

Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Economic Development Committee

Date: 8 December 2023

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ

Members: Robins (Chair), McGregor (Deputy Chair), Hill (Opposition Spokesperson), Bagaeen, Cattell, Hewitt, Miller, Stevens, Goddard and Grimshaw

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36 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) **Declarations of Substitutes:** Where councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same political group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.
- (b) **Declarations of Interest:**
 - (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests;
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37 CHAIRS COMMUNICATIONS

38 CALL OVER

- (a) Items (42 – 43) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for consideration.
- (b) Those items not reserved will be taken as having been received and the reports' recommendations agreed.

39 ROTTINGDEAN PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - DECISION STATEMENT

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Ward Affected: Rottingdean & West Saltdean*

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*Contact Officer: Ian Baird
Ward Affected: All Wards*

41 ITEMS REFERRED FOR FULL COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 14 December 2023 Council meeting for information.

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Brighton & Hove City Council

Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Economic Development Committee

Agenda Item 39

Subject: Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Decision
Statement

Date of meeting: 8 December 2023

Report of: Executive Director – Economy, Environment & Culture

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Ward(s) affected: Rottingdean & West Saltdean

For general release

1. Purpose of the report and policy context

- 1.1 The examination into the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed and the examiner's report has been published. Subject to a number of modifications, the Examiner recommends that the Plan can proceed to local referendum. The examiner also concludes that the referendum should extend to all persons entitled to vote who are resident within the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area.
- 1.2 This is the second Neighbourhood Plan in the city to have reached this final stage. The Council must now publish a Decision Statement setting out what actions it intends to take in response to each of the examiner's recommendations. A proposed Decision Statement is included at Appendix 1 of this report. All proposed modifications have been discussed with and agreed by the Rottingdean Parish Council.
- 1.3 The Committee is therefore asked to recommend to Council that all the examiner's recommendations for modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan are accepted and published in the Council's Decision Statement. Also, that the amended Plan is then made subject to a local referendum to be held within the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area.

2. Recommendations

That Committee recommends to Council:

- 2.1 To determine that the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan be modified according to the recommendations in the independent examiner's report and as set out in the attached Decision Statement (Appendix 1) and that the Decision Statement be published.

- 2.2 To approve the examiner's recommendation that the Neighbourhood Plan proceed to referendum, subject to modifications set out in the Decision Statement. The referendum area is the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area.
- 2.3 In the event that more than 50% of those voting support the Neighbourhood Plan at referendum, that the Council formally 'makes' the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan at its next meeting following the referendum.

3. Context and background information

The Neighbourhood Plan examination

- 3.1 Rottingdean Parish Council submitted their draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Council in January 2023. The Council published the draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents for public consultation as the lead authority for the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations over a 6-week period from 2 February to 16 March 2023.
- 3.2 The Tourism, Equalities, Communities & Culture Committee (TECC) Committee on 15 June 2023 agreed Council comments in response to the Regulation 16 consultation and that officers should submit the draft Plan for examination. Council officers then appointed a neighbourhood plan examiner and the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan examination formally commenced on 17 July 2023.
- 3.3 The role of the Neighbourhood Plan examiner is to assess whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets certain legal requirements known as 'Basic Conditions'. These state that Neighbourhood Plans should:
- i) Have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;*
 - ii) Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development,*
 - iii) Be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area (i.e the City Plan); and*
 - iv) Not breach, and otherwise be compatible with, EU obligations.*
- 3.4 From his initial assessment of the Plan and supporting documents, the appointed Examiner identified several matters seeking further clarification and information. These matters centred around map inaccuracies and the need for amendments, alterations to the appendices of the plan and wording changes / additions in relation to policies for First Homes, Local Wildlife Sites, Local Green Spaces and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). Full details are contained within the Examiner's Report and set out as part of the Decision Statement. The City Council and Parish Council responded jointly on these matters.
- 3.5 The examiner issued his final report on 18 October 2023, and this has been published on the Council's website. The report concludes that, subject to

several recommended modifications, the Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions and can proceed to referendum.

- 3.6 The examiner is also required to consider what is the appropriate referendum area if the Council decides that the Plan should proceed to that stage. In his report, he considers that the referendum should extend to those persons entitled to vote who are resident in the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area (i.e., there is no requirement to extend the referendum beyond the Parish boundary).

Rottingdean Plan Content

- 3.7 The Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan sets out several policies to enhance and conserve the Parish. Policies relate to the identification of two Local Gaps (Policy S2), nine valued local green spaces (Policy GOS1) and the protection of Amenity Open Spaces. Policy GOS3 identifies Wildlife Corridors in the Parish and aims to conserve and enhance wildlife and biodiversity in these areas. It also sets out the need for applicants to demonstrate Biodiversity Net Gain in new developments.
- 3.8 The plan sets out the housing mix for developments of five or more dwellings within policy H1, with Policy H2 outlining the design principles for new development proposals within the Parish. Policy H3 specifically relates to development proposals in the Conservation Area.
- 3.9 The Plan seeks to protect the visitor accommodation and community facilities with policies T01 and CF1, whilst setting parameters for the alteration of shop fronts in policy EE1.
- 3.10 The Plan addresses the issues air pollution in the Parish with three policies AQ1-3. These policies encourage new development to incorporate measures and /or infrastructure to promote sustainable travel in the Parish. The plan also sets out a policy for providing specific support for Electric Vehicle charging points.

Council actions – next steps

- 3.11 In response to the examiner's report, the Council must publish a Decision Statement setting out what actions it determines to take in response to each of the examiner's recommendations. Appendix 1 of this report sets out the proposed Decision Statement with each of the examiner's recommended modifications to the Plan along with his reasons. It also sets out proposed Council actions in response to each of the examiner's recommendations. The examiner's proposed modifications have been discussed and agreed with Rottingdean Parish Council.
- 3.12 The Council must also decide whether to send the Plan as modified to referendum and to agree the examiner's recommendations about the referendum area. The local referendum must be held within a period of 8 weeks from the Council's decision.

- 3.13 If the Neighbourhood Plan is supported by more than 50% of those voting in the referendum, it then comes into force as part of the statutory development plan for the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area and it will be used alongside the City Plan to make planning decisions. The Neighbourhood Plan must be formally 'made' (i.e., adopted) by the Council within a further 8 weeks of the referendum date. The Neighbourhood Plan Area includes parts of the South Downs National Park and therefore the National Park Authority will also be required to formally 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.14 Appendix 2 presents a tracked changes update of the Neighbourhood Plan highlighting all the modifications recommended by the examiner and the updates to the supporting text agreed between the Council and the Parish Council. These amendments will be incorporated into a final 'Referendum Version' of the Neighbourhood Plan which will be made available ahead of the Council meeting on 14 December.
- 3.15 The implications of the Neighbourhood Plan being 'made' are that it will then form part of the statutory development plan for the Neighbourhood Area and that the proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts from developments within the Neighbourhood Area required to be spent within the area (the 'neighbourhood portion') will increase from the current 15% to 25%. Unlike with neighbourhood forums, the CIL neighbourhood portion is passed directly to the Parish Council who then takes full responsibility for identifying local projects and spending the CIL receipts. The Parish Council is already a statutory consultee for planning applications falling within its Parish area and this will remain unchanged after the Neighbourhood Plan is in place.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

- 4.1 If the Council wishes to depart from any of the Examiner's recommendations it must notify relevant people and invite representations. Any representations must be submitted within six weeks of the Council inviting representations. It is also possible for the Parish Council to request intervention from the Secretary of State. Once the consultation is complete, the Council may then refer the issue(s) to further independent examination if it considers it appropriate. The Council must issue its final decision within five weeks. The Neighbourhood Plan would then be revised and sent to referendum.

5. Community engagement and consultation

- 5.1 The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations do not make any provision for public consultation on modifications to the Plan recommended by the examiner which the Council is minded to accept. As noted above, the Council is required to undertake public consultation if it wishes to depart from the examiner's recommendations.
- 5.2 Extensive community engagement and consultation has been undertaken at earlier stage of the Neighbourhood Plan preparation process. Substantial

community engagement was undertaken by the Parish Council in preparing the Plan including surveys, focus groups, mail drops to all businesses and households, posters and leaflets, use of the village website and during the pandemic two webinars.

- 5.3 Prior to submitting the Plan, the Parish Council undertook a formal public consultation (Regulation 14) over an 8-week period between February and April 2021. This included a leaflet drop to every household and discussion via audio video events to publicise the plan and seek the views of residents. The plan and supporting documents were placed on the website along with a form for residents to submit comments. This was supported by a leaflet seeking views posted around the village and delivered to every household in the Parish. Two webinars were held, and 30 residents attended the two events. A Parish Council You Tube channel was created to allow the public to view the webinars and submit further comments.
- 5.4 Full details of the consultation and community engagement undertaken by the Parish Council were set out in a Consultation Statement which was submitted to the Council and formed one of the supporting documents to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.5 The Council undertook a further 6-week consultation in February and March 2023 following submission of the draft plan. The draft Plan and supporting documents were published on the Council website, an email was sent to all consultees on the Planning Policy database (which includes the national statutory bodies and a wide range of local stakeholders) and all city councillors were informed. In addition, the Parish Council were requested to email all consultees who had commented on the Plan at the earlier Regulation 14 stage in 2021 (as is specifically required by the Regulations). Notices publicising the consultation were posted at key locations throughout the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area and the Council's Press Office also published a news item about the consultation. The consultation was also publicised by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) during this time as the Neighbourhood Area extends within the SDNPA boundary.
- 5.6 Overall it is considered that residents in the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area have had extensive opportunities to input to and comment on the Neighbourhood Plan during its preparation. The Neighbourhood Plan referendum now provides the opportunity for residents in the Neighbourhood Area to either to support or reject the Plan.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan has taken several years to reach this stage but is now nearing its conclusion. The Parish Council is to be commended on all its hard work on reaching this stage.
- 6.2 Overall the examiner considers that the Plan as modified will meet the required 'Basic Conditions' and make a positive contribution to sustainable development, promoting economic growth, supporting social wellbeing, whilst conserving the natural and historic environment within the

Neighbourhood Plan area.

- 6.3 The Committee is therefore urged to recommend to Full Council to agree all the modifications to the Plan as set out in the examiner's report and to approve his recommendation that the Neighbourhood Plan proceed to local referendum subject to the modifications set out in the Council's Decision Statement.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications from the recommendations of this report. The Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be organised and administered by the City Council's Electoral Services team with costs of the referendum charged to planning services. The Council is entitled to claim £20,000 from the Government (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) once it has set a date for the referendum to cover the costs charged to planning. Any significant variations to budget will be reported as part of the council's monthly budget monitoring process.

Name of finance officer consulted: John Lack Date consulted: 10/11/2023

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 The designation of Neighbourhood Areas, Forums, and the making of Neighbourhood Plans, are governed by the Town and Country Planning Act the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). It is a requirement of Regulation 18(2)(a) of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended) that local authorities publish a Decision Statement setting out how they intend to respond to an examiner's recommendations.
- 8.2 If supported at referendum, the Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan and its policies will be used alongside those in the adopted City Plan (and South Downs Local Plan within the National Park area).
- 8.3 Following a vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) require local authorities to publish a Decision Statement explaining the Council's decision and its reasons to formally 'make' (i.e. adopt) the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 8.4 Adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan will be done via an Adoption Statement published on the council's website which will publicise the referendum results, and pursuant to Regulations 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 formally confirm the 'making' of the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Council will also contact all relevant stakeholders to inform them that the Plan has been made.

Name of lawyer consulted: Katie Kam Date consulted 09/11/23:

9. Equalities implications

- 9.1 The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on all public authorities in the exercise of their functions to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between persons who have a “protected characteristic” and those who do not. This duty applies to the Council when taking formal decisions with regard to the neighbourhood plan process.
- 9.2 The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared through an extensive process of local community engagement which is set out in detail in the Parish’s Consultation Statement (which was submitted alongside the draft Plan) and is summarised in section 5 above. The Plan is also required to be in general conformity with the City Plan (which has been subject to Equalities Impact Assessment).

10. Sustainability implications

- 10.1 The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and one of the ‘Basic Conditions’ against which neighbourhood plans are tested is that they should contribute to this.
- 10.2 To meet UK environmental regulations, the draft Plan was screened for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) by the City Council in a document dated November 2020, in liaison with the South Downs National Park Authority. The Screening Report concludes that the Plan is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental effects and therefore that SEA is not required. The Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England were consulted on the draft Screening Report during October 2020, and they each concluded that the preparation of a SEA is not required. The SDNPA also agrees with that assessment. The examiner concludes that the Plan has been prepared with regard to achieving the principles of delivering sustainable development as identified in the Basic Conditions Statement and, subject to his recommended modifications and if approved at referendum, would assist in delivering sustainable development within the Neighbourhood Area.

Supporting Documentation

1. Appendices

1. Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Council Decision Statement (draft)
2. Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2030: Submission Draft showing proposed modifications as tracked changes.

2. Background documents

Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2030 Examination Report (18 October 2023) – published on Council website at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/planning/planning-city/rottingdean-neighbourhood-plan>



Brighton & Hove City Council

Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2030

DECISION STATEMENT

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the City Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and Orders and to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the local planning authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.
- 1.2 This report confirms that the modifications proposed by the examiner's report have been accepted, the draft Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan has been altered as a result of it, and that this plan may now proceed to referendum.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan relates to the Rottingdean Parish which was designated as a Neighbourhood Area by Brighton & Hove City Council on 7 March 2013 and by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) on 13 March 2013. This area is within the ward of Rottingdean & West Saltdean and includes part of the South Downs National Park. Brighton & Hove City Council is the lead authority on behalf of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Rottingdean Parish Council.
- 2.2 Following the submission of the Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised, and representations were invited over a 6 week period from 2 February to 16 March 2023 in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Plan regulations.
- 2.3 Mr Derek Stebbing BA (Hons) DipEP MRTPI was appointed by the City Council, with the consent of Rottingdean Parish Council, to undertake the examination of the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan and to prepare a report of the independent examination. The Neighbourhood Plan examination commenced on 17 July 2023.
- 2.5 The examiner's report was received on 18 October 2023. It concludes that the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan, subject to a number of recommended

modifications, meets the Basic Conditions as defined in the Localism Act 2011, Schedule 10 and Schedule 4B, 8 (2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and can proceed to referendum.

3. Decision

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 require the local planning authority to outline what action it wishes to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner made in a report under paragraph 10 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act (as applied by Section 38A of the 2004 Act) in relation to a neighbourhood development plan.
- 3.2 Having considered each of the recommendations in the examiner's report and the reasons for them, Brighton & Hove City Council with the consent of Rottingdean Parish Council, has agreed what action to take in response to each recommendation. It has been decided to accept all the modifications to the draft Plan proposed by the examiner in accordance with paragraph 12 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.
- 3.3 Table 1 below sets out the examiner's recommended modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan and the accompanying reasons given in his report. The table indicates what action has been decided by the Council in response to each recommendation.
- 3.4 Please note that the examiner's recommendations refer to Policy and Figure numbers as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan as submitted to the Council. In the Referendum Version of the Plan, the numbering has been changed to reflect modifications.

4. The Referendum Area and Procedure

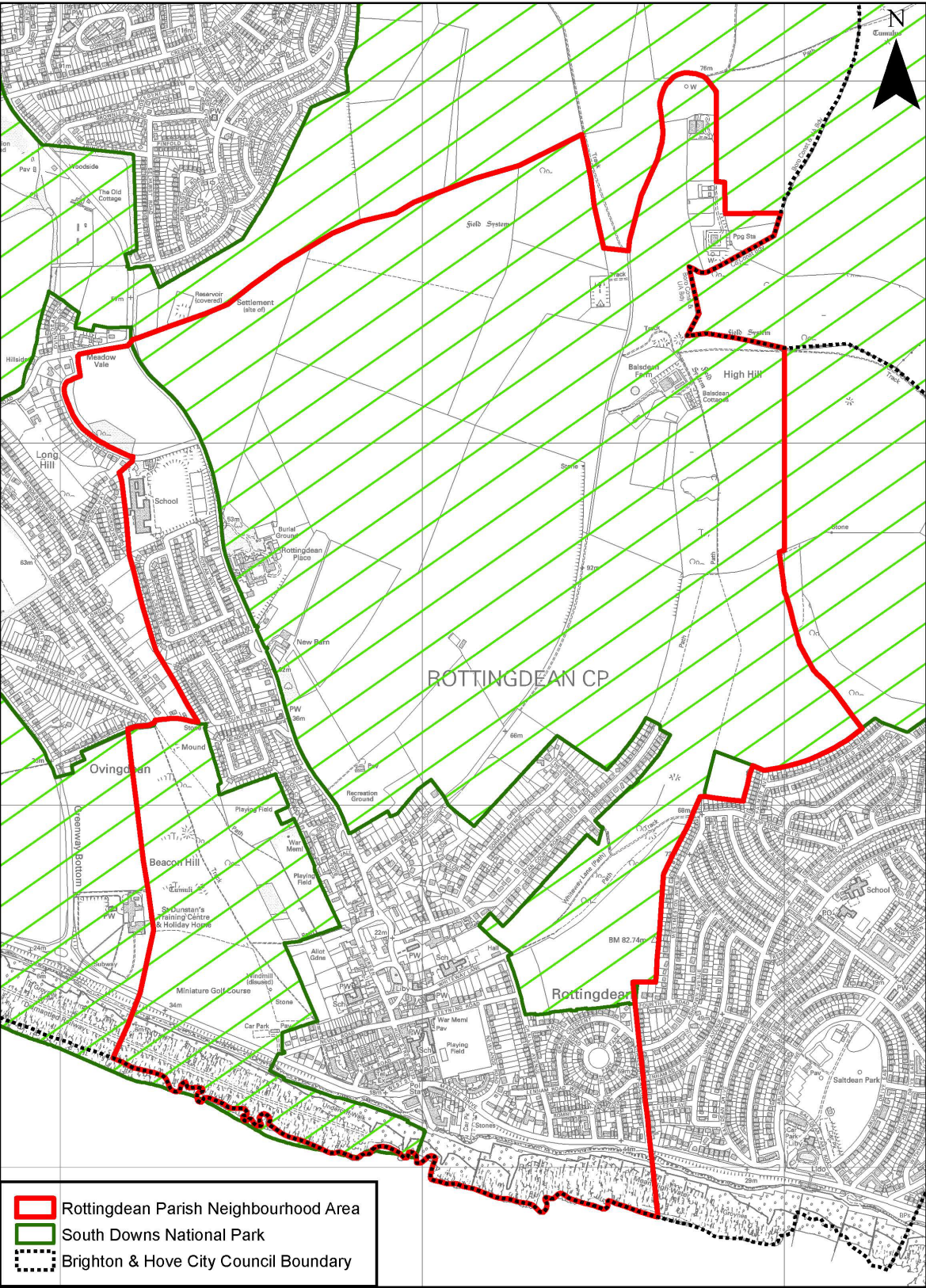
- 4.1 The Council agrees with the Examiner's recommendation that there is no policy or proposal significant enough to have an impact beyond the designated Neighbourhood Plan Area, and that any referendum that takes place in due course be contiguous with the boundary of the designated Parish area.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Brighton & Hove City Council determines that the Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2030, as modified in Table 1, meets the basic conditions in Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act and complies with the provisions made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and may now proceed to Referendum.

