

Our Achievements so far

We've mobilised a lot of voluntary effort – but need more people to contribute

In one form or another the Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum has met once a month since January 2013 – that's a minimum of 1000 volunteer hours.

In between these meetings the time organising four Have Your Days, liaising with planning officers, analysing planning reports, working with planning students, delivering thousands of campaign leaflets, writing applications for grant funding and BHCC recognition.....easily takes that figure north of 4000 volunteer hours – for what ?

2013 GETTING STARTED a steep learning curve

The Neighbourhood Forum – a set of key issues and tasks

- > **establishing a clear working relationship with the city planners**, grounded in the understanding that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – rather than planning briefs or the City Plan Part 2 site allocations – that would do the detailed planning of DA6

- > **developing overall ideas** that the NP would

- * anchor and embed the strategic redevelopment in the surrounding neighbourhoods – knitting together the whole area

- * deliver integrated development that meet both the strategic requirements of BHCC and the needs and priorities of local communities

- * give communities much more influence over what happens within the DA6 and developer contributions to investment

- > **raising public awareness** – Have your Say Days in February and October

- > **establishing a constitution** – Inaugural AGM and elected committee July

December 2013 – with the backing of over 80 members we submitted our application for designation (approval) of the Forum by the Council as the body responsible for preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan for the area which would be significantly affected by the redevelopment of DA6



2014 DOMINATED BY BOUNDARY ISSUES

Before we submitted our applications we used the Have Your Say Days to test possible boundaries of the Neighbourhood Area

- > at the October 2013 Have Your Say Day over 80 % of the 90 participants voted in a ballot for an area which extended over the Old Shoreham Road and included Hove Park – on the grounds that the NP would add another layer of protection for the Park from development

- > our applications for designation generated 400 plus objections by March 2014 – the vast majority from Hove Park Ward

- > at our February 2014 Have Your Say event held in the church on Neville Road in the Hove Park ward opinion was split three ways

- * those that wanted our proposed NP stopped

- * those that were impressed by our 2013 work and wanted to join us

- * those that wanted action from within the ward

- > in March 2014 an application to approve a Hove Park Neighbourhood Forum to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole of the Hove Park Ward was submitted. By June this had generated over 350 objections most from south of the Old Shoreham Road

- > The Council had a legal duty to resolve the problem of overlapping boundary proposals – but meetings and further submissions failed to resolve the boundary issue

- > At its September meeting the Council designated our Hove Park Neighbourhood Area by deleting the part in Hove Park Ward except for DA6 north of the railway which was therefore excluded from the Hove Park Neighbourhood Area

- > In December 2014 the Council designated Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum as the body responsible for preparing the Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan

Whilst 2014 was a frustrating year over 800 people were actively in neighbourhood planning!

2015 GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

Our progress this year is the main purpose of this fourth Have Your Say Day



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