



APPLICATION FOR REDESIGNATION OF HOVE STATION NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AND THE HOVE STATION NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DESIGNATED AREA FOR A FURTHER 5 YEARS.

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This application is made for two reasons

- to enable the Forum to complete the process of creating the statutory Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan by early 2020
- to enable the Forum to continue to engage with the local community to maximise its influence on the planning and market processes which will transform the Neighbourhood Plan area over the next 5-10 years - in order to promote the implementation of NP policies and projects and the delivery of the NP Vision of a new Hove Station Quarter

THE PRODUCTION OF THE HOVE STATION NEIGHBOURHOOD 2014 -2020

The Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum was designated by the then Economic Development and Culture Committee on September 18th 2014. The designation of the Hove Station Neighbourhood Area was agreed by the same Committee on December 23rd 2014.

Since the beginning of 2015 the Forum has developed a community-based approach to neighbourhood planning and undertook the Regulation 14 Consultation on the Draft Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan in the period March 23 to May 11th 2019. The full draft NP is available on the Council website

[Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan Part One \(PDF, 4.14 MB\)](#)

[Hove Station Neighbourhood Plan Part Two \(PDF, 2.79 MB\)](#)

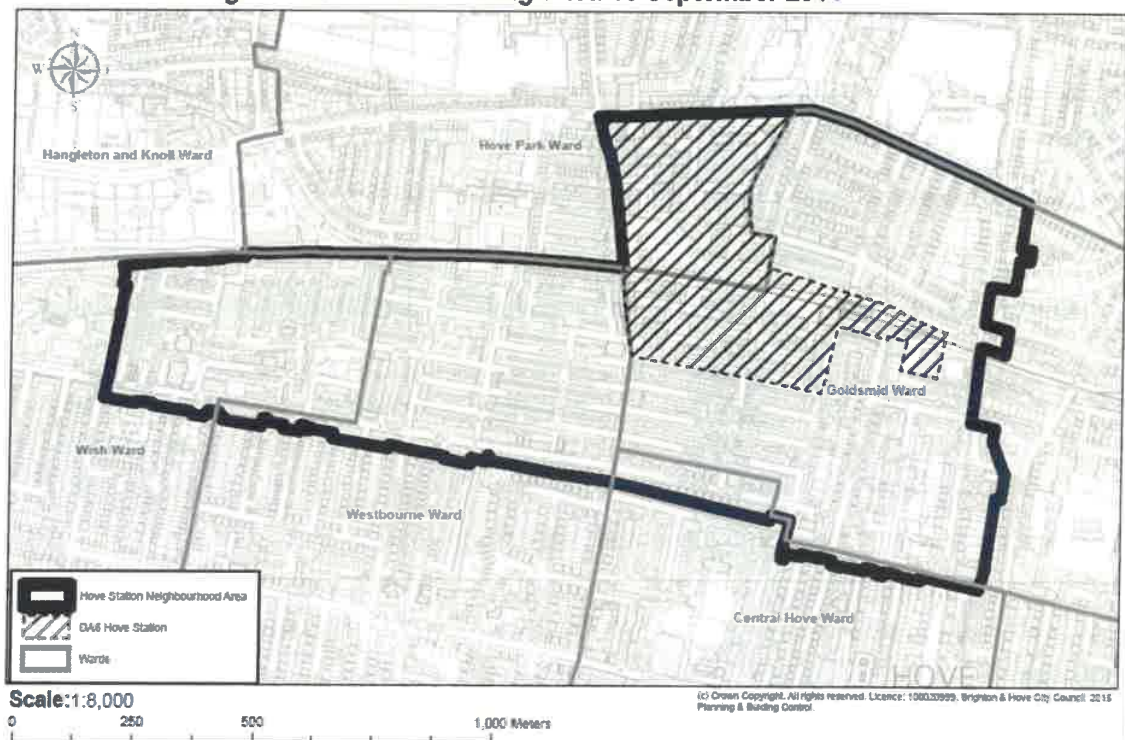
The Management Committee is now reviewing the consultation responses, including those from the BHCC which were the subject of a report to the Tourism, Development and Culture Committee on June 20th 2019. The outline timescale for the completion of the NP is as follows

- September 2019. Hove Station Forum Management Committee approves revised Draft Plan for final community consultation
- Early October 2019. Final Have Your Say Day - presentation of Regulation 16 Draft Neighbourhood Plan at an open meeting of Forum members and the wider public.
- Late October 2019 submission of the Regulation 16 Draft Neighbourhood Plan to BHCC for independent consultation.
- November 2019-March-April 2020 – LPA Section 16 Consultation, Independent Examination, Referendum and adoption of the NP by the LPA.

REDESIGNATION OF THE HOVE STATION NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

In order to complete the NP the Forum requests the redesignation of the Neighbourhood Area for which the NP is being prepared as shown in the map below.

Hove Station Neighbourhood Area – designated 18 September 2014



FORUM CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE

The Forum also requests the re-approval of the Constitution approved in 2014 and on the BHCC website at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/HSNF%20Constitution%2023%20Dec%202014%20final.pdf>

The Forum has operated successfully and transparently within this constitution since the beginning of 2014.