December 2023

Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area



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The Examiner's Report, the draft Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum version, updated to include modifications), and other relevant documents can be viewed on the Brighton & Hove Council website at <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/planning/planning-city/rottingdean-neighbourhood-plan>

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Table 1: Recommendations by the Examiner agreed by Brighton & Hove City Council with consent of the Rottingdean Parish Council

| PLAN POLICY / PARAGRAPH | RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION | REASONS | COUNCIL DECISION |
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| Parish Profile Plan Overview Page 5 & 62 | First paragraph of text – delete the words “in-2014” in the second line of text and replace with <u>“in March 2013”</u> . Add the words <u>“as shown below.”</u> at the end of the first paragraph of text. | Correct Factual Error. | All recommended modifications accepted. |
| Parish Profile Plan Overview Page 5 & 62 | Qualifying Body to provide some additional text for the first paragraph of ‘Parish Profile Plan Overview’ making reference to the accompanying Map and the designation of the Neighbourhood Area by Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority in March 2013 (rather than 2014 as stated on Page 5) | Correct Factual Error and provide context | All recommended modifications accepted. |
| Appendix 13 – Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area Map Page 5 & 62 | Place this Map within the main part of the Plan, directly following the ‘Parish Profile Plan Overview’ on Page 5. Delete Appendix 13. | The designated Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area is presently shown on the Map contained at Appendix 13 to the Plan. Map should be within the main body of the Plan to accompany the ‘Parish | All recommended modifications / deletions accepted. |

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| | | Profile Plan Overview' on Page 5. | |
| Page 13 Core Strategic Objective – Access | Add the following text beneath the heading: <u>“Our aim is for Rottingdean to be a village that is welcoming, inclusive and accessible, providing barrier-free services and amenities that promote independence and equity of access and opportunity, including access to digital services and housing.”</u> | Unlike the other Core Strategic Objectives, the theme of Access did not contain a specific Objective. Wording provided to address this. | All recommended modifications accepted. |
| Pages 15 and 16 Chapter 1 – Strategic Development in Rottingdean | Amend title of this Chapter to read <u>“The Plan’s Spatial Framework” and amend Contents Page accordingly.</u> | The title of this chapter conveys an impression that it contains strategic planning policies for development within the Plan area (these are a matter for the adopted BHCP and South Downs Local Pla, rather than for this Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, change to “The Plan’s Spatial Framework” in order to remove any doubt that Policies S1 and S2 are strategic policies. | All recommended modifications accepted. |
| Page 17 Policy S1 – Development | Remove the 12th bullet point , and place the text as a fourth clause of text to the Policy to read as follows: | The last of the twelve planning criteria listed within the Policy clearly | All recommended modifications accepted. |

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| within and beyond the settlement boundary | <p><u>“Proposals for development outside the village boundary will only be supported if they are appropriate to a countryside location and they are consistent with the relevant policies in the adopted Brighton & Hove City Plan or the South Downs Local Plan.”</u></p> | <p>only relates to development proposals outside the development boundary, and it should therefore be a separate clause within the Policy. To also take account of the City Council’s comments at Reg 16 stage in order to provide greater clarity for users of the Plan.</p> | |
| Pages 18- 21 Policy S2 – Strategic Gaps | <p>Amend Policy title to read <u>“Local Gaps”</u>. Delete clauses 1-6 of the Policy text in full, and replace with: <u>“Beacon Hill Nature Reserve (Gap 1)</u> <u>Land lying to the west of Falmer Avenue</u> <u>bounded by Westmeston Avenue and Dean Court Road, adjacent to Whiteway bridleway</u> <u>(Gap 2)</u></p> <p><u>Development proposals within the designated Local Gaps which would detract from the open character and appearance of the rural area or which would result in the coalescence of Rottingdean with other settlements will not be supported.</u></p> | <p>The Policy and its supporting text require amendment to confirm their status as Local Gaps and to provide clarity for users of the Plan.</p> | <p>Deletion of clauses accepted.</p> <p>All recommended policy modifications accepted.</p> |

| PLAN POLICY / PARAGRAPH | RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION | REASONS | COUNCIL DECISION |
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| | <p><u>Proposals for the re-use or conversion of existing buildings within the Local Gaps will be supported, together with other proposals that are appropriate to the rural areas concerned, subject to such proposals conforming with all relevant policies in the adopted South Downs Local Plan and in this Plan.</u></p> <p>Amend all references to 'Strategic Gaps' on pages 18 and 19 to read "Local Gaps". (The amendment to Map 2 is addressed by PM23).</p> | | |
| Page 29 Policy GOS1 – Local green space designation | <p>Amend Policy title to read <u>"Local Green Spaces"</u>. Delete existing Policy text in full and replace with: <u>"Sites LGS1-LGS9, as listed below and as defined on the accompanying Inset Maps, are designated as Local Green Spaces in accordance with the criteria set out at paragraph 102 of the NPPF and Policy DM38 of the adopted Brighton & Hove City Plan.</u> <u>LGS1 – The Bowling Green</u> <u>LGS2 – Kipling Gardens and the Croquet Lawn</u> <u>LGS3 – Land on the Eastern Cliff, Marine Drive</u> <u>LGS4 – Lutyens Gardens, The Green</u> <u>LGS5 – Quaker Burial Ground, The Green</u> <u>LGS6 – Land surrounding Scout Hut, Whiteways Lane</u></p> | To bring policy text in line with NPPF paragraph 103. | <p>Deletion of policy text accepted.</p> <p>All recommended policy modifications accepted.</p> |

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| | <u>LGS7 – St Aubyns Field, Steyning Road/Newlands Road</u> <u>LGS8 - St Margaret's Churchyard, The Green</u> <u>LGS9 – St Martha's Convent Gardens</u> <u>Development proposals in the designated Local Green Spaces listed above will be managed in accordance with national policy for Green Belts."</u> | | |
| Page 29 Policy GOS2 – Amenity open spaces | <p>Amend Policy title to read <u>"Amenity Open Spaces"</u>.</p> <p>Delete the words "until approved evidence shows they are no longer needed" in the Policy text (and end the first sentence after the word "use").</p> <p>Add new second paragraph of Policy text to read: <u>"Proposals for any alternative use or loss of these amenity open spaces will not be supported, unless there is substantial evidence that the facilities will not be required to meet the future needs of the community."</u></p> | Provide clarity to the Policy requirements, for future users of the Plan. | Deletion of suggested policy text accepted. All recommended policy modifications accepted. |
| Pages 30 and 33 Paragraph 2.17 | <p>Amend 3rd sentence of text to read: <u>"The Parish of Rottingdean has a well-managed Nature Reserve, Beacon Hill, and six other Local Wildlife Sites (LWS), Meadowvale,</u></p> | For clarity and to reflect the seven Local Wildlife | |

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| Paragraph 2.21 | <p><u>Ovingdean Copse (part), Wivelsfield Road Grassland (part), High Hill Pasture, Rottingdean Pond, Whiteways Lane and Balsdean Downland West, as shown on Map 3.”</u></p> <p>Amend 4th sentence of text to read: <u>“With the exception of Rottingdean Pond, none of these sites has a permanent water source.”</u></p> <p>Amend 5th sentence of text to read: <u>“Rottingdean Pond, situated between them and in the heart of our village, is used extensively by local wildlife, including amphibians, invertebrates, wildfowl and other bird species, rodents, foxes and badgers.”</u></p> <p>Add new 2nd and 3rd sentences of text to read as follows: <u>“In accordance with national planning policy, development proposals will be expected to provide at least 10% measurable Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), in accordance with the relevant policies of the City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. This will ensure net gains in biodiversity that are additional to appropriate mitigation.”</u></p> | Sites with a cross reference to Map 3. | All recommended policy modifications accepted. |

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| Policy GOS3 – Wildlife and biodiversity | <p>Amend Policy title to read <u>“Wildlife and Biodiversity”</u>.</p> <p>Delete Policy text in full and replace with: <u>“Proposals that conserve and enhance the landscape of the South Downs and its special qualities, and conserve and enhance wildlife and biodiversity will be supported. Proposals which respect, enhance and provide green linkages with biodiversity and green space within and around developments will be encouraged, particularly where the space forms part of, or is adjacent to, the Wildlife Corridors defined on Map 3.</u></p> <p><u>Proposals for new development which would cause any potential harm to the Wildlife Corridors will not be supported unless they are justified in the public interest and suitable mitigation measures are proposed.</u></p> <p><u>Development proposals should avoid causing harm to the special qualities of the South Downs National Park, including development in its setting.</u></p> <p><u>In accordance with the Environment Act 2021, development proposals will, where necessary,</u></p> | To include an appropriate reference to the Policy requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) | All recommended policy modifications/additions accepted. |

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| | <u>need to include a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirement of at least 10% above the baseline position."</u> | | |
| Page 35 Conservation Area Enhancement s Paragraphs 2.22 and 2.23 | Place these two paragraphs within Chapter 3, to follow Policy H3, and be re-numbered as " 3.13 and 3.14 " (see also PM11). | To reorder placement in the Plan to Chapter 3. | All recommended policy modifications accepted. |
| Page 39 Policy H1 – Balancing the Housing Mix | Delete the 2nd part of Policy text comprising the sentence commencing "Proposals that increase ..." . | Policy sets a rather confusing, and potentially contradictory, policy position where the second part of the Policy suggests that a different housing mix to that set out in the first part of the Policy would be preferred. This does not provide sufficient clarity for users of the Plan and having considered the supporting evidence and the comments of the City Council, I conclude that | Deletion of suggested policy text accepted. |

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| | | the second part of the Policy should be deleted. | |
| Page 42 Policy H2 – Design In the 1st paragraph of Policy text | <p>In the 3rd line amend “conservation areas and their surroundings.” to read <u>“Conservation Area and its surroundings.”</u></p> <p>Delete 3rd paragraph of Policy text and replace with: <u>“Proposals for new development in the Plan area will be supported where they clearly show that they have taken into account and followed the design principles underpinning this Policy which are set out at paragraph 3.9 in the Plan.”</u></p> <p>Delete the eleven bullet point design principles from the Policy text and place in the supporting text as new paragraph 3.9 under the sub-heading of “Design Principles for New Developments in the Plan area” with an appropriate introductory sentence.</p> <p>Re-number paragraphs 3.9-3.11 to become <u>“3.10-3.12”</u>.</p> | To provide clearer and more succinct policy guidance for users of the Plan. | |
| Page 43 Policy H3 – Design Principles in the | Amend Policy title to read <u>“Design Principles in the Conservation Area and its Setting”</u> . | For clarity. | All recommended modifications accepted. |

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| Conservation Area and their Settings Paragraph 3.9 | In the 1st line of Policy text: amend “Conservation Areas” to read <u>“Conservation Area”</u> . Paragraph 3.9 <u>(to be re-numbered 3.10)</u> : delete the words “This policy” in the 1st line of text and replace with <u>“Policy H3”</u> . Typo in the 9th line of paragraph 3.9 (‘aAea’ should be <u>“Area”</u>). | | |
| Page 40 Paragraph 3.7 | Delete 3rd sentence of text. Amend “Policy H4” in the 4th sentence of text to read <u>“Policy H3”</u> . | For clarity. | Deletion of suggested policy text accepted. |
| Page 47 Policy TO1 – Visitor Accommodati on | Delete the words “Survey data indicates there is no longer sufficient demand” in the Policy text, and replace with: <u>“It can be demonstrated from bookings, reservations and occupancy data that the continued use of the premises as a hotel or quest house will no longer be economically viable.”</u> | The term ‘survey data’ is insufficiently specific to provide clarity for users of the Plan on what will be necessary to meet the Policy’s requirements. | All recommended modifications accepted. |
| Page 50 | Delete this Policy in full. | Policy does not provide sufficiently clear guidance. | Deletion of policy text accepted. |

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| Policy EE2 – Accessible Retail Units | | This policy could potentially conflict with other policies and guidance for the Conservation Area within which many of the village's retail units are situated, and with NP Policy EE1. The effective implementation of this Policy will be very difficult. | |
| Page 47 Paragraph 4.4 | Delete the final sentence of this paragraph. | To provide clarity. | Deletion of suggested policy text accepted. |
| Page 54 Policy CF1 – Provision of Community Facilities | Amend the word “conditions” in the 3rd line of Policy text to read <u>“criteria”</u> . Delete the words “or by car” on the 5th line of the first criterion. Amend second criterion to read as follows: <u>“It can be demonstrated that active, flexible and appropriate marketing of the site for community uses has been undertaken and that it would not be economically viable or feasible to retain the existing community facility, and that there is no reasonable prospect of</u> | To provide clarity and ease of implementation or policy. | All recommended modifications accepted. |

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| | <u>securing an alternative community use of the land or building.”</u> | | |
| Page 58 Policy AQ1 – Reducing Traffic Volume through the village | <p>Amend Policy title to read <u>“Reducing Traffic Congestion in Rottingdean”</u>.</p> <p>Delete existing Policy text in full, and replace with:</p> <p><u>“Proposals for new development within the Plan area which incorporate measures and/or infrastructure to promote walking and cycling, and the use of public transport, in order to reduce traffic generation, will be encouraged. The Parish Council will work in partnership with the City Council, East Sussex County Council, public transport providers and other stakeholders to promote measures that will achieve a reduction in the volumes of traffic passing through the village, for example by promoting active and sustainable travel wherever possible.”</u></p> | Policy does not reflect title and partly duplicates policy AQ2. Redrafted to focus upon measures to reduce traffic congestion in the village, for example by promoting active and sustainable travel. | All recommended deletions / modifications accepted. |
| Page 59 Policy AQ2 – Improving Air Quality in Rottingdean | <p>2nd line of text – amend “AQMA” to read <u>“Air Quality Management Area”</u>.</p> <p>2nd line of text – delete “Their designs and layouts” and replace with <u>“Proposals should take account of the ‘Air quality and emissions</u></p> | Amendments, to add sufficient clarity to the text of the Policy. | All recommended modifications accepted. |

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| High Street | <p><u>mitigation guidance for Sussex (2021)' published by the Sussex Air Quality Partnership."</u></p> <p>2nd/3rd lines of text – delete “should provide particular support” and replace with <u>“The design and layout of development schemes should ensure that there is good access”</u> and continue with “for local residents etc.”</p> | | |
| Page 59 Policy AQ3 – Electric Vehicle Charging Points | <p>Delete existing Policy text in full, and replace with:</p> <p><u>“The Parish Council will support all initiatives to introduce additional electric vehicle charging points at appropriate locations within the Plan area, in order to promote improvements to air quality and to encourage sustainable development.”</u></p> | As drafted, the Policy is flawed, as the installation of electric vehicle charging points is now a requirement of the Building Regulations for new dwellings and that the installation of such charging points in existing residential and commercial areas is, in most cases, permitted development. Policy redrafted to provide more general support for the installation of electric vehicle charging points at appropriate locations across the Plan area, as | Deletion of suggested policy text accepted. |

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| | | part of the measures to improve air quality and achieve sustainable development. | |
| Page 60 | <p>Add new Chapter 7 to the Plan entitled <u>“Monitoring and Review”</u>.</p> <p>Add new paragraph 7.1, as follows:</p> <p><u>“7.1 Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority are each undertaking reviews of their current adopted Local Plans. Public consultations are expected to take place in 2024 and 2025. In due course, this Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed when necessary to seek to align the Neighbourhood Plan with the new Local Plans covering the Parish.”</u></p> | The draft Plan at present lacks a statement or policy regarding its future monitoring and review. | Additional Chapter for Monitoring and Review accepted. |
| Page 61 onwards Appendices | <p>Delete Appendices 1, 2, 4, 5a-5d, 6a-6c, 8, 9a-9b and 11 from the Plan, and re-number Appendices 3, 10a-10b and 12 to be Appendices 1, 2a-2b and 3 respectively.</p> <p>(Appendix 13 is transferred to the main body of the Plan by PM1).</p> | Only a small number of these Appendices are directly referenced from within the main body of the Plan. Necessary to make changes in order to provide improved clarity | All recommended modifications /deletions accepted. |

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| | | for users of the Plan regarding its content. | |
| Pages 8, 20, 25-29 and 32 Mapping | <p>Replace Maps 1, 2 and 3 with the revised Maps supplied by the City Council in its response to the examiner dated 31 August 2023.</p> <p>Amend title of Map 2 to read <u>“Local Gaps (Policies Map)”</u> but with no change to the Notation Panel.</p> <p>Add Maps LGS1-LGS9 beneath each of the respective entries for LGS1-LGS9 on pages 25-28.</p> <p>Amend title of Map presently titled “GS6” to read <u>“LGS6”</u>.</p> <p>Add new Map entitled <u>‘New Local Green Spaces – Overview’</u> beneath Policy GOS1 on page 29 but amend title to read <u>“Local Green Spaces – Overview (Policy GOS1)”</u>.</p> | For clarity of use. | All recommended modifications accepted. |

Rottingdean

Neighbourhood Plan

2018-2030

"We want Rottingdean to remain a characterful, chalk downland village by the sea, with its distinctive and vernacular architecture and varied natural features"

Foreword

Concealed within a valley in the South Downs and overlooked by its iconic windmill, the historic coastal village of Rottingdean deserves its attractive and popular status. Within four miles of the centre of the city of Brighton and Hove, and being the only Parish within that city, Rottingdean Parish Council accepted the opportunity offered in the government's 2011 Localism Act, of protecting the village for future generations whilst also planning for the future of Rottingdean as a neighbourhood, with its own growth, development and infrastructure needs, for the next 15 years.

This Plan has been driven by what our residents have told us is important to them about living here between the sea and the Downs. I am grateful to all the colleagues who have given much time and thought to how we can maintain and enhance our lovely village. Two thirds of the Parish lie within the South Downs National Park and development is inevitably constrained by its boundaries.

The Plan has been developed over a period of time. It reflects the principles of the Localism Act. It also takes account of the introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework in 2012, and its updates in 2018 and 2019. This policy context has produced a sharp focus in development activity as the development industry has sought to address these important elements of the revised planning system.

For Rottingdean Parish, this meant strong interest in the Urban Fringe Sites identified by Brighton and Hove at that time. Our Parish Council Steering Group worked to put the Plan together in response to local consultation at a time when the Parish Council itself was being consulted on a series of major planning applications aimed at Urban Fringe sites and the former St Aubyns School and playing field. For our village, this is an unprecedented period of growth.

The Planning Brief for St Aubyns was produced by Brighton and Hove City Council working in partnership with Rottingdean Parish Council and the former owners of the St Aubyns site, the Cothill Trust and can be viewed as Appendix [7.2a](#) to this Plan, providing in depth planning guidance for the former School, associated land and its heritage assets. Key because the school lies within the Conservation Area where any development needs to be especially sensitive to its surroundings.

This Plan includes the proposal that the remaining land on the former St Aubyns Playing Field should be designated Local Green Space, making it an accessible public space. We have also identified a number of other sites within the Parish which we feel merit the same protection. We have tried, wherever possible, to reflect the views and needs of Rottingdean residents and stakeholders within our goals and policies which we trust will frame the basis of development for Rottingdean until the year 2030.

Cllr Sue John

Chair – Rottingdean Parish Council

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Parish Profile Plan Overview

Rottingdean Parish Council has developed a Neighbourhood Plan for the area designated by Brighton and Hove Council and South Downs National Park Authority in ~~2014~~ March 2013 under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. The designated area is the whole of the Parish, as shown on Map 1 Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area.

The purpose of the Plan is to develop planning policies that will be used to determine planning applications within the Parish. The policies will eventually become part of the development plan. They will operate in parallel with the strategic policies in the Brighton and Hove Council City Plan and the South Downs Local Plan. In some cases, its policies will encourage development proposals for the benefit of the local community. In others its policies will aim to protect the special character of the Parish.

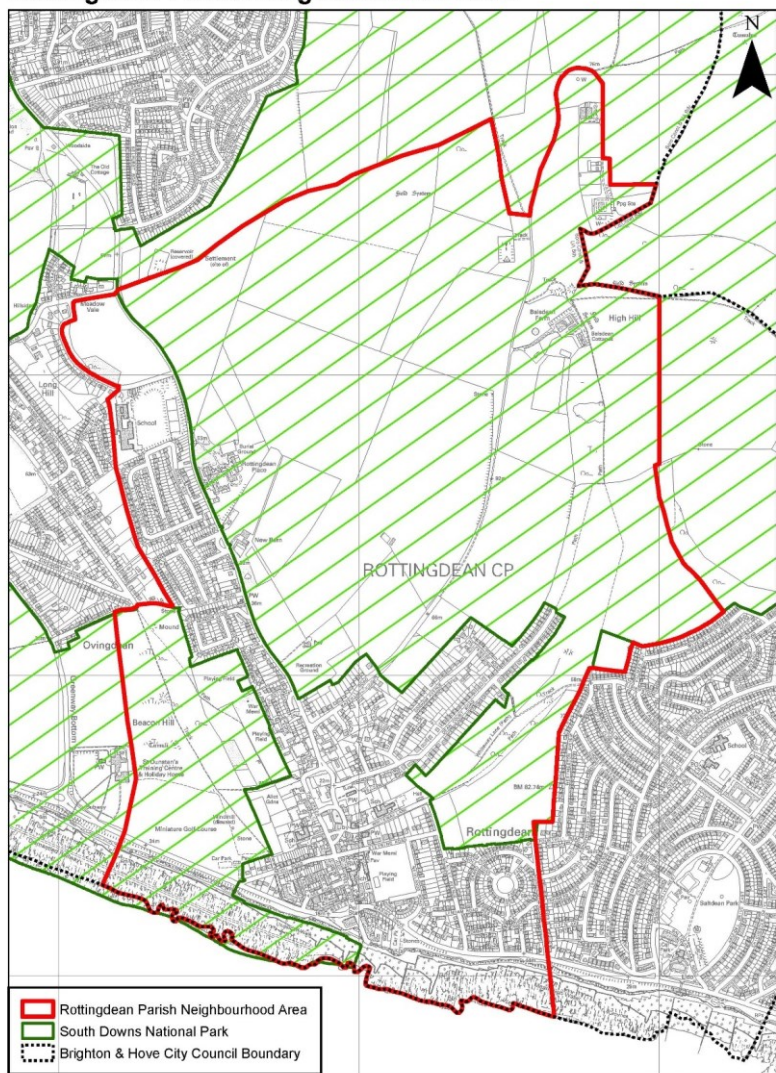
Neighbourhood Plans provide local communities with the chance to shape the future development of their areas. Once approved at a referendum and adopted the Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory part of the development plan for the Parish and will carry significant weight in how planning applications are decided. Plans must therefore contain only land use planning policies; however, they may identify proposals that relate to other matters not directly related to planning applications.

Although there is considerable scope for the local community to decide on its neighbourhood planning policies it has to meet some 'basic conditions'

- It must have regard to national policy
- It should be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan
- It must contribute to the principles of sustainable development
- It must not breach and is compatible with EU regulations including the ~~Sustainable~~ Strategic Environment Assessment Directive

Map 1 Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area

Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area



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History of the Parish of Rottingdean

The Parish of Rottingdean

The historic downland village of Rottingdean is located 4 miles east of Brighton centre. The village is located within a long north-south aligned valley, which provides shelter from the prevailing south-westerly winds. The valley terminates at the sea to the south, at a low point in the cliffs.

Rottingdean serves as an important centre for the surrounding community and also a destination for tourists. It is a substantial village, which despite suburban development on its fringe, remains as a distinct settlement separate from the urban conurbation of Brighton and Hove.

Historically the village was originally based on agriculture and a number of farmsteads and converted agricultural buildings have survived and form the basis of the historic village centre along with a Saxon Church, the village Green and pond.

The built environment is varied from tight knit groups of vernacular cottages focussed around the High Street, grand detached houses situated in individual garden plots around the Green to farmhouses and converted farm buildings to the north.

The village is set in open downland which forms the South Downs National Park [SDNP], it has its own nature reserve to the west, Beacon Hill, where Rottingdean Windmill is sited. This forms a striking landmark from within the village and when approaching the village from Brighton and is closely associated with the village's identity.

Despite its proximity to the sea, Rottingdean remained an agricultural village although wages were supplemented by some fishing. In the 17th and 18th centuries it is reputed that smuggling also supplemented the more legitimate incomes. The gap in the cliffs provided an ideal point to smuggle goods ashore, a network of tunnels is said to connect the seafront with many village properties. This trade was immortalised by Kipling's 'A Smugglers Song'.

