

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Five Key Points

- ◇ It is a **community-led framework** for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area - it focuses on the **use and development of land and buildings** - the changes in a neighbourhood which require planning permission.
- ◇ It sets out **a vision** of the future for the neighbourhood and the **aims** of the Plan - what residents want their neighbourhood to be like in 5-10-15 years' time.
- ◇ The range of **issues** that the Plan deals with can include housing, education, transport and movement, employment, heritage, leisure and recreation.
- ◇ Through the **Neighbourhood Forum**, residents develop **planning policies** for improving their neighbourhood - proposing specific types of development on particular sites and the provision of new community facilities.
- ◇ The policies and proposals have to be approved via a **referendum** of all local residents.

Will it make a difference? **Yes!**

The Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the city's statutory development plan. It will sit alongside the city-wide Local Plan and **will have to be taken into account** by the Council when it is making decisions on planning applications.

This means that the Plan will have real weight. **Residents will have more influence** over what changes do and do not happen in their neighbourhood.

Instead of just reacting to planning applications on a case by case basis, residents can set out in advance the type of development they would or would not support.

Commenting in January 2015 on the city council's approval of HSNF as the body responsible for developing the plan...

“ This is a victory for people power and the council's planning team has been supporting residents through the process. The Forum will give people living and working around Hove Station more control over what is built in their area. There is a lot of interest in this part of the city and local people want to make sure their voices are heard. ”

Councillor Geoffrey Bowden, chair of the city's economic development and culture committee



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