- *The HSF Management Committee* has been elected by members at successive AGMs 2014-2019 and the report of each AGM is available on the web-site. The Management Committee meets monthly and the agendas and minutes are also on the web-site.
- The *Communications and Community Engagement Group (Comms)* is led by Committee members but also includes a fluctuating number of other Forum members. It also meets monthly and a report is submitted to the following Management Committee meeting.
- *Open meetings of the Forum* have been held twice a year in the form of Have Your Say Days at key stages in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and details have been posted on the Forum website. For each of these meetings the Forum has leafleted all the houses and businesses in the area.
- The *Community Hubs* policy has been developed by three more *subgroups of residents and neighbourhood stakeholder organisations*. These groups are led by members of the Comms Group and their activity is reported to the Management Committee.
- Two *petitions* – re the Footbridge and the re-allocation of the former Goods Yard for from waste management to each successfully engaged the support of some 500 plus residents and raised awareness of key neighbourhood development issues in the context of the emerging neighbourhood planning policies and projects

Membership of the Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum 2019

The Forum currently has 269 members all of whom have signed a membership application form and their details are included in the Forum’s data base, which is maintained in accordance with the GPRS requirements.

Appendix 1 provides the names and addresses of 21 members needed to meet the statutory minimum requirement.

A full list of members is available and is summarised as follows. With reference to the map of the HSNF area referred to here at the “Jigsaw” map, there are the following number of members resident in the localities referred to as follows.

Area/Locality	Number of Members	
Stoneham	56	
Sackville	0	
Newtown	35	
Conway & Ellen	11	
Fonthill & Wilbury	82	
Hove Station Hub	10	
Goldstone & Clarendon	59	
Denmark & Eaton	8	

Two local councillors are currently members of the Forum, Jackie O’Quinn (Goldsmid Ward) and Robert Nemeth (Wish Ward). Over the past 5 years other members have also been councillors but are no longer elected representatives.

CONTINUING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

In the run-up to the Referendum and in the years following the adoption of the NP, the Forum wishes to engage in a range of activities which will build on the community planning and development capacity that has been created over the past 5 years.

The rationale and focus of this continuing voluntary work will be to promote the coherent development of the new Hove Station Quarter in ways which will both bring positive benefits for existing local residents and businesses, as well as delivering new homes and jobs which the city needs.

These activities will focus on the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan through the further development of the community-led neighbourhood projects outlined in NP Part 2 and promoting and supporting community engagement with BHCC and developers.

Residents and local stakeholders

A high priority will be given to supporting the Forum's Community Hub groups as they develop projects which are outlined in NP Part 2 for the Hove Station Hub, the Sackville Road-Conway Street Hub and the Stoneham Hub. This will increase the engagement of small local businesses, with the aim of securing mixed funding for the improvement of community facilities and the public realm, including the provision of green landscaping and the renovation of the Station Footbridge.

The development of these hubs is a major priority for the investment of the 'neighbourhood share' of developer contributions, alongside major tree planting and public art.

Major developers

The Forum has established positive working relationships with all the major landowners in the area who have bought into the vision of a Hove Station Quarter and are embracing the design principles established in the NP Part 2. This has involved substantial joint working at pre-application stage, but on the clear basis of maintaining the independence of the Forum, with its primary responsibility for developing and promoting community perspectives on emerging projects. Developers have been willing to present their initial ideas at our Have Your Say Days and this has stimulated residents' interest in and understanding of the complex processes which are transforming their Area.

This is more transparent and collaborative approach stands in marked contrast to 'business as usual' where major projects rarely engage the community until the planning application stage, by which time the scope for the local community to influence development is often very limited. The Forum will seek to continue and refine this approach as further development proposals are brought forward.

BHCC and government agencies.

The preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan has been significantly supported by BHCC officers, particularly through regular meetings with the Neighbourhood Plans Officers and his colleagues. The

participation of the Head of Planning in several Have Your Say Days has contributed to their success, as has the contribution of several ward councillors

The Forum wishes to see these positive working relationships further developed through its full participation in the development of the Conway Street Master Plan/SPD. This detailed plan will be a major mechanism for the implementation of the NP policy for the phased redevelopment of Hove Station Development Area 6 south of the railway and for promoting the improved connectivity across the railway line. In particular the Forum wishes to engage in the process of securing the provides genuinely affordable social rented housing in the Master Plan area, involving the redevelopment of the council owned Industrial House and the further upgrading of the Clarendon and Ellen housing estate.

A key priority of the NP is to secure the integration of the new Hove Station Quarter by the construction of a second footbridge, to provide a pedestrian/cycle link to the station from the new housing and employment areas to the north of the railway line. The Forum wishes to work with BHCC and developers to provide local support for efforts to secure substantial BHCC funding to be combined with developers' contributions in a bid for government support for this major infrastructure investment

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

During the past five year the Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum has pioneered the development of neighbourhood planning as a process which delivers significant local community influence on the development of detailed planning guidance for one of the City Plan Part 1 Development Areas. We want to finish the preparation of the NP and to play a major role in the implementation of its policies, alongside those of the City Plan.

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