Until the beginning of the 19th century, the village remained a quiet backwater. It was known as the 'Hidden Village' but things began to change with improvements in transport when it started to become a popular haunt for artists and writers when the first developments within Rottingdean started with the erection of large individually designed houses, many of which can be seen around the Green. After World War 1 this trend continued as agriculture declined and farm buildings were converted to homes. Tudor Close is an example of this trend where two barns and a cow shed were converted into Tudor style houses, which later became a hotel before returning once more to houses in the 1950s.

It was from the 1950s that the village grew considerably as it expanded to the south and the sea. Houses were developed to the north of the village in discreet estates that each have their own distinct character as outlined in the village Audit, these properties were built to the west of the main north-south road on agricultural land, the houses hugging the contours of the land in the valley; the land to the east of the main road remains largely agricultural.

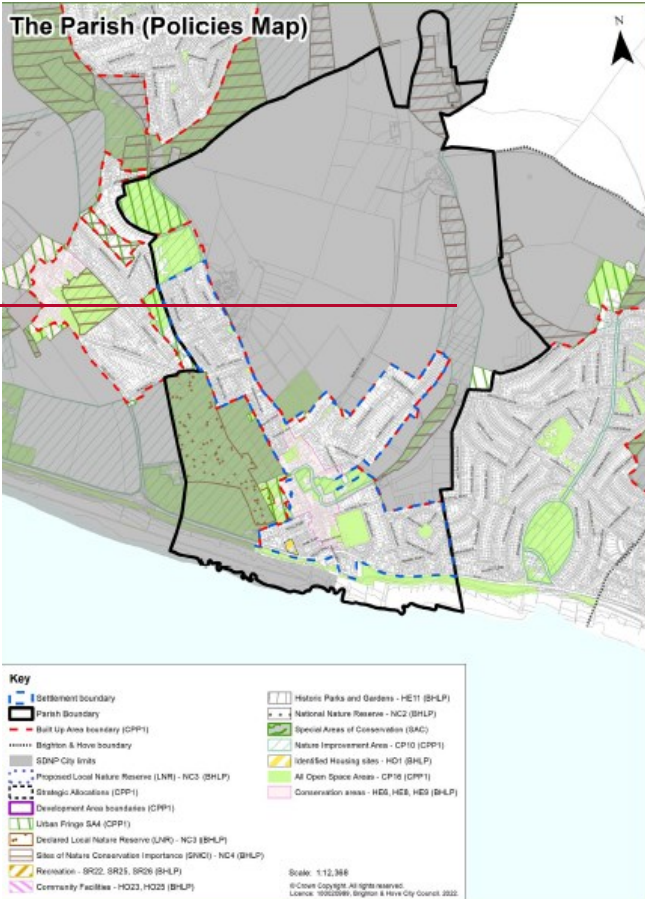
Along the coast road to the west of the village, houses were built along crescents and avenues that again give a distinct style, the houses being on the whole individually designed in garden plots.

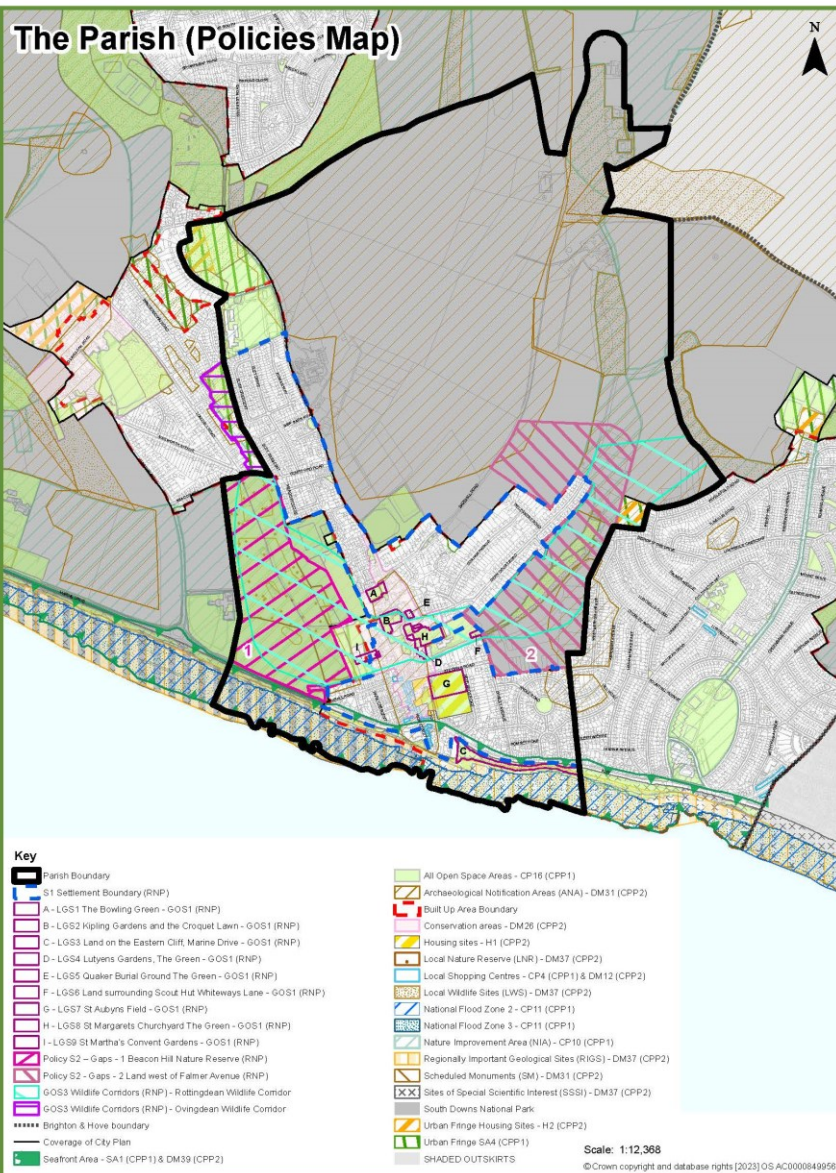
To the north west of the village smaller houses were built providing more affordable housing in the centre of the village but expansion is limited due to the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve and the South Downs National Park. As land is now limited, development has continued through back garden development, larger houses being split into flats and in some cases being demolished, the site becoming suitable for several town houses or in the case of the seafront, designer-led flats overlooking the sea.

The central historic part of the village is a Conservation Area and is protected through a Conservation Area designation.

Map 1-2 The Parish (Policies Map)

The Parish (Policies Map)





Vision and Objectives of our Plan

We composed and developed the Vision and Strategic Objectives for this Plan in consultation with our residents, local community and voluntary groups and businesses. The Objectives and related Intentions are designed to deliver against this Vision. Chapters 2 to 6 reflect these Strategic Objectives. We felt that Access should underpin the whole Plan; policies intended to improve the accessibility of our village are distributed throughout the Plan and our Project list is also designed to address this. There are additional chapters on Community Facilities, critical to the sustainability of a vibrant and inclusive community and on the importance of appropriate use of Planning Gain (S106/Community Infrastructure Levy) to the delivery of projects which contribute towards the stated Objectives in this Plan.

Vision

We want Rottingdean to remain a characterful, chalk downland village by the sea, with its distinctive and vernacular architecture and varied natural features. We want a village which celebrates, respects and protects its heritage and promotes learning, culture and recreation. We want to ensure a healthier, more sustainable environment with access to quality open spaces and an improved public realm where residents and visitors can visit thriving shops, businesses and heritage assets with ease.

Core Strategic Objectives

Employment & Enterprise

To foster trade, tourism and economic development in Rottingdean

Intention

- To protect the local shopping areas, retain and preserve small shop and business premises along the lines of those that currently exist and conform with existing village characteristics.
- To support and encourage a vibrant retail and service environment to cater for the needs of the local and wider community
- To support and encourage improved pedestrian and disabled access to retail outlets, businesses, amenities and the public realm
- To support and encourage improved broadband access within the Parish
- To encourage and expand seaside tourism
- To maintain and enhance facilities and amenities for visitors and residents
- To encourage and expand cultural tourism and participation in arts and community events by both residents and visitors
- To facilitate access to heritage assets and open spaces
- To encourage coach and public transport as means of accessing Rottingdean and take opportunities to promote sustainable tourism
- To use tourism to promote local trade and the local economy.

Core Strategic Objectives

Air Quality and Traffic Reduction

To reduce the volume of vehicle traffic passing through Rottingdean to tackle congestion and improve air quality, whilst encouraging sustainable transport.

Intention

- To relieve congestion in both the High Street, particularly at peak travel times, and the A259 Coast Road from high volumes of commuter traffic, delivery vehicles and school journeys by improved traffic management and better local transport.
- Support greater use of other forms of transport other than private car, to access Rottingdean, including walking, cycling and increased take up of public transport.
- To address the high air pollution levels caused by idling traffic and vehicle acceleration, particularly by polluting vehicles at key points in Rottingdean High Street and thus reduce the risk to public health. If diesel fuelled vehicles continue to decline in numbers and more drivers stop their engines when idling, this will make an improvement.
- To encourage greater footfall and increased spend in the High Street by reducing traffic noise, volume and fumes and providing a safer, more accessible and ambient environment.
- To reduce the number of lorries abusing the ban on non-essential HGV journeys along the B2123.

Core Strategic Objectives

Environment & Biodiversity

To protect and enhance green and open spaces within the Parish, maintaining the strategic gaps which define the village and protect and enhance biodiversity.

Intention

- To maintain and improve access to green spaces in Rottingdean for public use, for recreation or amenity space.
- To use the Planning Brief for the former St Aubyns School, together with Local Green Space designation, to seek to retain the ~~playingfield~~ playing field, potentially under local civic management, offering greater opportunities for public recreational use.
- To maintain the strategic gaps provided by key green and open spaces which define Rottingdean as a village, distinct from the conurbation of Brighton and Hove and the surrounding villages.
- To protect and improve the biodiversity located in Rottingdean's green and open spaces, including existing wildlife corridors.
- To maintain and enhance recreational facilities provided by green and open spaces within the Parish of Rottingdean.

Core Strategic Objectives

Housing & Design

To facilitate sensitive housing growth including making provision for timely and adequate infrastructure where practicable

Intention

- To maintain the character and key design features of Rottingdean, a historic chalk downland village.
- To adhere to the planning guidance contained in the St Aubyns Planning Brief.
- To maintain the historic access to the seafront, improving access and the public realm
- To ensure that suitable and adequate infrastructure is provided in a timely manner to match identified needs in a period of expansion.
- To make best use of any brownfield site within the Parish taking into consideration the need for housing, economic development, employment and recreational facilities.
- To make best use of any windfall sites which come available during the Plan period, taking into consideration the need for housing, economic development, employment and recreational facilities.

Access

Our aim is for Rottingdean to be a village that is welcoming, inclusive and accessible, providing barrier-free services and amenities that promote independence and equity of access and opportunity, including access to digital services and housing.

- To make provision for local young people to be able to access market housing in the Parish.
- To improve disabled access & permeability through the village, making it more pedestrian friendly.
- To facilitate mobility access to shops and amenity buildings, including toilets.
- To improve mobility access throughout the village
- To improve IT connectivity.

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Chapter 1

Strategic Development in Rottingdean

The Plan's Spatial Framework

The Plan's Spatial Framework ~~Strategic Development in Rottingdean~~

1. Context

1.1 Our starting point for this plan is for Rottingdean to remain recognisable as a downland village, distinct from neighbouring villages.

1.2 The settlement boundary lies within the defined boundary of Rottingdean Parish- (see ~~M~~[Map 1 page 8](#)). The Boundary has been drawn to reflect the present observable, developed edge of the village. It makes provision for the urban fringe sites within it identified in City Plan Part ~~1~~[One](#) SA4.

1.3 The preferred strategy presents a coherent combination of sites that effectively complete the opportunities to infill the village envelope without requiring incursions into the surrounding countryside. It is therefore considered the best way to deliver the vision and objectives of the Plan and manage change in the village.

1.4 The preferred strategy has not made direct provision for additional employment or retail land on the edges of the village. The Parish already supports a wide range of businesses including retail and service organisations on Rottingdean High Street and the subsidiary shopping areas outlined elsewhere in this Plan, care and nursing homes, the PO Sorting Office in Nevill Road and numerous sole traders operating from home.

1.5 Policy S1 provides an overall spatial policy context for the Plan. It is based on the identification of the settlement boundary. The first part of the policy offers general support for development within the settlement boundary that respects the site's contribution to the setting of the South Downs National Park and reflect its potential visual sensitivities. The second part identifies a series of development principles with which new development should comply. The third part sets out specific requirements for development within the designated Conservation Area. This approach should be read in association with the general principles included within Policy H3 of this Plan.

1.6 As part of the preparation of the Plan the Parish Council looked at the potential for the residential development of a range of sites within the settlement boundary. This approach would bring forward sustainable development in general terms, and would secure the development of brownfield land in particular. Nevertheless, the Parish Council has decided to craft a general, criteria-based policy for new development within the settlement boundary. It is anticipated that this will provide a degree of flexibility to the development industry within a non-prescriptive policy. However, the Parish Council would actively welcome proposals for the redevelopment of the Post Office Sorting Office, the car park to the rear of 55 High Street and the land at the Telephone Exchange and car park at Park Road.

1.7 Development proposals outside the settlement boundary will be strictly controlled. However, within the wider context of national and local policy development, proposals will be supported which are appropriate to a countryside location or which are consistent with the City Plan Part One. In terms of the former category, proposals will be supported for development as highlighted in paragraph 79 of the NPPF (2019). In terms of the latter category proposals will be supported for development as required to deliver any urban fringe sites which may arise from the City Plan Part One (Policy SA4) and the SDNPA Local Plan.



S1 - Development within and beyond the settlement boundary

The Neighbourhood Plan defines the Rottingdean village boundary, as shown on Map 1. ~~pa~~
Proposals for infill development within the boundary will be supported, provided they accord with the design and development management policies of the development plans and other policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

In particular development proposals should comply with the following criteria:

- make appropriate use of traditional and vernacular materials in the design and construction of the buildings concerned;
- respect the built character and appearance of the village;
- be in character in terms of scale and proposed density to the immediate locality and not result in an overdevelopment of the site concerned.
- respect the character and appearance of the surrounding countryside and rural setting of Rottingdean and not generate substantial harm to that character and appearance;
- respect the residential amenity of any surrounding properties.
- ensure that lighting schemes for the site comply with the SDNPA's dark skies criteria.
- seek the provision of appropriate footpath and cycle routes from the sites to the National Park.
- ensure any future application for development is designed using a landscape-led approach so that the design, layout and landscaping sensitively respond to local landscape character.
- ensure any future application for development includes a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.
- be of a scale, design and layout that can be safely and satisfactorily accommodated within the capacity or safety of the existing highway network; and
- be of a scale, design, layout and technical details that can be satisfactorily accommodated within the capacity of the existing water or sewage infrastructure.
- Proposals for development outside the village boundary will only be supported if they are appropriate to a countryside location and they are consistent with the relevant policies in the adopted Brighton & Hove City Plan or the South Downs National Park Local Plan.

1.8 In addition to the general criteria included in the second part of this policy development proposals in the Conservation Area (as shown on Policies ~~Map1-Map 2p8~~) should incorporate the following matters as appropriate to their scale, nature and location within the Conservation Area:

- building details, features and materials which take account of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and as described in the Conservation Area Character Statement;
- boundary treatments which include native hedgerows, stone, brick or flint walls or iron railings; and
- landscape proposals which include indigenous trees and other forms of vegetation.

1.9 The next policy recognises the valued function of the countryside and working farmland in shaping rural character. In some places, there are paddocks, recreational facilities, agricultural units and dwellings in open countryside or on the edge of village extending into the countryside beyond. The policy does not seek to prevent the improvement and extension of such uses. In addition, the third paragraph of the policy provides flexibility for new commercial and recreational development to be supported where that development would be in accordance with development plan policies. These may include City Plan Policy CP16. The Plan's spatial strategy is reflected in paragraph 1.3. It is on this basis that housing proposals are expected to come forward within or adjacent to the existing extent of the builtup area and without needing to take up land in the surrounding countryside.

Strategic-Local Gaps

1.10 This policy has three overlapping functions. The first is to protect the essential countryside character of two key areas between the built-up part of Rottingdean and the settlements of Woodingdean, Saltdean and Ovingdean. The second is to conserve natural wildlife corridors. protect and enhance the views of the South Downs National Park. The third is to prevent coalescence between the separate settlements and to protect their distinctive individual character and setting. The combination of these functions will conserve the way that Rottingdean sits in the wider landscape, and retain the agricultural landscapes preferably as working farmland or grazing areas in order to keep a clear 'rural' buffer between Rottingdean and the surrounding settlements.

1.11 These areas incorporate land to the west of Falmer Avenue on the eastern boundary of Rottingdean, bound by Westmeston Avenue to the east and Dean Court Road to the west and running alongside Whiteway Lane north-eastwards towards High Hill and Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve. They are shown on Map ~~2-3~~ on page 20 and have been drawn to include only the minimum essential area to achieve the policy objective. In each case they make a significant contribution to maintaining the individual character of their adjoining settlements.

1.12 The proposed Strategic-Local Gaps are within the South Downs National Park. As such, they have a degree of existing protection. Policy SD25 of the South Downs Local Plan sets out a broad development strategy for the National Park. The third part of that policy comments that the settlement pattern and individual identity of settlements and the integrity of predominantly open and undeveloped land between settlements will not be undermined.

1.13 The part of the neighbourhood area within the National Park is located within the identified Dip Slope. Policy SD25 of the Local Plan supports new development in identified settlements. These settlements do not include Rottingdean as its built form is located within the Brighton and Hove administrative area. Elsewhere development will be permitted outside of settlement boundaries in exceptional circumstances. These are identified as land allocated for development or safeguarded for the use proposed as part of the development plan; where there is an essential need for a countryside

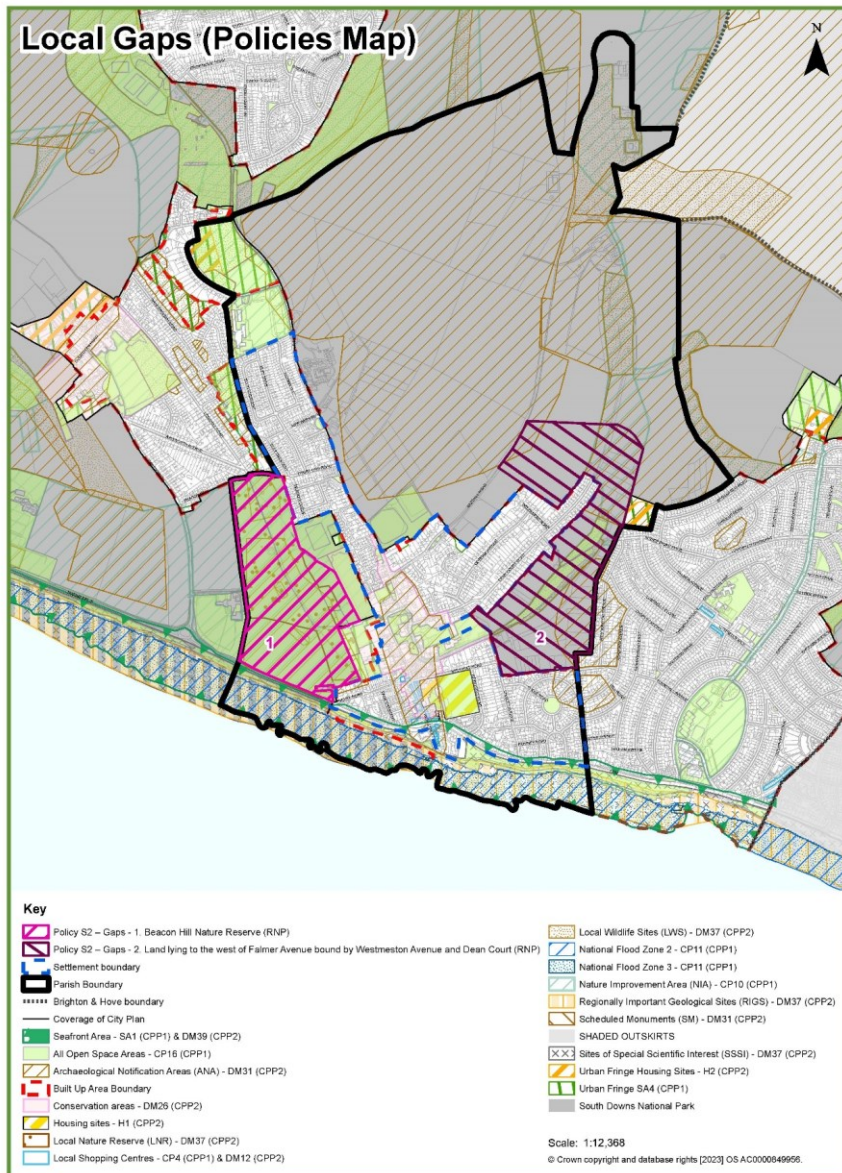
location; for community infrastructure where there is a proven need for the development that demonstrably cannot be met elsewhere; or where it is an appropriate reuse of a previously developed site, excepting residential gardens, and conserves and enhances the special qualities of the National Park.

1.14 The Parish Council has given careful consideration to the nature of this policy in the adopted South Downs Local Plan. On the one hand, Policy SD25 of the South Downs Local Plan provides a strategic context which will naturally safeguard the countryside and its broader relationship to the Downs landscape. On the other hand, the Parish Council wishes to complement the approach taken in the Local Plan by identifying the two Strategic Gaps. Within the context of the broader functions of this policy, their designation will prevent coalescence between the separate settlements and to protect their distinctive individual character and setting. This is an important matter for the local community. The separate settlements of Rottingdean, Ovingdean, Woodingdean and Saltdean have developed around their relationship with the natural landscape and the road network to the north and to coast to the south. This creates a very clear distinction between the built-up parts of the neighbourhood area and the surrounding countryside. In some cases, the gaps between the settlements are both small and highly sensitive. For clarity, the policy only applies within the neighbourhood area.

