattresses and other rubbish.
- D Dog fouling.
- E The Greenway project does not extend to St Leonards.
- F Shortage of recycling facilities.

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 for all ages, especially play areas.

Other key education issues/ comments

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5 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- A Several existing local facilities - like schools and the Marina Pavilion - are under-used by the general community.
- B Many people are confused by the number of different agencies and telephone numbers to access public services. The Forum is keen to see a one-stop drop-in shop in Central St Leonards.

Other key facility issues/ comments

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6 HEALTH

- A Not enough opportunities for physical activities which would improve health.
- B Poor eating habits, especially associated with poverty.
- C High rates of cancer and heart disease.
- D Highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Hastings.
- E High rate of mental illness.
- F High rates of drug and alcohol abuse.

Other key health issues/comments

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7 TRANSPORT

- A Poor public transport, particularly for the elderly.
- B Pedestrians in competition with motor traffic.

Other key transport issues/comments

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8 POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

- A 13% unemployment rate puts Central St Leonards in the worst 100 wards nationally (out of 8414 wards). It is within the worst 10 % of areas nationally for child poverty.
- B Lack of sufficient access to employment advice and guidance locally for the unemployed. Young people in particular need more help to get into work.
- C Black and minority ethnic people seem to be under-represented amongst major employers.
- D St Leonards has not had the same level of investment in housing and the environment as parts of Hastings.

Other key poverty issues/comments

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9 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- A Local people want to be more involved in planning the future of St Leonards.
- B The future of the Magdalen Road convent site needs to be discussed with the local community.
- C The housing tenure balance in the area is not conducive to a sustainable long-term community.

Other key future 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, with better training for staff. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Reduce levels of on-street drinking. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C More visible police presence, with police surgeries held in local community facilities. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Dedicated police drugs team. Agree Disagree Not sure
- E Review of street warden service with residents to increase effectiveness, and increase parks supervision. Agree Disagree Not sure
- F Review street and park lighting levels with residents, and establish a single contract and control of lighting for streets, alleys and parks. Agree Disagree Not sure
- G Provide alarms for the elderly and vulnerable. 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 Set up a joint board with residents to oversee the new Housing Renewal Area, and tackle unfit housing and empty homes. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Promote the area for accommodation for students from the new University Centre. Agree Disagree Not sure
- E The Council and Housing Associations to agree with the Forum a local lettings policy. Agree Disagree Not sure
- F Landlords, the police and the Council to work together to tackle anti-social behaviour and report quarterly on action taken. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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3 A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

- A Reduce to 2 days the time for dirty bulk rubbish like mattresses to be removed. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Council to reorganise its street-based staff to increase supervision of the streetscape and tackle flytipping. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Promote responsible dog ownership and enforce dog fouling laws. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Establish uniform standards for repairs and reinstatement of pavements and paths. Agree Disagree Not sure
- E Extend the Greenway project into St Leonards. Agree Disagree Not sure
- F Strengthen parking restrictions on some streets and enforcement everywhere. Agree Disagree Not sure
- G Provide Business Tax incentives for shop maintenance. Agree Disagree Not sure
- H Develop plan with residents for improving recycling facilities. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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4 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

- A Joint plan for local children and youth provision to be agreed with the Forum. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Produce a calendar of all youth-related events for next year. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Provide fenced ball play areas, and play areas in parks. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Establish a local Young Peoples Forum. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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5 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- A Local schools to provide facilities for out-of-hours community activities. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Support training for young people in community issues, and use this resource to audit local community facilities. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Make Marina Pavilion more available for local community use. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Simplify access to information about public services, with a single contact point and easy complaints procedure. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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6 A HEALTHIER PLACE

- A Promote healthy lifestyles through physical activities, eating fresh fruit and vegetables, and reducing smoking. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Create a joint agency plan with residents for developing better support for disadvantaged individuals and families. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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7 ECONOMIC SUCCESS

- A Provide business and employment advice locally. Agree Disagree Not sure
- B Develop mentoring and work experience schemes for young people. Agree Disagree Not sure
- C Survey the employment of black and minority ethnic people in major businesses. Agree Disagree Not sure
- D Set up a flea market involving young people. Agree Disagree Not sure
- E Balance investment more equitably between St Leonards and Hastings. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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8 FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- A Seek the Forum's views on major planning applications, and involve local people in all strategic planning issues. Agree Disagree Not sure

Other priorities/comments

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