1.15 As with Policy SD25 of the South Downs Local Plan, the policy does not seek to prevent development that may otherwise be suited to a countryside location. In this case, it seeks to ensure that the scale, massing and height of proposals do not result in the integrity of an identified gap being undermined. Development that is consistent with this policy might include minor extensions to existing buildings,

Map 2-3 - Strategic Local Gaps Map





S2 - Strategic Local Gaps

The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the following Local Gaps on Map 23 on page 20:

1 Policy S2 – Strategic Gaps

2 The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the following Strategic Gaps:

3 Beacon Hill Nature Reserve (Gap 1):

4 Land lying to the west of Falmer Avenue bound by Westmeston Avenue and Dean Court Road, adjacent to Whiteway bridleway (Gap 2); and

5 Development proposals within the Strategic Gaps should retain the open character and appearance of the Gap concerned. Proposals for the re-use of rural buildings and agricultural development, playing fields, other open land uses and minor extensions to existing dwellings within the identified Strategic Gaps will be supported where they would preserve the separation between the settlements concerned and retain their individual identities.

6 Proposals which would detract from the open character of the Strategic Gaps or which would result in the coalescence of Rottingdean with a surrounding settlement will not be supported.

Beacon Hill Nature Reserve (Gap 1) Land lying to the west of Falmer Avenue bounded by Westmeston Avenue and Dean Court Road, adjacent to Whiteway bridleway (Gap 2).

Development proposals within the designated Local Gaps which would detract from the open character and appearance of the rural area or which would result in the coalescence of Rottingdean with other settlements will not be supported.

Proposals for the re-use or conversion of existing buildings within the Local Gaps will be supported, together with other proposals that are appropriate to the rural areas concerned, subject to such proposals conforming with all relevant policies in the adopted South Downs Local Plan and in this Plan.

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Chapter 2

Environment and Biodiversity

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Environment and Biodiversity

To conserve and enhance green and open spaces within the Parish, maintaining the strategic gaps which define the village and protect and enhance biodiversity.

Objectives

- To maintain and improve access to green spaces in Rottingdean for public use, for recreation or amenity space.
- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the nationally important landscape character of the South Downs
- To maintain and enhance recreational facilities provided by green and open spaces within the Parish of Rottingdean
- To secure, through the Neighbourhood Plan, Local Green Space designation for a number of sites which meet the related NPPF criteria.
- To protect and improve the biodiversity located in Rottingdean's green and open spaces.
- To maintain the rich tapestry of public footpaths, twittens and bridleways within Rottingdean Parish and enhance their use for public access, recreation and as wildlife corridors. (See [Map 314](#) ~~page 32~~)
- To secure enhancements to the character or appearance of the Rottingdean Conservation Area.

Context

2.1 The village of Rottingdean is bounded to the west, north and north-east by attractive downland whose significance is recognised by its inclusion in the South Downs National Park. Approximately two thirds of the Parish comprises downland lying within the National Park boundary. Beacon Hill now forms a 26.7 hectare Local Nature Reserve, following an 8.15 hectare extension being added in September 2017. It's important to recognise the contribution Rottingdean Parish Council makes to the conserving and enhancing of its natural beauty and landscape character. Some of the open green spaces which form part of the Parish boundary contribute to the strategic gaps which distinguish our village from Saltdean, Ovingdean and Woodingdean. The seafront forms the southern boundary of the village. This provides a habitat rich in flora and fauna together with inspirational views across the downland and English Channel. The western clifftop and associated grassland has been deemed a Site of Specific Scientific Interest and the National Park boundary runs down to the shoreline here.

2.2 The fabric of the village is perforated with areas of tree-lined streets, twittens and footpaths, grass verges and a comprehensive patchwork of green spaces. Some of the latter are important for leisure, recreation or quiet enjoyment. Many provide play areas for children and for organised sports activities. There are some nationally recognised sites of importance and others are simple areas of green space with grass and trees, which may have a historical association with a past development. They visually enhance the built up areas, at the same time providing important corridors and habitat for wildlife. They help to support and improve biodiversity of local wildlife and bring it closer to the community, reduce the risk of flooding, and improve the air quality. A key element of the character of the village is defined by its attractive conservation area. It is much-valued by local residents and visitors alike. It is very well-maintained in both its public and private realms. There are however areas where specific aspects of its appearance could be enhanced.

2.3 These spaces are valued by the local community and through our Neighbourhood Plan we wish to enhance them and where appropriate protect them from development through Local Green Space Designation.

Local Green Spaces

2.4 We have assessed a number of green and open spaces in the Parish against the criteria set out in the National Planning Policy Framework in order to determine whether they merit Local Green Space Designation. ~~The full list of spaces assessed can be found at Appendix 6a.~~ The NPPF also requires that local green space designations should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and should be capable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan Period. These important considerations are met in the submitted Plan. The proposed local green spaces feature within a neighbourhood area which includes a supportive policy for the delivery of sensitive infill housing development. No specific proposals have come forward for their development for residential purposes. In the case of LGS 7 (St Aubyns Field) the proposal relates to the wider brief for the redevelopment of this important site. In addition, there is no evidence to suggest that the various proposed local green spaces are incapable of enduring beyond the end of the Plan period. Indeed, in many cases they are established elements of the local environment and are sensitively managed as green spaces.

2.5 The Plan proposes Local Green Space Designation for a total of nine areas illustrated below which we judge to have satisfied the NPPF criteria.

LGS1 The Bowling Green

Map 4 LGS1



2.6 The Bowling Green is situated to the north of the village adjacent to The Green. It has been home to Rottingdean Bowling Club since 1934.

LGS2 Kipling Gardens and the Croquet Lawn

Map 5 LGS2



2.7 Formerly part of The Elms, where Rudyard Kipling lived from 1897 to 1902, the gardens were purchased and restored by Rottingdean Preservation Society in the 1980s. They were given over to the stewardship of Brighton Council in 1986 who hold them in trust. The multi-award winning gardens, enclosed within traditional flint walls, are considered to be a fine example of horticultural excellence and the Croquet Lawn and Club are located at its heart.

LGS3 Land on the Eastern Cliff, Marine Drive

Map 6 LGS3



2.8 This narrow and exposed cliff-top tract of grassland features some coastal specialist plants. The pathway, well-used by walkers and dog-walkers, affords open views of the Channel.

LGS4 Lutyens Gardens, The Green

Map 7 LGS4



2.9 A network of Sir Edwin Lutyens' designed gardens extending behind The Grange and Grange Lodge in part restored to the original Lutyens vision, following advice from English Heritage's Lutyens Dept.

LGS5 Quaker Burial Ground, The Green

Map 8 LGS5





2.10 A small green space bounded by flint walls now forming part of the garden of Coppers. A rare example of a surviving 17th Century Quaker Burial Ground which includes the Beard family tomb.

LGS6 Land surrounding Scout Hut, Whiteways Lane

[Map 9 LGS6](#)



2.11 Green amenity area adjacent to the South Downs National Park utilised by local Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs.

LGS7 St Aubyn's Field (remainder) Steyning Road/Newlands Road

Map 10 LGS7



2.12 An open area (1.4h) of land within the curtilage of the former St Aubyns School site, formerly used for sports matches, tennis and recreation. Includes a Grade II listed Cricket Pavilion and Victorian drinking-fountain. Provides open views and a 'green lung' close to the crowded High Street. See Appendix [7-2a](#) St Aubyns Planning Brief.

LGS8 St Margaret's Churchyard, The Green

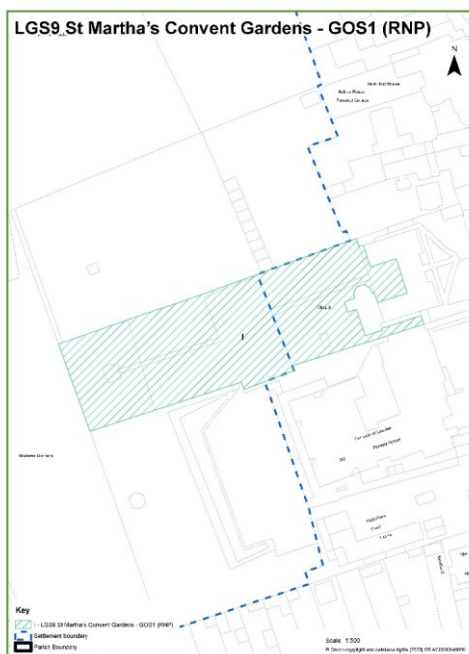
Map 11 LGS8



2.13 The village's only active public burial ground surrounding the Parish Church. Includes extensive walled burial gardens featuring War Museum registered plaques and village family graves.

LGS9 St Martha's Convent Gardens

Map 12 LGS9

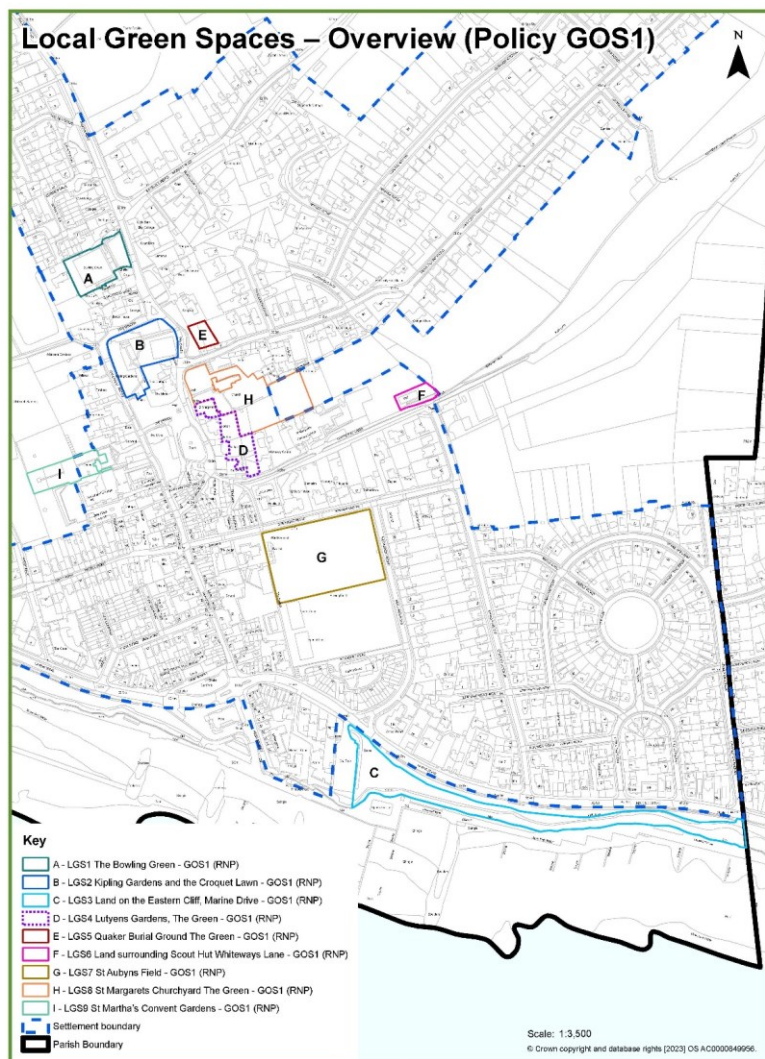


2.14 These gardens run up the eastern slope of Beacon Hill. They are used by the resident nuns, their visitors and children from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. They include a burial ground still in use by the Order. [See Appendix 6c Background Statement.](#)

GOS1 - Local Green Spaces designation Sites

Map 13 Local Green Spaces Overview Map

LGS1-9 are designated Local Green Spaces through this Plan in accordance with the criteria set out in Paragraphs 90 – 101 of the NPPF and City Plan Part II DM38. Proposals for built development (expecting the installation of essential utilities infrastructure) on Local Green Spaces will not be permitted unless it can clearly be demonstrated that it is consistent with the role and function of that Local Green Space.



Sites LGS1-LGS9, as listed below and as defined on the accompanying inset Maps, are designated a Local Green Spaces in accordance with the criteria set out at paragraph 102 of the NPPF and Policy DM38 of the adopted Brighton & Hove City Plan.

LGS1 – The Bowling Green

LGS2 – Kipling Gardens and the Croquet Lawn

LGS3 – Land on the Eastern Cliff, Marine Drive

LGS4 – Lutyens Gardens, The Green

LGS5 – Quaker Burial Ground, The Green
LGS6 – Land surrounding Scout Hut, Whiteways Lane
LGS7 – St Aubyns Field, Steyning Road/Newlands Road
LGS8 - St Margaret's Churchyard, The Green
LGS9 – St Martha's Convent Gardens

Development proposals in the designated Local Green Spaces listed above will be managed in accordance with national policy for Green Belts.

Other Key Green and Open Spaces in the Parish

2.15 The registered Village Green with its traditional water-lilled pond sits at the heart of our historic village.



2.16 Rottingdean also benefits from an area of 2.35 hectares of allotments to either side of Hog Plat. These are over-subscribed and provide exercise and enjoyment for many local people as well as encouraging the growth of local organic vegetables and flowers. The importance and necessity for these is evidenced by BHCC's Allotment Strategy 2014-2024 and the Open Space Strategy for Brighton and Hove. Other valued recreational green spaces include the Recreation Ground with its memorial play area and tennis courts, as well as the Cricket Ground, both accessed from Falmer Road

– (Map 5,16) p34.

GOS2 - Amenity ~~open~~ Open Spaces

Other valued green and open spaces including those currently in use for recreation, playing fields, allotments and tennis courts will be retained for their appropriate community use, ~~until approved evidence shows they are no longer needed.~~

Proposals for any alternative use or loss of these amenity open spaces will not be supported, unless there is substantial evidence that the facilities will not be required to meet the future needs of the community.

Biodiversity, Conservation and our Wildlife Corridor

2.17 The residential areas of Rottingdean Parish are surrounded by the South Downs National Park on three sides and by SSSI recognised cliffs and the English Channel to the south. Although the village is of historical importance we also believe in the concept of a living landscape for Rottingdean. The Parish of Rottingdean has a well-managed Nature Reserve, Beacon Hill, and ~~two~~ six other ~~Local Wildlife protection Sites~~ Local Wildlife Sites, namely Meadowvale, Ovingdean Copse (part), Wivelsfield Road Grassland (part) High Hill Pasture, Rottingdean Pond, Whiteways Lane and Balsdean Downland West Woods, as shown on Map 14. With the exception of Rottingdean Pond, ~~None~~ of these sites has a permanent water source ~~and it is known that~~ Rottingdean Pond, situated between them and in the heart of our village, is used extensively by local wildlife, including amphibians, invertebrates, wildfowl and other bird species, rodents, foxes and badgers.

2.18 Adjoining our Parish boundary to the north and west, and creating vital separation from the neighbouring village of Ovingdean, is a Wildlife Corridor recognised by The Woodland Trust and Sussex Wildlife Trust (see ~~wildlife Wildlife corridor Corridor Map 3.14, page 32~~) linking the South Downs National Park to the north and Beacon Hill NR and the SDNP to the west along the steep tree-lined banks of Longhill. (TPO Protected: 1. Tree Preservation Order (No 2) 2015 Land at Badgers Walk and Long Hill, Ovingdean Road. Issued 28/1/2015. Made permanent April 2015. 2. Tree Preservation Order (No 3) 2016 Longhill Road. Issued 12 April 2016. Made permanent 10 Oct 2016)

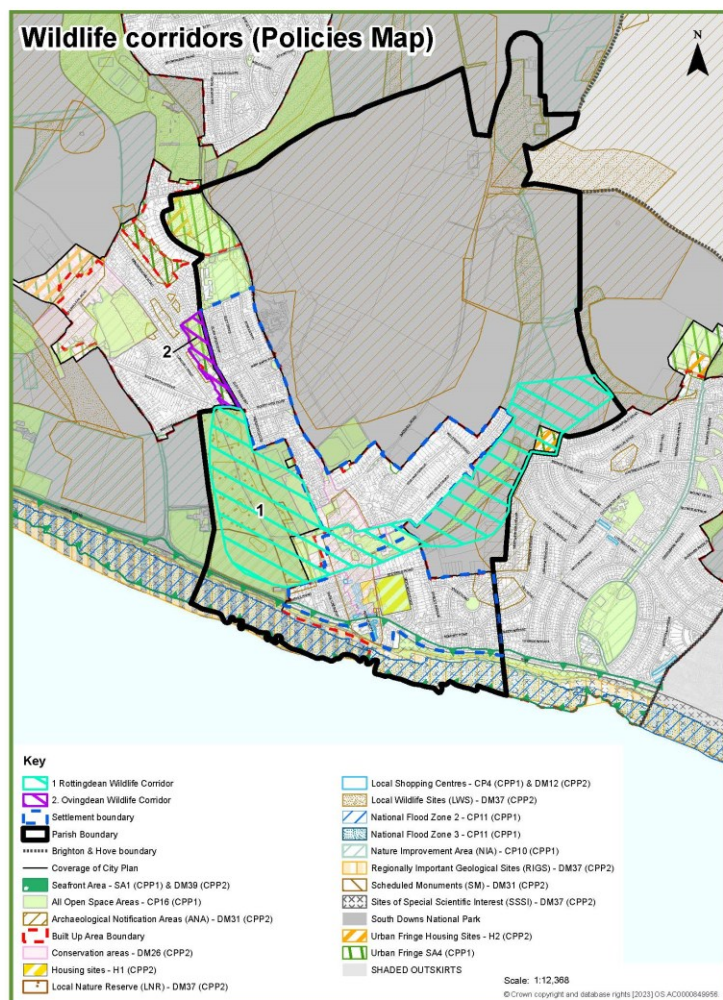
2.19 The Parish of Rottingdean is particularly rich in wildlife and the community is keen to see this protected and preserved for future generations. Reversing the decline in wildlife is a government priority and Rottingdean Parish seeks to support this by setting out clearly our commitment to protect and enhance our natural environment.



2.20 Neighbourhood Plans are about land issues which also include wildlife and biodiversity and a vital balance must be sought. A healthy natural environment that is rich in wildlife provides many benefits and opportunities for local communities (Ref: Beacon Hill NR Annual Report 2016). Wildlife and green spaces around Rottingdean add to our quality of life. This Neighbourhood Plan aims to protect local wildlife and habitat and seeks to take the opportunity to respect the natural wildlife corridors between key green spaces and recognized wildlife sites, to facilitate species' access, feeding and procreation. Many of the green spaces valued and used by parishioners can be seen to line up in an arc from northwest to northeast through the heart of Rottingdean village, as illustrated on map 3 p32. This arc represents the natural continuation in Rottingdean of the important Wildlife Corridor identified in Ovingdean that facilitates the movement of wildlife and species between these wildlife-rich sites and open spaces within our Parish. These include:

- Horse paddocks recently known as Meadow Vale
- The wooded Wildlife Corridor identified above
- Beacon Hill NR
- The Recreation Ground and Hilders Field (see maps 5 & 6 p34)
- The allotments and horse fields (see map 4 p33)
- Hog Plat
- Two Primary School playing fields and grounds
- The three burial grounds
- Kipling Gardens and the Lutyens Gardens
- The Village Green and Pond
- Whiteway Lane and Scout Hut grounds
- High Hill, Balsdean Woods and the SDNP to the north and east

Map 3 14 - Wildlife corridors **Corridors map**



2.21 By making biodiversity an integral part of our Neighbourhood Plan we can help to manage environmental risk and improve resilience to flooding, poor air-quality and climate change. [In](#)

accordance with national planning policy, development proposals will be expected to provide at least 10% measurable Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), in accordance with the relevant policies of the City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. This will ensure net gains in biodiversity that are additional to appropriate mitigation.

GOS3 - Wildlife and ~~biodiversity~~ Biodiversity

~~Proposals that contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the landscape of the South Downs, and its special qualities and conserve wildlife or enhance biodiversity will be supported. Proposals which respect biodiversity and green space in and around developments are encouraged, particularly where the space forms part of, or is adjacent to, the wildlife corridor, also refers.~~

~~New development proposals which cause potential harm to the wildlife corridor would only be supported when suitable mitigation measures are proposed. New developments should avoid causing harm to the special qualities of the National Park, including through development in its setting.~~

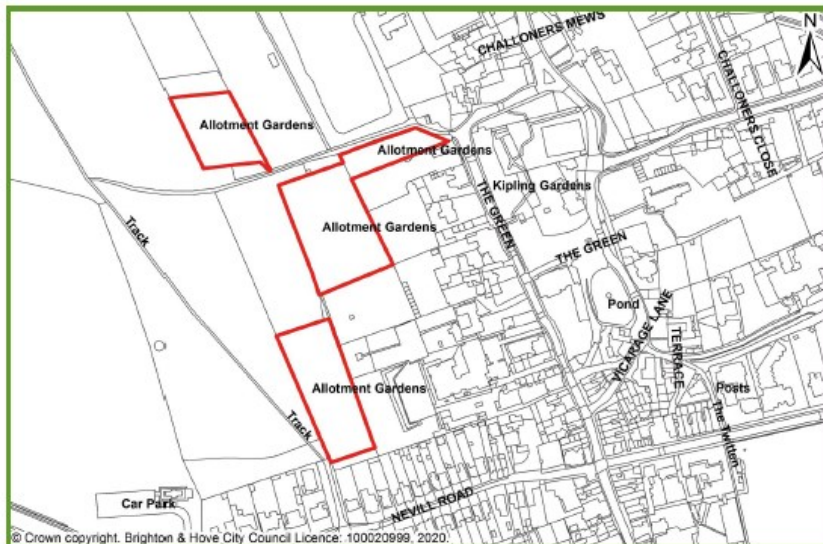
Proposals that conserve and enhance the landscape of the South Downs and its special qualities, and conserve and enhance wildlife and biodiversity will be supported. Proposals which respect, enhance and provide green linkages with biodiversity and green space within and around developments will be encouraged, particularly where the space forms part of, or is adjacent to, the Wildlife Corridors defined on Map 14.

Proposals for new development which would cause any potential harm to the Wildlife Corridors will not be supported unless they are justified in the public interest and suitable mitigation measures are proposed.

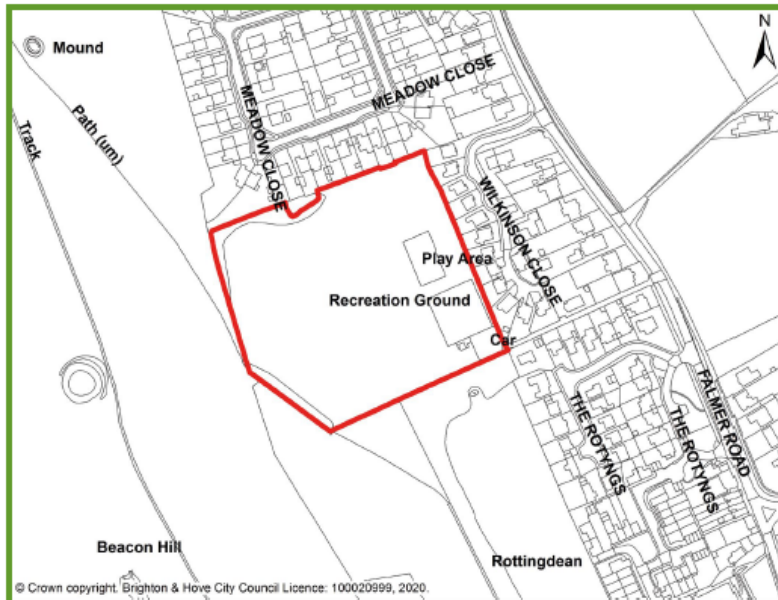
Development proposals should avoid causing harm to the special qualities of the South Downs National Park, including development in its setting.

In accordance with the Environment Act 2021, development proposals will, where necessary, need to include a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirement of at least 10% above the baseline position.

Map 4-15 → Allotments



Map 5-16 - Recreation Ground



Map 6-17 Hilders Field



Conservation Area Enhancements

~~2.22 The Rottingdean Conservation Area is an important component of the built environment of the neighbourhood area. It is much valued by local residents and visitors alike. It is very well maintained in both its public and private realms. Other policies elsewhere in the Plan provide a context within which new developments will be expected to preserve or enhance the character or appearances of the conservation area.~~

~~2.23 The character and appearances of the Conservation Area is already well documented in the City Council's Rottingdean Conservation Area Character Statement. As such the Neighbourhood Plan does not repeat this exercise. Nevertheless, it has taken into account the limited number of intrusive features which erode the historic character of the area which are set out in the above Statement on a Character Area basis.~~

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Chapter 3

Housing and Design

Housing and Design

To achieve planned housing growth over the plan period to meet the needs of the village whilst making provision for timely, suitable and adequate infrastructure

Objectives

- To make best use of any brownfield site within the Parish taking into consideration the needs for infrastructure, economic development, employment and recreational facilities.
- To make best use of any windfall sites which come available during the Plan period, taking into consideration the need for housing, economic development, employment and recreational facilities.
- To make provision for local young people to be able to access market housing in the Parish.

Balancing the Housing Mix

3.1 The average age of Rottingdean residents is 48 years as opposed to the Brighton and Hove area average of 36, including Rottingdean. Rottingdean has double the over-65 population percentage of Brighton and Hove. Rottingdean residents live at a population density of 2.06 persons per household with 14% of Rottingdean households having single occupancy.

3.2 42% of Rottingdean's housing mainly consists of low-density detached properties of 3, 4 or more bedrooms per house but the greatest demand for housing in Rottingdean, identified in the village survey, is for 1 and 2 bedroom accommodation. There is much anecdotal evidence of lone pensioners in large detached houses wanting to downsize and stay in Rottingdean. Whilst the spacious environment and downland location of Rottingdean village does create a demand for larger family houses as well, it is argued minimal growth in larger house numbers is needed due to the majority of large family houses already in existence. Policy H1 seeks to support an average 2.65 bedrooms per property. In the 2011 Census, Rottingdean Parish already had 2.82 bedrooms per home offering evidence in support of this policy.

3.3 BHCC's City Plan Part ~~1~~ One strategic objective SO4 'addresses the housing needs of Brighton and Hove by working with partners to provide housing that meets the needs of all communities in the City, achieving a mix of housing types, sizes and tenures that is affordable, accessible, designed to a high standard and adaptable to future change.' The needs of current and future members of Rottingdean community differ from those of the City and the South Downs National Park SDLP Policy 27 and are set out in Policy H1 of this Neighbourhood Plan, supported by the Analysis of our Housing Needs Survey 2015. This is designed to guide development appropriate to the needs of Rottingdean. This evidence specific to Rottingdean indicates that the 70% mix of 2 and 3-bedroom homes should be equally split between the two sizes of dwellings.

Design – local context

3.4 The character of Rottingdean village is closely linked to its landscape setting, nestled between the open downland of the South Downs National Park, which acts as an immediate reminder of the village's rural location, and the sea. Just 4 miles to the east of the city of Brighton & Hove, the village of Rottingdean is a distinct settlement from the urban conurbation and maintains a strong village identity, with an old-fashioned high street at its core and an eclectic mix of properties expanding outwards towards Ovingdean.

H1 - Balancing the Housing Mix

Housing developments of 5 or more dwellings should conform to the following proportions of dwelling types, insofar as these proportions would be consistent with the size of the site and the development of a good layout and design in relation to the immediate locality:

10% - one bedroom;

35% - two bedrooms;

35% - three bedrooms;

20% - 4 or more bedrooms.

~~Proposals that increase the proportion of 1, 2 & 3-bedroom properties and reduce the proportion of 4 or more bedroom properties over and above those set out in the first part of this policy will be supported~~

3.5 The origins of the Parish of Rottingdean are in farming with many of the dwellings still in existence and a mix of 16th and 17th century cottages, mock Tudor buildings and grand Georgian houses. These original buildings used local materials, mainly flint, and through the centuries this resource has continued to be a key feature in many of the buildings that have been built. Flint walls and facades feature in many of the historic buildings, most notably in the Conservation Area that forms the heart of the ~~village, and~~ village and is an integral part of Rottingdean's character.



3.6 Over time and as the then Borough of Brighton expanded from the 1930s, Rottingdean saw newer developments of mainly bungalows along its northern spine stretching out towards Ovingdean, and the building of larger detached family homes along Dean Court Road. Whilst the Parish boundaries to the east have become blurred with Saltdean, with a variety of larger detached homes, there remain natural gaps to the north and west, with protection on either side from the South Downs National Park. The Village Character Statement, (Appendix ~~12-3~~ of this document, shows examples of the style of properties that can be found in the village).

3.7 Policies H1 and H2 set out the Plan's approach to the design of new residential development in the Plan area. They take account of the very distinctive character of the Plan area and the importance that the community attach to this matter. ~~Policy H3 applies throughout the Plan area.~~ Policy ~~H4~~ H3 additionally applies to development proposals in the Conservation Area.

3.8 The Village Character Statement has been produced in parallel with the Neighbourhood Plan. It describes the overall character of the Plan area in general and its component parts in particular. It provides sufficient detail to allow developers both to understand and to appreciate the local design cues and vernacular details and how they should apply to new development.

Design Principles for New Developments in the Plan area

3.9 Development proposals should have regard to the following design principles, as appropriate;

- They are in sympathy with] the relevant geographic section of the Rottingdean Village Character Statement, BHCC Urban Characterisation Study
- They are in sympathy with historic plot boundaries, hedgerows and enclosure walls;
- They should respect a sense of place and the visual quality of the environment;
- Swift Boxes/bricks are required to be provided on appropriate/ suitable development as set out in in BHCC's SPD11.
- All new development /extensions are required to incorporate bee bricks at a rate of one bee brick per dwelling. Different requirements may be required for major applications, as set out in BHCC's SPD11.

- Other measures, such as integrated boxes, to support various species such as bats could be provided as set out in BHCC's SPD11;
- Proposals for new garages, outbuildings, extensions or tall garden walls and fences must be subservient in scale;
- The impacts on residential amenity of the construction arrangements are minimized by way of lorry movement, deliveries, working times, lighting and loss of vegetation wherever possible;
- They do not include installing pavements or kerbs to existing village lanes;
- Proposed parking arrangements should seek innovative solutions that do not necessitate large expanses of driveway nor the loss of vegetation along the highway but do not necessitate parking on village lanes;
- The layout, orientation and massing of new houses on larger residential schemes must
- avoid an estate-style appearance by dividing the developable area into distinct parcels and by responding to the historic grain of the development in the village, including its road and footpath network and historic property boundaries;
- They use permeable surfaces on driveways and use sustainable drainage systems that;
- can connect directly to an existing or new wet environment wherever possible; and
- They will not require the culverting of existing ditches.

~~3.9~~ ~~3.10~~ ~~This p~~ Policy ~~H3~~ refines City Plan Part ~~1~~ ~~One~~ Policy CP15 on the historic environment by identifying three key principles that help define the specific character of the Conservation Area in the Parish. The RPNP recognises that new development should reinforce the local distinctiveness of the Conservation Area as set out in the detailed Conservation Area Character Appraisal and where appropriate be designed to enhance its setting. New development (including its scale, height, mass, form, detailing and use of traditional building techniques) should seek to avoid causing any harm to the significance of any heritage asset including its setting. For all listed buildings, and for alterations or extensions to heritage assets in the Conservation ~~aAea~~ ~~Area~~, supporting information should demonstrate an understanding of the significance of the heritage asset affected. It should also set out how the proposed changes will retain and, where possible, enhance that significance.

~~3.10~~ ~~3.11~~ The constraints presented within the Conservation Area offer few opportunities for new development beyond some in-fill and extension of existing properties. Where new development does take place and alterations or extensions to buildings are proposed, it is vital to ensure that this is done in a way that is sensitive to the historic character and appearance.

~~3.11~~ ~~3.12~~ The principal characteristic of the Conservation Area is the close relationship between the individual buildings themselves, the wider townscape layout and with the green spaces between and within the developments Some of these green spaces are designated as local green spaces elsewhere in the Plan.

H2 - Design

Development proposals will be supported, provided they complement, enhance and reinforce the local distinctiveness of the village and where appropriate are designed to enhance the setting of the ~~conservation~~ Conservation areas and ~~their~~ its surroundings.

Proposals must show clearly how the scale, mass, density, layout, materials to be employed and design of the site, building or extension fits in with the character of the immediate area and wider context within the village. The scale of new developments should conserve and enhance the rural character and appearance of the village and its landscape setting as defined in the Village Character Statement, BHCC Urban Characterisation Study and Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

~~In addition, development proposals will be supported if they have had regard to the following design principles, as appropriate:~~

Proposals for new development in the Plan area will be supported where they clearly show that they have taken into account and followed the design principles underpinning this Policy which are set out at paragraph 3.9 in the Plan.

- ~~• They are in sympathy with] the relevant geographic section of the Rottingdean Village Character Statement, BHCC Urban Characterisation Study~~
- ~~• They are in sympathy with historic plot boundaries, hedgerows and enclosure walls;~~
- ~~• They should respect a sense of place and the visual quality of the environment BHCC~~
- ~~• Buildings should include Bat boxes and Swift bricks~~
- ~~• Proposals for new garages, outbuildings, extensions or tall garden walls must be subservient in scale~~
- ~~• The impacts on residential amenity of the construction arrangements are minimized by way of lorry movement, deliveries, working times, lighting and loss of vegetation wherever possible~~
- ~~• They do not include installing pavements or kerbs to existing village lanes~~
- ~~• Proposed parking arrangements should seek innovative solutions that do not necessitate large expanses of driveway nor the loss of vegetation along the highway but do not necessitate parking on village lanes~~
- ~~• The layout, orientation and massing of new houses on larger residential schemes must avoid an estate style appearance by dividing the developable area into distinct parcels and by responding to the historic grain of the development in the village, including its road and footpath network and historic property boundaries~~
- ~~• They use permeable surfaces on driveways and use sustainable drainage systems that can connect directly to an existing or new wet environment wherever possible; and~~
- ~~• They will not require the culverting of existing ditches.~~

H3 - Design Principles in the Conservation Area and its ~~their~~ Settings

Development proposals in the Conservation Areas, as shown on the Policies Map, will be supported, provided they have full regard to the following design principles:

- Boundary treatments to highways and village lanes should comprise the use of native hedgerow, stone, brick or flint boundary walls or iron railings as appropriate to the immediate context of the site;
- There should be no sub-division of the historic curtilage of listed buildings where this would cause harm to the architectural and historic significance of the building and its setting unless there are demonstrable public benefits that are so great as to outweigh the harm and;
- Landscape schemes should include local indigenous trees and features that form part of the vernacular of the Conservation Area.

Conservation Area Enhancements

3.13 The Rottingdean Conservation Area is an important component of the built environment of the neighbourhood area. It is much-valued by local residents and visitors alike. It is very well-maintained in both its public and private realms. Other policies elsewhere in the Plan provide a context within which new developments will be expected to preserve or enhance the character or appearances of the conservation area.

3.14 The character and appearances of the Conservation Area is already well-documented in the City Council's Rottingdean Conservation Area Character Statement. As such the Neighbourhood Plan does not repeat this exercise. Nevertheless, it has taken into account the limited number of intrusive features which erode the historic character of the area which are set out in the above Statement on a Character Area basis.

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Chapter 4

Employment and Enterprise

Employment and Enterprise

To foster sustainable trade, tourism and economic development in Rottingdean.

Objectives

- To ensure an adequate supply of visitor accommodation in the Parish.
- To support the use of public transport to access the village.
- To improve parking facilities for shoppers and visitors.
- To retain and support a diverse and relevant retail offer at the heart of Rottingdean.
- To encourage the provision of accessible retail premises.

Context

4.1 Rottingdean caters for local residents, traders, employees and not least, visitors. The Local Shopping Centre in Rottingdean is based within its historic Conservation Area and predominantly in the High Street as recognised in City Plan Part 1 CP4 (See Map [10-18p48](#)). The economic viability of the village is dependent upon a thriving, accessible and safe High Street. High traffic levels, poor air quality and poor disabled access present a series of challenges. However, the High Street also provides the main point of access for visitors to the village, particularly those arriving by public transport. Subsidiary shopping areas are located on roads adjoining the High



Sustainable Tourism

4.2 The heritage offer in Rottingdean is very significant, having served as home to Rudyard Kipling and Edward Burne-Jones and the tennis player Fred Perry, as well as a number of other famous writers and artists. The Grange, a former vicarage, was owned at one time by the artist William Nicholson who commissioned Lutyens to design its flint-walled chalk gardens. St Margaret's Church contains seven Burne-Jones windows and the village participated in smuggling activity from the 17th to the 19th centuries. The number of arts visitors to Rottingdean has increased significantly with the advent of the Rottingdean Arts Music Festival in 2009, the Kipling Festival and annual 'Smugglers' events.



4.3 Many visitors come to Rottingdean each year, either as a bespoke destination or as part of a tour of Sussex and surrounding areas. They include people living in other parts of the city wanting a local village experience. On the basis of this evidence, the community considers it vital to safeguard local visitor accommodation. Policy T01 adopts a policy-based approach to this matter. In doing so, it is recognised that not all existing accommodation may be commercially viable.

T01 – Visitor Accommodation

▲ The conversion of visitor accommodation (hotels and guest houses) to other uses will only be supported where:

- ~~Survey data indicates there is no longer sufficient demand~~

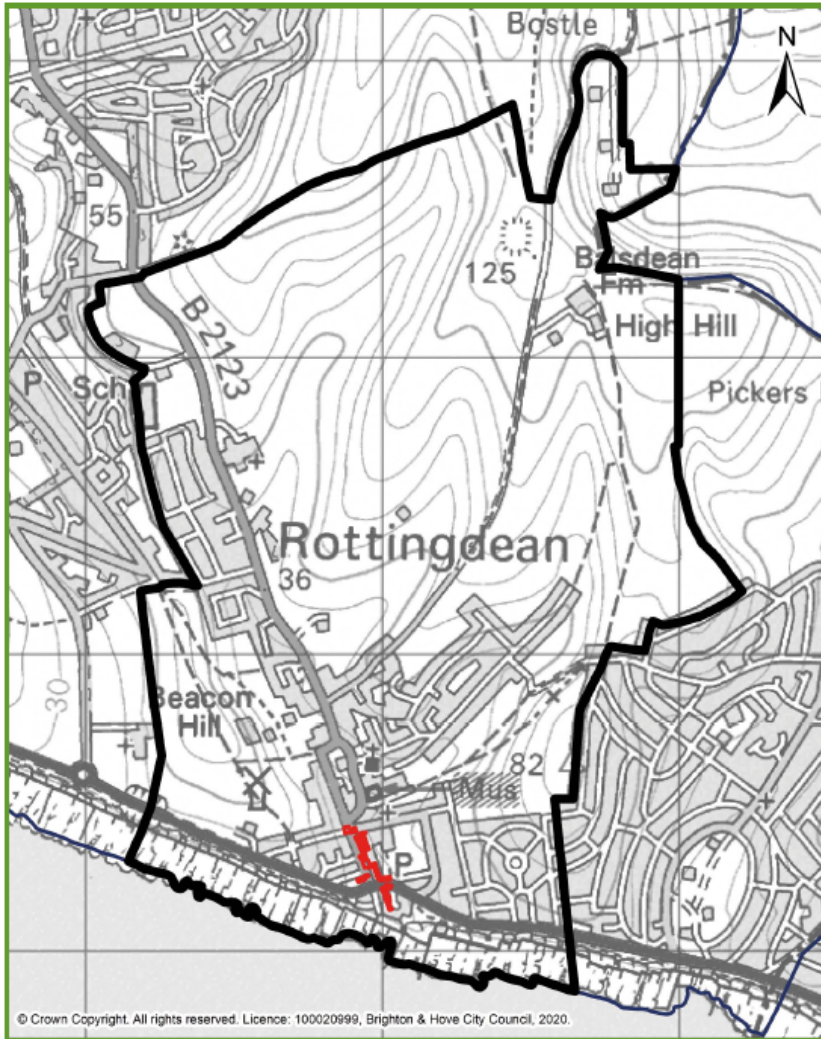
It can be demonstrated from bookings, reservations and occupancy data that the continued use of the premises as a hotel or guest house will no longer be economically viable.

Retail Provision

4.4 Contained within the Conservation Character Area, the Local Shopping Centre in Upper and Lower High Street predominantly consists of small to medium retail units. This has encouraged the continued presence of a mix of small independent retail businesses. Several of the shops on the east side of Upper High Street have stepped entrances, alongside access to accommodation above. Since the closure of the GP Surgery at Meadow Parade, one retail business remains. ~~Any proposed change of use here would be considered against the individual shop or parade policy in City Plan Part 2.~~

Map 10-18 The Local Shopping Centre

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4.5 The Local Shopping Centre is shown in Map 1018, page 48. Policy EE1 sets out policy standards for physical alterations to retail units in the conservation area. Its focus is twofold. In the first instance it sets out to safeguard the special and distinctive building plot widths. Their traditional character and size contribute significantly to the character of the Conservation Area. In the second instance it seeks to ensure that sensitive vernacular materials are used within any physical alterations. In the local context the use of flint, brick and render are a natural and well-established part of the street scene.

EE1 - Shop Front Character & Design in the Conservation Area



Proposals for the alteration to the external appearance of existing retail units in the Conservation Area will be supported where:

- They would preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area
- Their frontages incorporate flint, brick and render
- The shop windows make use of domestic windows with lettering on the glass or a fascia/lettering on the wall
- Design of fascia boards should aim to achieve a balance between the desired visual impact and sustaining the character of the Village

Photos x2

4.6 The continued vibrancy of the village is dependent on a strong retail environment. To ensure this there is a need to encourage:

- Promotion of the shopping areas to residents and visitors
- The opening of specialist shops
- A broad range of goods and services including financial services, restaurants and cafes and other leisure activities.

EE2 – Accessible Retail Units

~~Policy EE2 concerns improved access to retail units.~~

~~Modifications to existing shop fronts, steps and entrance points which improve access for all will be supported.~~

Chapter 5

Community Facilities

Community Facilities

To ensure good quality, accessible and fit-for-purpose community facilities within the Parish which promote community cohesion and social inclusion.

Objectives

- To encourage the provision of safe, welcoming and accessible spaces and meeting places within the Parish.
- To encourage facilities which support health, fitness and wellbeing.
- To encourage facilities which support creative and cultural activities.
- To encourage facilities which support lifelong learning and recreation.
- To promote community resilience.

Context

5.1 Community services and facilities are an important part of any community and encourage community involvement, interaction and sustainable development, as well as supporting wellbeing and access to health provision.

5.2 It is considered that the majority of the community facilities within the village are of a good quality, are used on a regular basis and provide useful spaces in order to provide social activities. However, as the village grows and with pressure from new developments within and on the village boundaries, some key services and facilities are being put under strain, most notably health and dental services, as well as schools.

5.3 In order to support growth and maintain the vibrancy of the village and wellbeing of its community, these existing facilities should be protected and any loss of these facilities should be opposed. Furthermore, the Parish Council supports the development of additional community facilities and encourages new developments to bring new or enhanced facilities to the village.

5.4 The key community services and facilities within the village are identified as:

- Dental Practices
- Longhill High School
- Our Lady of Lourdes School
- St Margaret's School



5.5 Other notably important community services and facilities include:

- Beacon Hub
- Black Horse Public House
- Coach House Public House
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall
- Park Road toilets
- Plough Public House
- Queen Victoria Public House
- Rottingdean Club
- St Margaret's Church
- The Grange
- The Parish Room
- The Scout Hut
- The Terraces
- The Village Hall
- The Windmill
- The Whiteway Centre
- The Recreation Ground & toilets (see map [5-16p34](#))
- The Cricket Pavilion and Sports Ground

CF1 - Provision of Community Facilities

Proposals to redevelop or change the use of an existing community facility or land or buildings last used as a community facility will only be supported where one of the following ~~conditions~~ criteria is met:

- A replacement facility to compensate for the loss of the existing facility is to be provided on an alternative site within the Parish, or in the immediate curtilage of the Parish where there is a clear local need for the site to be relocated and a more central site within the village is not available. The new site should be readily accessible from the village on foot, bike or by public transport; ~~or by car.~~
- It ~~can be~~ ~~has been satisfactorily~~ demonstrated that active, flexible and appropriate marketing of the site for community uses has been undertaken and that it would not be economically viable or feasible to retain the existing community facility and that there is no reasonable prospect of securing an alternative community use of the land or building.

Chapter 6

Air Quality and Traffic Management

Air Quality and Traffic Management

To reduce the volume of vehicle traffic passing through Rottingdean to tackle congestion and improve air quality, whilst encouraging sustainable transport.

Objectives

- Work with the local Police and BHCC to reduce illegal HGV journeys on the B2123 will continue.
- Partnership work with adjoining authorities to relieve congestion on the A259 Coast Road will continue.
- Our Project List will continue to make traffic management measures a priority in order to attract developer contributions.
- Pedestrian safety will be a paramount consideration in any traffic management scheme.
- Measures to reduce speeding traffic will be pursued.

Intentions

- To relieve congestion in both the High Street, particularly at peak travel times, and the A259 Coast Road from high volumes of commuter traffic, delivery vehicles and school journeys by improved traffic management and better local transport.
- Support greater use of other forms of transport other than the use of petrol/diesel private cars, to access Rottingdean, including electric vehicles, walking, cycling and increased take-up of public transport.
- To address the high air pollution levels caused by idling traffic and vehicle acceleration, particularly by diesel-fuelled vehicles at key points in Rottingdean High Street and thus reduce the risk to public health. If petrol/diesel fuelled vehicles continue to decline in numbers and more drivers stop their engines when idling, this will make an improvement.
- To encourage greater footfall and increased spend in the High Street by reducing traffic noise, volume and fumes and providing a safer, more accessible and ambient environment.
- To restrict damage to the historic built environment within the Conservation Area through a reduction in vibrations caused by heavy goods vehicles passing through the High Street.
- To reduce the number of lorries abusing the ban on non-essential HGV journeys along the B2123

6. Context

6.1 The topography surrounding Rottingdean, which lies in a valley close to the sea, means vehicular access is restricted with the B2123 running from north to south through the centre and the A259 running from east to west close to the seafront. This T-shaped network of roads brings with it its own special problems.

6.2 Congestion on the A259 Coast Road is already at an unsustainable level particularly during extended busy times and will worsen without intervention. Unrestricted expansion of traffic would lead to further congestion and impact further on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area in the village.



6.3 The adopted Lewes District Local Plan Part 1 details that the planned level of housing growth in Newhaven & Peacehaven between 2010 – 2030 is 1677 dwellings in Newhaven and 1224 dwellings in Peacehaven and Telscombe although this will be reduced due to recent house building up to 2017 to 1482 dwellings in Newhaven and 738 dwellings in Peacehaven and Telscombe. This is likely to considerably affect and very likely to increase vehicle movements on the A259 into Brighton and through the High Street. Both Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe are currently working on developing their own neighbourhood plans and if adopted, the planned level of housing growth may exceed the numbers set out above.

6.4 The current planned developments both within Rottingdean and to the east, in the plan period, are likely to increase the traffic flows through Rottingdean, putting additional pressure on its existing infrastructure and the capacity of the A259.

6.5 Reports from the 2016 ESCC Traffic Monitoring Team have confirmed the high levels of traffic and the Air Quality ~~Monitoring~~ Management Area in the High Street has historically shown levels of air pollution over legal limits. Additional monitoring has highlighted speeding traffic on Falmer Road, the northern entrance to the village.



6.6 The primary causes of poor air quality in the “canyon” part of the High Street are traffic volumes and congestion. Pedestrian safety is compromised by HGVs flouting restrictions and using the B2123 and High Street and the narrow pavements on the west side of the High Street immediately above the junction with the A259. Ease of movement and accessibility are essential for the economic and social life of the village. Good air quality is a key component of healthy living. The health and wellbeing of residents, visitors and those working or studying here are a priority of this Neighbourhood Plan.

6.7 Actions to improve public transport together with a longer term strategic plan to improve the road transport network will need the concerted effort of ~~the~~ National Highways Authority; East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and Brighton & Hove City Council, with the involvement of Telscombe and Peacehaven Town Councils. and the Parish Council.

AQ1 - Reducing Traffic Congestion in Rottingdean ~~Volume passing through the village~~

~~Development proposals should show how they integrate with other roads and the existing built environment. The sites should be laid out to provide car parking to in conformity with the requirements of City Plan Part II or any future revisions throughout the duration of this Plan with the aim of recording emissions and an improved understanding of what actions bring about sustainable improvements in air quality.~~

Proposals for new development within the Plan area which incorporate measures and/or infrastructure to promote walking and cycling, and the use of public transport, in order to reduce traffic generation, will be encouraged.

The Parish Council will work in partnership with the City Council, East Sussex County Council, public transport providers and other stakeholders to promote measures that will achieve a reduction in the volumes of traffic passing through the village, for example by promoting active and sustainable travel wherever possible.

6.8 The Parish is keen to ensure that Air Quality Monitoring in the High Street continues.

AQ2 - Improving Air Quality in Rottingdean High Street

New proposals for residential or commercial development should have regard to the existing ~~AQMA~~ Air Quality Management Area in Rottingdean High Street. ~~Their designs and layouts~~ Proposals should take account of the 'Air Quality and emissions mitigation guidance for Sussex (2021)' published by the Sussex Air Quality Partnership. ~~should provide particular support~~ The design and layout of development schemes should ensure there is good access for local residents and employees to travel to and from the sites on foot, by bicycle or by public transport. Development proposals must demonstrate how air quality improvements can be made, either by direct action or by mitigation.

6.9 The overall aim is to ease traffic through the High Street and to reduce air pollution to below the EU legal limit or any new legal limits and to promote further reductions.

6.10 Rottingdean Parish Council supports the introduction and sustainable growth of Electric Vehicle Charging Points within the Parish, to encourage the use of electric vehicles in preference to diesel or petrol vehicles which impact negatively on air quality.

AQ3 - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

~~All new detached or semi-detached residential properties in the neighbourhood area should be provided with an electric car vehicle charging point to industry standards at the time that the planning application is determined. Insofar as planning permission is required, proposals for the installation of electric vehicle charging points in existing residential or commercial areas will be supported where the charging points will not impact negatively on the existing street scene and are in conformity with City Plan Part II DM36.~~

The Parish Council will support all initiatives to introduce additional electric vehicle charging points at appropriate locations within the Plan area, in order to promote improvements to air quality and to encourage sustainable development.

Chapter 7

Monitoring & Review

7.1 Brighton & Hove City Council and the South Downs National Park Authority are each undertaking reviews of their current adopted Local Plans. Public consultations are expected to take place in 2024 and 2025. In due course, this Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed when necessary to seek to align the Neighbourhood Plan with the new Local Plans covering the Parish.

Appendices

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~~Appendix 1 – Evidence and Justification~~

~~Appendix 2 – Engagement~~

Appendix ~~3~~1 - References

~~Appendix 4 – Basic Conditions Statement~~

~~Appendices 5a-d – Statement of Community Involvement Background Documents~~

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Appendix ~~7~~2a - St Aubyns Planning Brief

~~Appendix 8 – Site Assessments~~

~~Appendix 9a-b – Housing Needs Survey~~

Appendix ~~10a~~2b - Rottingdean Conservation Area

~~Appendix 11 – Policy GOS4 Specific Issues~~

Appendix ~~12~~3 - Village Character Statement

~~Appendix 13 – Rottingdean Parish Neighbourhood Area Map~~

Brighton & Hove City Council

Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Economic Development Committee

Agenda Item 40

Subject: Pride Five Year Review

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For general release

1. Purpose of the report and policy context

- 1.1 This report sets out plans for Pride in 2024 and outlines ambitions for 2025-2028. It provides a brief review of the operational and financial challenges/opportunities since the last review was carried out in 2019.
- 1.2 The provision of a 5 year consent is vital to the event to enable multi-year contractor and sponsorship arrangements that help to ensure the financial stability of the organization and to protect the social value of the event as outlined in paragraphs 3.4-3.7. This mirrors the structure agreed pre-COVID
- 1.3 In the intervening years since the last review the events industry has experienced an unprecedented negative impact in the form of the COVID19 Pandemic and continues to experience both supply side and consumer pressure due to the growing cost of living crisis. This culminated in 2023 when bad weather and a cancellation of rail services resulted in an extremely challenging year for Brighton and Hove Pride CIC (BPCIC) resulting in a substantial financial loss.
- 1.4 This report sets out the unique national identity of the Pride celebrations in the city and requests permission to agree a five-year landlords consent arrangement for the Parade, Preston Park and Village Street Party activations, with an agreed income recuperation model for Brighton and Hove City Council over the next 5 years.
- 1.5 Landlords consent is required for all City events to take place on public land and is the first stage before an event receives full approval. Once consent is granted all events are required to meet the conditions of the license to use public land which including the presentation of detailed event plans which must be agreed by the council and other statutory partners. Event organisers are also required to engage effectively with the City events SAG (Safety Advisory Group) through meetings and correspondence to ensure all

plans are suitably scrutinised. The council withholds the right to withdraw consent at any time if the high standards set out in the license and events charter are not met.

- 1.6 The report also requests that the committee delegates authority to officers to continue looking at how the events which make up the current Pride CIC celebrations might evolve across the five-year term, and the potential developments and partnerships required in order to bid for and deliver Euro Pride in 2030 as detailed in paragraphs 3.32 and 3.33.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee agrees to grant landlord's consent from 2024-2028 to Brighton and Hove Pride CIC (BPCIC) to continue to deliver the Pride Parade, Village Street party and Preston Park activities.
- 2.2 That Committee agrees to implement the charging structure set out at paragraph 3.9.
- 2.3 That Committee agrees to allow BPCIC to utilise the Preston Park site for an additional weekend each year in principal, subject to a full community consultation process and a clear event plan, as outlined in paragraphs 3.15-3.18 below.
- 2.4 That the committee delegates authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Culture in consultation with the chair of this committee, to vary consent for the Pride Celebration events as laid out in paragraphs 3.10-3.31 below.

3. Context and background information

3.1 Background

Pride has been an annual event in the city for over 30 years and is the largest event hosted by the city of Brighton and Hove. It takes place on the first weekend of August and is now one of the largest Pride events in Europe attracting local regional, national and international visitors to the city. This brings additional revenue economic growth for accommodation providers and the business sector who have a guaranteed income from the many visitors to the city over Pride weekend.

- 3.2 The weekend is made up of a number of key events across the city including:

- the Pride LGBTQ parade on Saturday afternoon,
- the Fabuloso festival in Preston Park on Saturday and Sunday
- Pride Street Party on Saturday and Sunday
- the Pride Community Parade
- the Pride Dog Show and
- the two week cultural programme across the city, in the build up to the weekend, with an exhibition in Jubilee Library.

- 3.3 BPCIC lead and deliver the Pride weekend. They have a longstanding relationship with BHCC and are a well-established homegrown organisation that has a good track record of working in collaboration with Brighton & Hove City Council, Sussex Police, city wide emergency services, health partners and transport providers.
- 3.4 BPCIC place LGBTQ+ rights at the core of their work and have a proven commitment to the city's LGBTQ community, alongside their commitment to community fundraising. This is demonstrated by the funds raised for the Brighton Rainbow Fund, an organisation that awards grants to the LGBTQ+ groups that provide services all year round.
- 3.5 **Community Investment Programmes**
Alongside Pride Events delivery, BPCIC has raised and distributed over £1,236,000 million to local charities and community groups.
- The Rainbow Fund distributes the donations from Brighton Pride CIC. Grants are awarded to LGBTQ+ and HIV groups and organisations in Brighton & Hove.
 - In addition, The Pride Social Impact Fund supports a range of local groups and their activities who are based across Brighton & Hove from Portslade to Saltdean.
 - The Pride Cultural Development fund supports local artists and facilitates their participation in the Pride cultural programme with exhibitions and live performances hosted at Ironworks Studios, Jubilee Library and Brighton University.
- 3.6 **Economic Impact**
The annual weekend Pride Festival brings a massive boost to the City's economy. In 2018 an estimated £20,500,000+ of revenue came from visitors to the city who attended Pride events and other city celebrations. Pride have committed to carrying out a new economic impact assessment in 2025 to demonstrate how Brighton Pride has built on the above figure and continues to contribute to building and supporting a vibrant economy here in Brighton & Hove.
- 3.7 **City Angels**
In 2019 Pride introduced the City Angels scheme to engage with businesses across the city who pay a financial contribution that helps support the Pride Big Beach Clean and other initiatives over Pride weekend.
- 3.8 The launch of City Angels initiative saw a first year sign up of 26 businesses that brought in a further £10,750.00 of fundraising. Pride will relaunch this initiative in 2025 so that more businesses who share the economic benefits of the Pride weekend join with Pride to further contribute to the social impact that this headline event bring to the wider city business sector.
- 3.9 **Financial Sustainability**
Due, in part, to highly volatile operating conditions post pandemic with rising overheads and additional pressures due to major transport strikes and inclement weather it is important that the structure of the Pride weekend is reviewed to ensure a sustainable model for the future. Paragraphs 3.6-3.9

demonstrate the very positive impact on a wide range of organisations that stems directly from the current scale of activity over the Pride weekend. Any considerations for the shape and model of the Pride weekend events that come from the consultations and analysis recommended in this report must take this into consideration.

3.10 2024-2028 Proposals

Central to the proposals for 2024-2028 is ensuring that BHCC can recover all costs from the event, via a more appropriate charging regime to BPCIC. Based on 2023 estimates from all City departments the total cost to the Council is currently in the region of £100,000 annually. The proposal is that BPCIC should pay £100,000 per year, this will be achieved in year 3 so that for years 3,4,5 the Council will collect £300,000 in total. Given the exceptionally difficult operating environment through the Pandemic and subsequent financial pressure from poor weather and significant rail disruption it is acknowledged that this may be a more realistic target. The council and BPCIC will agree a fee structure for the first two years.

3.11 THE PROGRAMME 2024-2028

Paragraphs 3.10-3.13 outline the ongoing proposals for the Pride activity across the city, both as part of the Pride weekend and throughout the year via the community programme.

3.12 Community Parade

A community parade event held in the city centre on Pride Saturday. The parade is a free open access event for city residents and visitors to attend. This would continue to take place on the Saturday of Pride weekend.

3.13 Parade Route

The route, designed to maintain the high profile and visibility of the event alongside the associated safety of spectators and parade participants, would be as follows.

Line up: Hove Lawns and Hove promenade

Parade route: Peace Statue/ Kingsway /West St./Clocktower/North St/North along A259 to Preston Park this route would be subject to any development initiatives led by the council and Pride would work closely with the events office and highway events team to agree the route each year.

Plans for 2024 will include a proposed change to the start time to 10.30am
Fixed road closures to run 9am – 5pm in the city centre on the parade route including agreed diversions to facilitate the parade through the city. The closure from 9am would allow time to safely set out barriers at all key junctions ahead of the parade leaving Hove Lawns.

3.14

Parade participants pay an entry fee to be part of the parade. Fees are based on the type of group or organisation; priority is given to locally based LGBTQ+ groups and charities these groups that want to be in the parade are guaranteed a place. Fees are on a sliding scale with community paying less and corporates paying more so that LGBTQ+ groups are subsidised by the higher paying organisations.

- 3.15 Pride would continue to engage in early planning meetings with public transport providers and highways events on an agreed traffic management plan and associated road closures and share this with B&H Buses to communicate the TM plan including diversions regarding bus related services while road closures are in place.
- 3.16 **Preston Park 2024**
In 2024 BPCIC will deliver the traditional Pride Weekend festival with the possible addition of a smaller Friday night launch event in the park.
- 3.17 **Preston Park 2025 onwards**
From 2025 BPCIC are proposing a new vision working with BHCC to develop events over two weekends starting at the end of July and concluding the first full weekend in August. The traditional Pride Saturday will still fall on the first weekend of August with the other dates being programmed to offer a full line up of Friday Saturday & Sunday performances and sharing the significant overall infrastructure costs with other event partners. The additional weekend, while managed by BPCIC as a mechanism to reduce financial risk, will not be part of the City Pride celebrations and will be independently branded and promoted. It will create an income for Pride to support their longer term sustainability.
- 3.18 The build period for this new approach would begin in July 2025 with the dates being agreed with the events team prior to each year. It is envisioned that the build would take place in two phases allowing an area of the park to remain as public open space during the days between the two weekends. Following on from the first weekend the infrastructure and tents would remain in place and Pride plan to explore a local programme of midweek community activities and events for children young people and the local residents of Brighton and Hove. EG. Possible activities could include circus skills workshops, children's shows and performances, horticultural talks and comedy nights. This would allow for much better public access to and use of the park/event site between each weekend.
- 3.19 Greater utilization of the Park over the Pride fortnight has the potential to lessen the impact on local residents keeping activity to a specific period of the summer. In recent years the Preston Park events programme has extended across the Spring and Summer months. As part of the wider Major Events Review coming in 2024 this approach may see a move to reducing the use of Preston Park for outdoor events to a defined period of the year.
- 3.20 The extended Preston Park events site concept would be developed in 2024 and a full detailed plan developed with full stakeholder involvement. During this time BPCIC will also work closely with the local authority on developing a model that will generate income back to the council over the five year period. A plan would be brought back to Committee in Autumn 2024.
- 3.21 **Pride Village Party 2024-2028**
Proposed times of the PVP 2024 - 2028
Saturday 5pm – 11pm and Sunday 4pm – 10pm (tbc)

A fenced and ticketed event that has for the past ten years taken place on, St James St & Marine Parade with the inclusion of side roads in this locality.

- 3.22 Further to a short review of the August festival in 2023, it is clear that more work is needed with partners in the coming year to explore options that improve the experience and safety of the Party for its visitors, residents and local businesses. In 2024 the final event footprint is to be agreed and the event management plan will reflect and contain all agreed conditions of delivery. It is the intention to move the box office function for this event from Victoria Gardens to sit closer to the footprint. A further review across 2024 will identify options for the Street Party, to be implemented from 2025 onwards.
- 3.23 2023 has seen a significant increase in public scrutiny of this event and post pandemic requests for free residential and business wristbands have increased 300% since the launch in 2014. In response to this pressure, limits have been applied to free wristband allocations to business, residential and guest properties. This continues to be an unpopular measure with some business owners and residents. A review of the wristband scheme is proposed for 2024 as set out at para 3.28-9. The residents newsletter outlining the 2023 system can be seen at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.24 The costs carried by BPCIC are considerable and have extended over the years. Paragraphs 3.24-3.26 details additional costs that previously fell to the council but are now paid by the CIC via the wristband charging scheme.
- 3.25 *Stewarding and traffic management*
BPCIC picked up security and stewarding from 2014 and traffic management from 2015. 2023 costs for both security, stewarding and traffic management are set out below.
Security & Stewarding - £85,319.50
Traffic Management - £4,988.50
- 3.26 *Council Resident Liaison PVP*
BPCIC picked up these costs from 2015
Pride cost 2023
Live Event Days - £1500
Pre event liaison - £6,800
- 3.27 *Street cleaning*
BPCIC picked up these costs from 2016 paying a fee to city clean then we stepped away from this and took on the full-scale management of street cleansing across the PVP footprint.
Cost in 2023
Road Sweepers £16,668.50
Waste management, bins across the event site and waste disposal £4,675
Litter Pickers - £5,820.00
Total: 27,163.50
- 3.28 *Audience and Visitors*

Additional concerns have been raised about the nature and ‘tone’ of the event which continues to attract significant crowds but with a very different demographic to the Park events. Overall, however, there has been no significant change in the level of formal complaints to the council compared to the pre-2019 review levels.

- 3.29 It is proposed in the recommendations that a further consultation led by the City Council with BPCIC, to mirror the extensive consultation carried out in 2019 should be carried out by officers to look at the size, footprint and nature of the event with an aim to improve sustainability, residential impact and to better fit the changing nature of residential properties and the expansion of Air B&B style businesses that can often have a high turnover of guests. NB: Proposals currently being considered for 2024 include distribution of wristbands directly to bookers via Air BnB owners to ensure residents have access to properties while minimizing the risk of wristbands becoming available for resale.
- 3.30 A resident and business’s forum for the Kemptown area has been scheduled for early December where proposals will be shared and consulted on with relevant parties to agree a mechanism for 2024.
- 3.31 **Pride Campsite Waterhall: Wednesday – Wednesday**
BPCIC propose the continued use of Waterhall recreation ground and changing facilities as the Pride Campsite. Campsite opening would be from Midday on Friday – Midday Monday with days either side for build and break.
- 3.32 **Pride Arts & Culture Festival**
Pride Community Foundation CIC was set up as a separate entity in 2019 after the hugely successful pilot of the black-led Pride Cultural Development Programme (PCDP) - an initiative established to support a creative ambition to engage an even broader cross-section of the community as artists, participants and audiences. This work empowers diverse communities to get involved on their own terms and to tell their own stories in their own way. The foundation will continue to develop these initiatives to enhance access to opportunity in the arts for marginalized communities over the next five years.
- 3.33 **Pride Community Day & Dog Show**
Post the main events BPCIC would wish to deliver a free community day and dog show event to be held in Preston Park. *Date to be confirmed.*
- 3.34 **Overarching vision**
In addition to the above continuing activities over the pride weekend and through the year, the council, working closely with BPCIC are also looking to start the process of creating community working groups with the intention of making an application to host EuroPride potentially in 2030. EuroPride is a pan-European celebration of the LGBTQI+ community and would involve a far wider community reach and engagement to deliver. Including opening and closing ceremonies and an associated human rights conference.

- 3.35 The process for preparing a bid would present an excellent opportunity for the City and BPCIC to engage across the City and review the opportunities and impacts of the Pride celebrations in a wider context, and understand wider opportunities for recognizing and celebrating LGBTQi+ communities.

4. Analysis and consideration of alternative options

- 4.1 The pride weekend celebrations are a flagship event for the city and generate considerable positive economic and community impacts. As such it is felt that the council should continue to nurture the activities and ensure they continue to offer their substantial benefits. It is plausible to consider a reduction in the scale of the weekend events to reduce the negative impacts on the wider city community, but this would have a commensurate impact on the positive reputational and economic impacts for the wider City economy.
- 4.2 There may be consideration to look to maintain the park and Village party activities to their current scale and design. While this approach has merit as there is a proved model that has worked for over 10 years this does not take into the account the significant pressure recent, more challenging, years has demonstrated the fragility of budgets when focused on a specific day and the plans above seek to diversify the risk to ensure a more robust financial position going forward.

5. Community engagement and consultation

- 5.1 A series of debrief sessions and community engagement in and around the footprint of BPCIC activities takes place on an annual basis. This includes business and resident forum meetings in Kemptown.
- 5.2 In addition to the BPCIC activities the Outdoor Events Department have instigated a series of quarterly meetings with residents and businesses in all key event locations in the city. These forums have Pride weekend as a standing item on the agenda and representatives of the council and BPCIC are in attendance.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The city pride celebrations continue to be a highlight of the City events ecosystem. It is also a demonstration of the Cities commitment to being a diverse and inclusive place to live, visit and to do business in. The recommendations in this report are designed to ensure a robust future for the event and allowing the primary organisers, BPCIC to continue to deliver and evolve an exciting and complimentary programme of events.
- 6.2 The forward vision contained in this report also opens a unique opportunity to review the diversity of the communities in the city and to re-engage on a wide platform in order to ensure all future developments are devised and refined with a broad consensus.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 Fees for this type of event would normally be charged in accordance with the Outdoor Events Policy, with any costs incurred being the responsibility of the organiser including road closures, parking bay suspensions, any costs of stewarding the event and rubbish clearance. Over recent years BPCIC have been taking on some costs from the council that has been possible from incomes on the wristband charging scheme, however it is estimated that total costs to the council are still in the region of £0.100m annually as per **Appendix 1**. It is proposed that agreement is reached regarding a charging structure over a three-year period to collect the council's annual running costs of the event, where by 2026 the full cost is recovered on an ongoing basis.

Name of finance officer consulted: John Lack Date consulted: 23/11/2023

8. Legal implications

- 8.1 A Licence will be entered into which will make clear the responsibilities for the organisers. The Council will be required to make relevant road closures orders for the purpose of the safe management of the event.

Name of lawyer consulted: Elizabeth Culbert Date consulted (27/11/2023)

9. Equalities implications

- 9.1 **Community Accessibility**
To ensure community access there are a number of ways that the community in Brighton & Hove can access Pride events. Early Bird tickets are low cost and are available when the event goes on sale. We have a low-income ticket scheme that is available in the weeks leading up to the event. Volunteering opportunities with the parade team and the box office which gives each volunteer a free ticket to the event of their choice. LGBTQ+ groups and organisations.
- 9.2 **Disability Access**
Since 2015 the CIC access, welfare and disability services have been reviewed and enhanced. We have a dedicated access support manager and team who are on site to manage the access tent and to direct and support access customers on the day.
- 9.3 **Trans Equality**
Trans and queer performers are an integral part of the festival weekend programming. Pride also support Trans Pride and the delivery of their event in the city.

10. Sustainability implications

- 10.1 BPCIC is committed to improving their environmental impact continue to work towards reducing single use plastics and carbon emissions across all sites. BPCIC are working with the council to support the installation of clean

energy on Preston park so that the use of generators can be significantly reduced.

11. Other Implications

Crime & disorder implications:

- 11.1 Due to the large scale of the Pride weekend activities across the City, there is an unavoidable impact on crime and disorder. It is important to note, however, that there is a significant joint operation between the council, BPCIC through their private security contracts and Sussex Police that is constantly reviewed to ensure the best possible safety outcomes for all attendees and City residents.
- 11.2 Over recent years, due to the collaborative approach to safety and security across the weekend there has been a consistent drop in crime and disorder across all events in comparison to previous years.

Public health implications:

- 11.3 Given the significant increase in population across the City during the Pride weekend there is inevitably a significant increase in demand for Health services. Throughout the year there are regular meetings with the council public health representatives, NHS Commissioners, Sussex University Hospitals Trust and ambulance services to mitigate any impact on business-as-usual services.
- 11.4 Across all sites operated by BPCIC, and across the city at large, there is a significant operation mounted by St John Ambulance services to augment the services usually provided in the city. Costs for this are met by BPCIC and there would have to be very careful consideration on the possible impacts to health services in the city if this was not provided.
- 11.5 It has been reported over several years that the advance triage offered by St John as part of their provision have often reduced strain on A&E services in comparison to business as usual.

Supporting Documentation

1. Appendices

- 1. Breakdown of Brighton & Hove City Council Costs
- 2. Residents Newsletter for Pride Village Party
- 3. Pride Programmes Brochure
- 4. Detailed proposal from BPCIC

Pride City Costs 2023 Baseline

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| City Clean | | | | | |
| Additional Cleansing and Waste Collection | £46,943.36 | | | | |
| Comms | | | | | |
| Pre-planning and live team | £3,328 | | | | |
| Licensing | | | | | |
| Staffing Pre-event and live | £5,241 | | | | |
| Regularoty Services | | | | | |
| Staffing Pre-event and live | £2,212 | | | | |
| Civil Contingencies | | | | | |
| Live Weekend additional Staffing | £1,105 | | | | |
| Events | | | | | |
| Live Weekend additional Staffing | £2,365 | | | | |
| Pre-Event Planning meetings | £1,872 | | | | |
| Paperwork and Planning time | £324 | | | | |
| Seafront Services | | | | | |
| Additionl Staffing and Security | £4,300 | | | | |
| Parks | | | | | |
| Additional Maintenance (Fair wear and tear) | £5,000 | (Estimate) | | | |
| Highways | | | | | |
| Staffing Pre-event and live | £5,241.00 | | | | |
| Crewing | £570.00 | | | | |
| Zone X Contribution | £13,300 | | | | |
| Total | £91,801.56 | | | | |

NEWSLETTER

KEMPTOWN – JULY 2023

Please check our website for updates:
Brighton-Pride.org/residents

Welcome to the Brighton & Hove Pride Newsletter for residents around the Pride Village Party (PVP).

We wanted to let you know that the PVP will be taking place on **Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August 2023**. Our aim is, as always, to run a safe, well-managed event while ensuring that all residents have access to and from their homes, businesses, and venues during the time that the event is taking place.

Brighton and Hove Pride is a Pride to be proud of, a Pride with Purpose whose sole ethos is to raise funds and awareness.

Pride continues to be committed to fundraising for the Brighton Rainbow Fund and the Pride Social Impact Fund, and so far has raised over £1,236,000 for local projects.

Our **Pride City Angels** campaign continues to get stronger. This initiative promotes shared benefits and shared responsibilities over Pride weekend and promotes a closer working partnership between Brighton & Hove Pride and local retailers, restaurants, hotels, and other businesses. This includes business keeping the front of the premises clean and tidy, being vigilant to hate crime and reporting to police, supportive LGBTQ initiatives and events and paying an annual membership fee that goes into the Social impact Fund to support local good causes.

We also work with community organisations to develop projects and ideas that will be of social benefit to the wider community.



Community groups within the PVP area can apply for this funding when the fund opens in September.

Brighton-Pride.org/pride-social-impact-fund

You can read more about the grant recipients at: ***Brighton-Pride.org/fundraising***

Pride are also committed to improving our environmental impact, focusing our energies on the areas we have control over, Preston Park, the Community Parade route and Victoria Gardens. We can't do this alone and Pride will be encouraging the independent venues and businesses within the Pride Village Party footprint to try and reduce plastic waste. Our aim is to reduce the volume of single use plastic waste deriving from bars, venues and businesses.

More info at
Brighton-Pride.org/sustainability

A Pride With Purpose



SHARED BENEFIT – SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
PLEASE SUPPORT CITY ANGELS BUSINESSES



**PRIDE CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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We have raised over £1,236,000 for local community groups, projects and good causes.

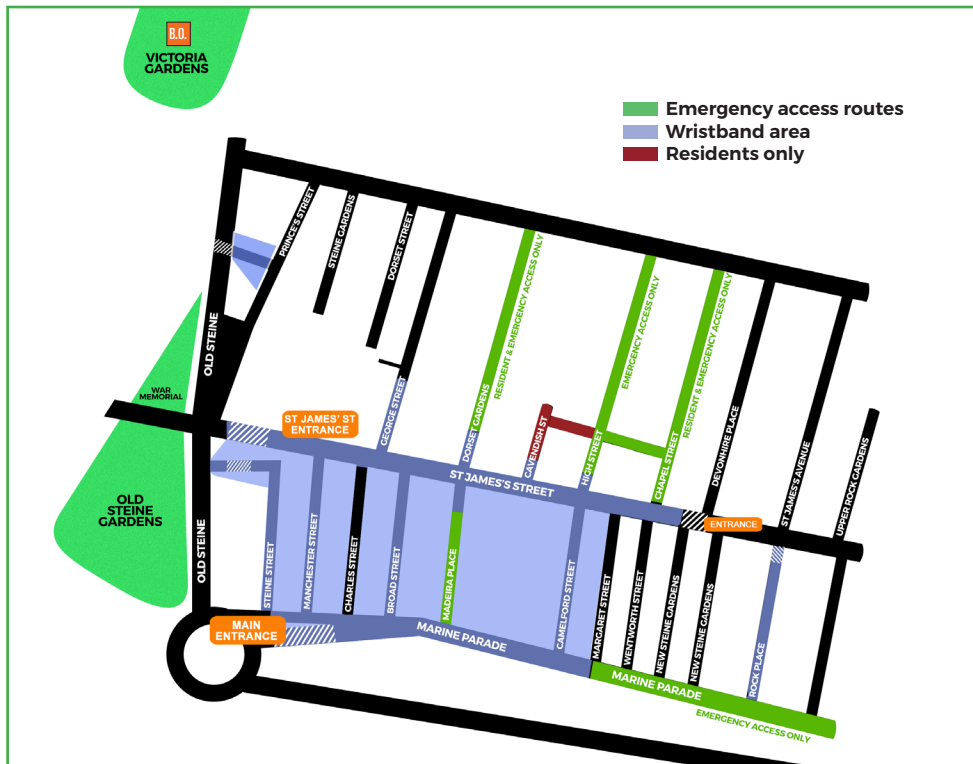
In addition to our continued commitment to fundraise for the Brighton Rainbow Fund, the **Pride Social Impact Fund** works with

local organisations to develop projects and ideas that will be of social benefit to the wider community.

Organisations within the PVP area can apply for this funding when the fund **opens in September**.

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Dates & Times

PVP Saturday 5th August 2023: 5pm – 11pm

PVP Sunday 6th August 2023: 3pm – 9pm

This is when outside music and entertainment starts and finishes.

General information

Saturday morning 5th August the PVP production team will install fencing, toilets and bins to support the event. These will be spread throughout the area, also for the duration of the PVP times we will have a team of litter pickers who will be going round collecting rubbish from all roads, then at the end of the night our road sweepers and crew will do a big clean up on both Saturday and Sunday evening. On Sunday evening we will also jet wash the roads and locations where toilets have been situated so that these areas are cleaned as the infrastructure is removed.

Road Closure Times

Roads will be closed to vehicle movement from 10am on Saturday 5th August. Pedestrians have unrestricted access to the area until midday, after which gates are put in place and your resident/ business wristbands will be required and shown to security when accessing via a road that has been closed.

Residents Access

Access in and out of the PVP area for residents to your garages, allocated parking areas and underground parking may be requested after 10:00am. Please ask the steward on your road to help you with this they will make sure it is safe to move the vehicle in or out of the area. This will be facilitated where and when it is safe to do so. Please email residents@brighton-pride.org with any advance vehicle access requirements or ask the steward on your road.

Security

Sussex Police will install their security barriers from Friday evening and they will remain in situ until very early on Monday morning. All of these barriers on the main entry points on St James St and Marine Parade will be staffed from time of installation to time of removal so that emergency vehicles can gain access at any time to both St James St & Marine Parade should this be necessary during the times of the PVP.

We advise residents where possible to use side roads to enter and leave the area rather than the main PVP entrances. Dorset Gardens and Chapel St will provide you with quieter roads to access St James St and then across and down on to Marine Parade.

Residents on **High Street and Chapel St** will need to enter and leave via the Chapel St entrance where site security will be in place during the hours of the PVP. Ardingly St and Cavendish Place will be fenced on Saturday and this will remain in place until the event ends on Sunday. The area will be managed by security and stewards who will be on hand to assist with any access requirements including carers and emergency vehicles.

PVP Main Entrances

1. Marine Parade Aquarium Roundabout
2. St James St West, junction with Manchester St
3. St James St East, junction with New Steine
4. Steine St junction with St James St

Sound/Noise

There are a number of agreed music zones around the PVP that have outside music and entertainment. Outside activity is allowed during set times, Saturday 5pm – 11pm and Sunday 3pm – 9pm.

How To Contact Us

If you have any questions, or queries regarding the Pride Village Party, then please do not hesitate to contact us by email at residents@brighton-pride.org. Please quote your full name and address to help us deal with your enquiry as quickly as possible.

The PVP team are on site for the duration of the event (10am-12 midnight each day)
Emails are monitored daily and on event days and we will respond to you as quickly as possible.

RESIDENT WRISTBANDS

*For residents who live within the PVP area
See roads listed on the map inside front cover.*

To ensure residents receive the tickets allocated to you, and to make the process easier, we are asking all residents to pre-register for their complimentary PVP wristbands this year. Please scan the QR code below or go to the residents webpage: **Brighton-Pride.org/residents**

*You will then need to collect your wristbands
Please take photo ID and proof of residency with you.*

Resident Wristband Collection:

Various Locations :

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| Saturday 22nd July | Dorset Gardens Methodist Church | 10.30am – 12.30pm |
| Monday 24th July | Dorset Gardens Methodist Church | 10am – 12.00pm |
| Tuesday 25th July | Dorset Gardens Methodist Church | 10am – 12.00pm |
| Tuesday 25th July | Charles Street Tapp | 4pm – 7pm |
| Wednesday 26th July | Dorset Gardens Methodist Church | 10am – 12.00pm |
| Thursday 27th July | St James House Foyer High Street | 4pm – 6.30pm |
| Friday 28th July | Jog Shop George St Brighton | 10am – 12pm |

Resident Wristband Collection: Pride Box Office Victoria Gardens

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| Wednesday 2nd August: | 4pm – 8.30pm (This is a dedicated residents-only day) |
| Thursday 3rd August: | 10am – 8pm |
| Friday 4th August: | 10am – 9pm |

Should you need us to arrange an alternative method of getting your wristbands to you, please email us on **residents@brighton-pride.org** and we will do our best to accommodate your request. We will still need to ask for photo id and some form of proof of address when issuing wristbands.

Resident Wristband Deliveries.

This year we can only deliver wristbands to those residents who have disabilities and are unable to attend in person any of the collection sessions. We can only deliver when you will be home as wristbands delivered will need to be signed for by the recipient.

Guests, Parties & Special Discount on Additional Wristbands

We appreciate that Pride weekend is a popular time to host guests and hold house parties. To this end we will assist as much as possible, and we are able to offer an exclusive residents' discount rate for the purchase of additional wristbands for the Pride Village Party at £15 each for your guests so they can also attend the street party activities. These will be limited to 10 per household, available from the box office. Additional wristbands can be purchased at the full price.



Please check our website for updates:
Brighton-Pride.org/residents





PRIDE

BRIGHTON + HOVE
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PRIDE
2024 - 2028





WELCOME

THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS TO SET OUT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIGHTON PRIDE CIC TO HOST THE ANNUAL PRIDE FESTIVAL IN BRIGHTON & HOVE FROM 2024-28

Brighton Pride CIC has previously been granted 5 years landlords' consent by committee that has allowed for the necessary planning cycle to be in place and provide ongoing sustainability through securing long term partnerships and sponsorship.

Brighton Pride CIC would like to seek support from Brighton & Hove City Council for a further 5 years landlords' consent to continue to deliver the annual Pride Festival and events.

Background

Pride has been an annual event in the city for over 30 years and is the biggest single event hosted by the city of Brighton & Hove.

It is also the largest Pride event in Europe attracting local regional, national and international visitors to the city and with that brings economic growth for accommodation providers and the business sector who have a guaranteed income from the many visitors to the city over Pride weekend.

As UK's biggest Pride and a non-profit organisation, the social, economic and cultural impact of Brighton & Hove Pride cannot be underestimated, as it provides citywide cohesion and focus for the wider community with its positive influence lasting way beyond Pride season.

The weekend is traditionally comprised of a number of key events across the city including the Pride LGBTQ+ parade, the Fabuloso festival in Preston Park, Pride Street Party, the Pride Community Day & Dog Show and a two week cultural programme with an exhibition in Jubilee Library.

Brighton Pride CIC has a long standing relationship with BHCC and is a well established home grown organisation that has built solid partnerships over the years, working in collaboration with Brighton & Hove City Council, Sussex police, city wide emergency services, health partners and transport providers.

Pride also has a solid reputation and commitment to delivering a range of safe well-managed events. With LGBTQ+ rights at the core of everything we do we have a proven

commitment to the city's LGBTQ+ community alongside our commitment to community fundraising as demonstrated in the amount of funds raised and our partnership with the Brighton Rainbow Fund the organisation that awards the grants to the LGBTQ+ groups that provide vital services all year round.

Pride with Purpose – Community Fundraising

Since taking over Brighton Pride CIC has raised over £1,236,000 for local charities, community groups and projects. The Brighton Rainbow Fund distributes the donation from Brighton Pride and grants are awarded to LGBTQ+ and HIV groups and organisations in Brighton & Hove. In addition The Pride Social Impact Fund supports a range of local groups and their activities who are based across Brighton & Hove from Portslade to Saltdean. The Pride Cultural Development fund supports local artists and facilitates their participation in the Pride cultural programme with exhibitions and live performances hosted at Ironworks Studios, Jubilee Library and Brighton University.

City Angels

In 2019 Pride introduced the City Angels scheme to engage with businesses across the city who pay a financial contribution that helps support the Pride Big Beach Clean and other initiatives over Pride weekend.

The launch of the City Angels initiative saw a first year sign up of 26 businesses that brought in a further £10,750.00 to the fundraising pot. Pride will continue this initiative in 2024 so that more businesses who share the economic benefits of Pride join with Pride to further contribute to the social impact that this headline event bring to the wider city business sector. *See more on page 12.*

Economic Impact

The annual weekend Pride Festival brings a massive boost to the City's economy. In 2018 the estimate was £30.5million gross revenue coming from visitors to the city who attend Pride events and other city celebrations. Pride will make a commitment to carrying out a new economic impact assessment in 2025 to demonstrate how Brighton Pride has built on the above figure and continues to contribute to building and supporting a vibrant economy here in Brighton & Hove

Sustainability

Brighton Pride is committed to improving our environmental impact we will continue to work towards reducing single use plastics and carbon emissions on our managed event sites. We are very keen and interested in working with the council to support the installation of clean energy on Preston park so that the use of generators can be significantly reduced.

Local Community Access

Brighton Pride is committed to making our events an accessible and affordable celebration for local residents as well as for visitors to our city. To that end we have a number of schemes including:

- free tickets for volunteers
- free resident tickets for those directly affected by the event sites
- discounted tickets for those on a low income
- staggered payment plan to help spread the cost of tickets
- a pay-what-you-can scheme for local community groups



EVENTS 2024 – 2028



THE PRIDE COMMUNITY PARADE

This is a community parade held in the city centre on Pride Saturday. The parade is a free, open-access event for city residents and visitors to attend. This would continue to take place on the Saturday of Pride weekend.

The route in order to maintain the high profile and visibility of the event alongside the associated safety of spectators and parade participants would be as follows.

Parade Route

Line up: Hove Lawns and Hove promenade

Parade route: Peace Statue/ Kingsway /West St./Clocktower/North St/North along A259 to Preston Park

This route would be subject to any development initiatives led by the council and Pride would work closely with the events office and highway events team to agree the route each year.

Proposal: Change the start time to 10.30am
Fixed road closures to run 9am – 5pm in the city

centre on the parade route including agreed diversions to facilitate the parade through the city. The closure from 9am would allow time to safely set out barriers at all key junctions ahead of the parade leaving Hove Lawns.

Parade participants pay an entry fee to be part of the parade. Fees are based on the type of group or organisation; priority is given to locally based LGBTQ+ groups and charities these groups that want to be in the parade are guaranteed a place. Fees are on a sliding scale with community paying less and corporates paying more so that LGBTQ+ groups are subsidised by the higher paying organisations.

Pride would instigate early planning meetings with public transport providers and highways events to agree a Traffic Management (TM) plan and associated road closures, then share this with B&H Buses inc diversions regarding bus related services while road closures are in place.

Details of delivery would be set out in the comprehensive parade event and TM plans as required by BHCC Outdoor Event Policy for an event of this size.



**PRESTON PARK FABULOSO FUNDRAISING
EVENT**
Pride weekend 2nd – 4th August 2024

The traditional weekend will still fall on the first weekend of August with programming to offer a full line up of LGBTQ+ artists across the weekend.

Future Propoal From 2025

In response to feedback from members and to ensure the future sustainability of Pride in our City and supporting wider community inclusion, from 2025 we are proposing a new vision to enhance Pride community programming and the better use of infrastructure to provide a free open-access site for midweek community events and activities for families at the start of the school holidays and for the residents of B&H.

A free-to-access site on weekdays is intended to replace our previous activity formally held on Old Steine and would have a similar concept to the Warren that has previously been part of the Brighton Fringe Festival. The offer might include circus skills workshops, children's shows and performances, horticultural talks (with Friends of Preston Park) as well as some ticketed venues

for comedy nights, silent sober disco, drag pageant, barn dance with line dancing and more. This would allow us to make good use of the event site between each weekend.

The build period for this new approach would begin in July with the dates being agreed with the events team prior to each year. It is envisioned that the build would take place in two phases allowing an area of the park to remain as public open space during the days between the two weekends.

It should be clear that this is NOT another Pride and won't mirror Pride's footprint or activity it would be limited to the lower section of park similar to Pub in the Park footprint. Pride will work collaboratively with local creators sharing the significant overall infrastructure costs and best practice.

A detailed and budgeted plan will be developed and presented to committee at a later date.

EVENTS 2024 – 2028



PRIDE VILLAGE PARTY

Saturday & Sunday, Kemptown

A fenced and ticketed event that has for the past ten years taken place on, St James St & Marine Parade with the inclusion of side roads in this locality. Going forward from 2024 Brighton Pride would like to review the current footprint.

Over the years there has been issues raised by residents and businesses who are unhappy about restricted access to their premises and that they have to have a wristband to come in and out of the area once its been set up as the event site. For these and other numerous reasons, the time has come to look at how the event is delivered.

Proposed times of the PVP 2024 - 2028

Saturday 5pm – 11pm (as in previous years)
Sunday 3.30pm – 9.30pm (previously 3pm-9pm)

Final event footprint to be agreed and the event plan to reflect and contain all agreed conditions of delivery.

PRIDE BOX OFFICE

Victoria Gardens is the traditional site for the Pride Box Office and info point, but should the PVP footprint be revised a better location might be Old Steine Gardens or Madeira Drive. However, we would want to consult with stakeholders and the events office re how Victoria Gardens would be managed over Pride the weekend.



PRIDE PLEASURE GARDENS

Old Steine, Friday – Sunday

This was a free access site pre-pandemic and ran over 3 years. Due to increasing costs we are looking to use the infrastructure on Preston Park for the provision of free activities.

Old Steine would be handed back to the council to decide how it is managed over Pride weekend. We will of course work closely with the council on any new proposals should they arise post the committee report and its recommendations.

PRIDE CAMPSITE

Waterhall, Wednesday – Wednesday

Request the continued use of Waterhall recreation ground and changing facilities as the Pride Campsite – maintain current use with no requested changes. Campsite opening would be from Midday on Friday – Midday Monday with days either side for build and break.

PRIDE ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL

Pride Community Foundation CIC was set up as a separate entity in 2019 after the hugely successful pilot of the black-led Pride Cultural Development Programme (PCDP) – an initiative established to support our creative ambition to engage an even broader cross-section of the community as artists, participants and audiences. The work we do empowers diverse communities to get involved on their own terms and to tell their own stories in their own way. We will continue to develop these initiatives to enhance access to opportunity in the arts for marginalized communities over the next five years.

Pride Community Day & Dog Show

Post the main events Pride would again wish to deliver a free community day and dog show event to be held in Preston Park.

Brighton Pride CIC would continue to deliver the above events in partnership with a number of key organisations and statutory bodies in order to deliver safe well managed events. Pride Event Plans to be scrutinised by the already established Brighton & Hove Safety Advisory Group, Chaired and administered by BHCC.

SOCIAL IMPACT, SOCIAL COHESION



The very nature of Pride being an immersive and inclusive festival and celebration builds lasting community capital that is difficult to measure but easy to see. What is easy to measure is the money that is generated by Pride, not only from ticket sales for the festival in the Park but also across the city.

Pride is the largest single event in the City with benefits not only for community groups and charities but also the wider city services, tourism and commercial venues.

Pride is not just a weekend of parades and parties for the majority of the city's population, it's the time when family, friends, neighbours and the city itself recognises

them, their relationships and the vibrant breadth of culture and community that the wider LGBTQ+ community brings to the quality of life in the city.

Pride is a city-wide celebration of the unique diversity of the city. Pride provides citywide cohesion and focus for the wider community with a positive influence lasting throughout the year which cannot be underestimated. In simple terms it makes you feel part of it and this increases self-confidence, happiness and wellbeing .

Pride empowers communities, enlightens, educates and embraces an equal and diverse society for all.



ACCESSIBILITY MATTERS AT PRIDE

Pride has worked with multiple partners to provide unparalleled Access facilities and services for the deaf, disabled, elderly and those with mobility issues throughout the Pride Festival, on the Community Parade and at Preston Park.

We strive to ensure there is a safe space on the Pride Community Parade. Brighton Pride are aware that many deaf, disabled and older Pride goers will need to march in a space where access stewards are available to prevent them from being crowded out or bumped into, enabling them to feel confident and therefore proud.

The Access Tent at the Pride Festival is a welcome meeting point which also serves as a safe space and place to report any incidents. It is a key information point with a sign language interpreter present at all times, accessible portaloos within its grounds and a High Dependency Unit (HDU) with hydraulic lift, changing bed, full-length mirror and basin with running water.



PRIDE PROVIDES A CITYWIDE COHESION AND FOCUS FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY WITH A POSITIVE INFLUENCE LASTING LONG THOUGHT OUT THE YEAR WHICH CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED.

CITY ANGELS

Pride is the city's largest event creating a worldwide spotlight that showcases Brighton and Hove as a diverse, inclusive and fun global destination to visit all year round.

Pride provides local businesses with a unique opportunity to come together to support local community groups and charities.

Over £20.5m was spent in the city economy over Pride weekend 2018 by visitors attending the event (independent research).

Our guest survey shows that the majority of visitors to city for Pride are more likely to support local businesses or venues that are official supporters of the event than those who aren't supporters.

To promote a closer working partnership between Pride and local retailers, restaurants, hotels and other businesses throughout the

year, we run our City Angels campaign.

The campaign promotes the retail and hospitality economy during Pride month and throughout the year, whilst asking those businesses that benefit to engage their civic pride and get involved.

Details of packages and ways to be involved will be available at [WeAreCityAngels.org](https://www.WeAreCityAngels.org).

Our aim is to communicate and showcase all businesses who participate in the City Angels program through promotional activity across all of Prides media platforms, and in doing so receive direct exposure to our already large and ever growing audience.

City Angels businesses will most importantly directly contribute to Pride's Social Impact Fund which supports local community groups and projects.

RESPECT · PRIDE · UNITY.

RESPECT (IN) OUR CITY

respect for the city (environmental), also respect for each other and for people in the city.

PRIDE IN OUR CITY

we're proud of our city and want to look after it; this also represents Pride.

UNITY IN OUR CITY

we're united with each other in the city – we look out for each other and won't tolerate hate.



What are the kinds of initiatives we support?

- Whether it is through reducing waste in events supply chains, beach cleans, sponsoring bins, or consumer-focused campaigns to reduce littering – there is plenty for us all to do – and focusing our effort means we can bring greater benefit.
- We want funds raised to support these initiatives, and a range of existing good causes that have local social impact (for example, those already funded through Pride’s Social Impact Fund). This will be done transparently and easily using existing funding mechanisms.

So, what is required?

- We ask businesses to sign up and make some basic pledges - to reduce waste, and to commit to enhancing the local environment.
- We want residents and visitors to support through donations that will fund environmental initiatives and a range of good causes with social impact.
- We want events organisers to support through their organising power: to help mitigate any negative impact of other events in the city – such as excessive littering.



City Angels Package

- City Angels Pride Official Rainbow Flag
- Official City Angels digital sticker for website and social media sharing
- Listing on City Angels Page on Brighton Pride website
- Featured on the City Angels website
- Business listing to appear in advertisements celebrating ‘City Angels’ in print media
- Social Media Campaign across Pride platforms during Pride month and throughout the year to include link to supporters page on website.



Pride City Angels Pledge

- Sign up to #CityAngels campaign and receive news and campaign updates via email
- Keep the front of your business area clean, tidy and litter free over Pride weekend and encourage customers and staff to dispose of their litter responsibly during Pride
- Be vigilant to hate crime incidents over Pride weekend and report incidents to the police
- Be fully support of LGBTQ+ initiatives and events that take place in Brighton & Hove and over Pride weekend
- Be a #CityAngels champion and encourage other local businesses to sign up

PROUDLY SUPPORTING BRIGHTON & HOVE PRIDE

FUNDRAISING



A Pride with Purpose, Brighton Pride CIC has raised over £1,236,000 for community good causes thanks to the support of businesses, sponsors and the many thousands of you that purchase tickets for the Pride Festival in Preston Park and Pride Village Party.

Grants are distributed through the Brighton Rainbow Fund, Pride Social Impact Fund and Pride Cultural Development Fund.

Brighton Pride CIC is a not for profit community interest company with ticket revenue going towards the operational and running costs of producing the Pride Festival, LGBTQ+ Community Parade, Pride Village Party and community fundraising.

Our sole aim is to operate with a “social purpose,” rather than to make a private profit and to deliver on our community fund-raising objectives.



The Pride Social Impact Fund aims to support those groups or organisations which need a little helping hand in making a difference in their community. The applications do not have to be LGBTQ+ related; they don't even have to be directly linked to Pride (although applicants directly impacted will be favoured). However big or small, the only criteria is that it will brighten up people's lives by the time Pride comes round again next year.

The Pride Social Impact Fund ensures the positive contribution of the UK's most popular LGBTQ+ celebrations continues year round. Thanks to the generosity of Pride attendees and local businesses, grants are available to distribute to grassroots groups across Brighton and Hove who need a helping hand to support their work.

Submissions can be a maximum of 400 words mapping out how the money will be spent and why the cause is deserving. An independent panel also has the potential of awarding one or two larger grants of up to £10,000. These bids need to comprehensively meet the criteria, namely supporting good causes in areas directly impacted by Pride.

There is no restriction on numbers of entries by individual groups. However, the emphasis is on supporting community and grassroots groups, rather than individuals.

Funding comes from contributions made by businesses within the Pride Village Party in the Kemptown/St James's Street area.

SPECIAL £10,000 GRANT FOR PRESTON MANOR AND CITY PARKS

In 2018, Preston Manor applied its share of the funding (£5,000) to address the following priorities at the site:

- Improve the planting in the two flower beds at the SE and SW corners of the Manor facing the Croquet Lawn;
- Install period-appropriate, bow-top fencing around these flower beds, to protect the new planting and to deter anti-social behaviour taking place under the Manor's veranda;
- Install additional CCTV cameras to key points across the rear elevation of the Manor and under the veranda, to monitor an area known to be vulnerable to anti-social behaviour.

Any funding remaining once these priorities were met was either contributed to plans to add orientation signage to the grounds; or to help produce a new visitor leaflet for the whole site; or contribute towards the repair of the veranda, depending on what other funds are available to advance these projects.

CityParks applied its share of the funding (£5,000) to improve the Coronation Garden at the north end of Preston Park, one priority being the repair and refurbishment of the shelter on the eastern edge of the garden.



**PRIDE CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND**





SUPPORT FROM THE BRIGHTON RAINBOW FUND

We were formed in 2010 by the late James Ledward, and have two principal functions.

1. To distribute funds raised within the community* as grants to local LGBTQ+ and HIV projects (groups, organisations, services) in a fair and transparent way, as far as possible according to need, by means of an independent grants panel.

(fundraisers include Brighton Pride, Brighton Bears Weekend, venues and individual donors. Over the last few years Brighton Pride has raised approximately 90% of the funds that we get to distribute. One important aspect of the BRF setup is that none of the fundraisers/donors can influence how the funds are distributed. They also know that all grants made are monitored to ensure that money is only used for items/activities that have been approved by the independent panel)*

Brighton & Hove has the largest proportion of the adult population identifying as LGBTQ+ in the UK (2021 Census). Members of those communities experience negative impacts in a number of ways, including homelessness, hate crimes, discrimination, loneliness and social isolation, and physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

As a community we are well organised in terms of our LGBTQ+ communities working together to ensure that there are LGBTQ+ and HIV services and support, many created by and sustained by grants from BRF. We ensure that there is good communication and mutual support and understanding between these groups and projects.

The BRF ensures that there is a level playing field for all local LGBTQ+ and HIV projects, and support and service providers, large and small, whereas in the past larger organisations have had the ability to lobby fundraisers to “do” charity events for them, with allocation of funds not being needs led, nor monitored. BRF means that fundraisers can be sure that the money they work hard to raise is distributed according to need, and that the way the money is spent is monitored, and that they won’t have to make the decisions themselves about where to give support, nor to be pressured by lobbying.

BRF works closely with all relevant parts of the LGBTQ+ community, whether they are currently being funded by us or not, and support with advice, and with suggestions of other funding opportunities.

2. We also identify “gaps” in provision and support for the LGBTQ+ and HIV communities, and facilitate projects to address those gaps. For example we have set up The Rainbow Hub, drop in and signposting service, and currently the major project of creating The Ledward Centre, an LGBTQ+ Community and Cultural Centre, a safe social space with the ultimate aim of reducing the levels of loneliness and social isolation within our community (and the consequent effects on wellbeing).

BRF, BRIGHTON PRIDE AND BHCC

A LETTER FROM CHRIS GULL, CHAIR OF THE BRIGHTON RAINBOW FUND

James Ledward was involved creating the business model for the current operators of Brighton Pride, and careful work and cooperation was involved with BHCC to make sure that the event was successful and sustainable. Previous organisers had been unable to raise any money for Charity for 5 years (bucket collections on the park raised an average of 11p per attendee) and had in fact gone into administration owing £200K, of which £20K was to BHCC. Crucial to the new business model is a ringfenced contribution from each ticket and wristband to BRF to distribute. Over the last ten years Pride (which it must be remembered is a not for profit organisation) has, on average, given double the ringfenced amount each year to distribute as grants.

The business model made clear that purpose of Brighton Pride is to ensure that the event to celebrate our diverse communities in the city happens safely, and to raise funds to support important services, which our communities have created. This shouldn't involve direct support of any of the community groups and services, for the reasons outlined above. Pride should, and does, of course support the LGBTQ+ communities with discounted tickets, discounted fees for participation in the parade etc.

The purpose of BRF is to distribute funds raised in a fair and transparent way, and to continue work with the whole sector in delivering services and support to the local LGBTQ+ and HIV communities.

There are enormous advantages to BHCC for the structure that has worked so well to continue, working with the current operators to ensure that they can continue to deliver the safe sustainable event each year in the face of considerable changes in costs post pandemic, post Brexit, and with the cost of living crisis.

Brighton Pride delivers an enormous economic impact both to the city and to The Greater Brighton Area. It has a positive impact on many small businesses and on employment. Support comes not from direct financial contributions from residents' community charges (unlike the Festival and Dome for instance) but from ensuring multiyear landlords' consent, which allows for long term planning, and by not trying to squeeze every drop possible out of Pride in direct charges (for instance from a surcharge on every ticket sold, which I suspect isn't being suggested for the Brighton Festival or The Fringe).

The event also brings many visitors, who then keep returning, or even move to the city.

This year especially, in the light of the effect of weather and the refusal of GTR to operate trains to Brighton on Pride Saturday, there is a danger of pushing Brighton Pride over the edge by interfering with the fundraising model that has delivered such amazing benefits for the city and the large proportion of the city's residents who identify as LGBTQ+ who are served by our community's services.

I worry greatly that if Brighton Pride is not supported through this difficult time, and find that it is not viable to continue, that a vacuum is created and who knows who'll come to fill it, and whether they will even commit to raising funds for the benefit of our community. I know of nobody from within the Brighton community with the wherewithal to have the connections within the community, and outside of it, to manage this huge event.

Chris Gull, Chair of The Brighton Rainbow Fund



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Launched in 2018, the Pride Cultural Development Fund is an initiative to create new spaces for diverse stories to be told in different ways from our rapidly changing community.

Building on the overwhelming success of our previous community engagement initiative 'Proud Interventions', we recognised the need for us to extend the cultural offer to those who often experience limited access to forms of creative expression that truly resonate with their lifestyles and sensibilities; particularly LGBTQ+ groups emerging from ethnic communities and artists surviving on a low income.

We were also keen to enhance Pride's reputation as a unique, high-profile platform for diverse forms of artistic expression by embarking on a more nuanced, inclusive approach to our creative programming. Hence the launch of our new initiative, the Pride Cultural Development Programme, which has been put together in collaboration with our partners, urbanflo creative. This dynamic package features an integral outreach strategy and aims to aesthetically explore feelings of isolation and difference, family and community through a multi-disciplinary artistic series.

Our 2018 pilot scheme enlisted 14 individual artist contributors plus 6 community agencies who between them shared the Pride Cultural Development Fund to produce an amazing array of high quality creative experiences including; exhibitions, literary events, theatre productions, radio broadcasts, workshops, community events, screenings, presentations, debates, 'pop-up' shows, and even a silent disco!

We are also extremely proud to commission an artist to create a brand new mural for the exterior wall of Brighton's famous Marlborough Pub.

Contributors were recruited via an open call and also at drop-in surgeries as part of the community outreach campaign.

The 14 individual artists were;

Agustín Gómez Pozas
Bharat Patel
David Sheppeard
Estabrak Al-Ansari
Cil Maulem-Doron
Irene 'Tokini' Fubara-Manuel
Josef Cabey
Juno Dawson
Justine Gerraty
Louise Gibson
Melanie Menard
Olga Lidia Saavedra Montes de Oca AKA
Olisam
Shanni Collins

The 6 community agencies were;

BandBazi
Marlborough Theatre
RadioReverb
SEAS/BMECP
University of Sussex DragSoc



SCHOOLS' ART CHALLENGE



As part of our ongoing community engagement and cultural development, in 2018 year Pride ran a Schools' Art Challenge for under 12s. The aim was to get children thinking about what they love about their home city and creating a drawing or painting to represent it. All winners and finalists were exhibited at the Jubilee Library during Pride month.

BRIGHTON PHOTO BIENNALE



For the first time, in 2018 Brighton & Hove Pride participated in the prestigious Brighton Photo Biennale with an exhibition celebrating Pride in Our City. Supported by the Pride Cultural Development Fund, the exhibition comprised of images of the 2018 Pride LGBTQ+ Community Parade as well as the winners and finalists of the School's Art Challenge and was staged in the central atrium of the Churchill Square shopping centre.

For two weeks the selected photos by local photographers Chris Jepson, Jim Carey and Robby Dee were viewed by thousands of shoppers and passers by and showed that Brighton & Hove Pride has evolved over the years with more communities coming together to celebrate every aspect of our city, regardless of sexuality, race, gender, age or ability to make the Pride LGBTQ+ Community Parade one of the biggest and brightest events in Brighton & Hove's diary.



CULTURE CONNEX



Continuing the work of the Pride Community Foundation and Pride Cultural Development Fund, Culture ConneX was a brand new initiative from Brighton & Hove Pride for 2022 – a ground-breaking programme combining curated and open access creative activities for all to enjoy.

Our mission was simple – we wanted to create dynamic opportunities for different communities to access the arts and to also connect with each other. We aim to enable people from all walks of life to communicate and learn about each other through many different forms of creative expression. We recognise the various ways in which people choose to identify and how these many identities often intersect, so we have purposely designed the Culture ConneX series to interweave between mainstream programming and events for specific communities. We creatively celebrate our differences while also focussing on our commonalities. Our purpose is to help to build bridges and to develop intercultural dialogue for a better understanding of each other and the world we live in.

The initial Culture ConneX series took place at key points during Brighton's 2022 cultural calendar and surpassed our expectations in terms of the volume of consumers (artists, audiences and participants) and the number of exhibition and performance days originally estimated for this first phase. All of the artists/producers involved in the activity represent protected characteristics or are active socially-engaged allies of PoC/QTIPoc, Neurodiverse, LGBTQI+, Disabled and/or economically-challenged communities. We have also secured new partnerships with; Alison Lapper MBE who presented a talk at the Brighton Fringe exhibition 'Otherwise Engaged', Chalk Films, Creative Future, Well Balanced Coaching and others.

Arts Council investment has enabled us to provide a supportive cross-artform, intersectional, intercultural, collaborative space to equip and empower artists to engage with both mainstream and culturally specific arts programming. We have also been able to fulfil our ambition to build an ambitious programme and encourage a broader range of communities to participate in culture.



Headline statistics so far;

3 x Exhibitions (114 days)

19 Separate Events – throughout LGBT History Month and Brighton Fringe festival

185 Multi-Disciplinary Artists – Visual Art, Photography, Cabaret, Music, Film, Comedy, Spoken Word, Theatre, Dance

198 Participants

We have succeeded in our mission to combine a professionally curated series of events with community-led creativity to enable artists to participate across both mainstream and culturally specific programming – affording them invaluable exposure and access to professional environments, new audiences, and potential new collaborators;





CURATED SERIES

A vibrant multi-disciplinary programme of cultural events platforming diverse identities and cultural perspectives, so far incorporating;

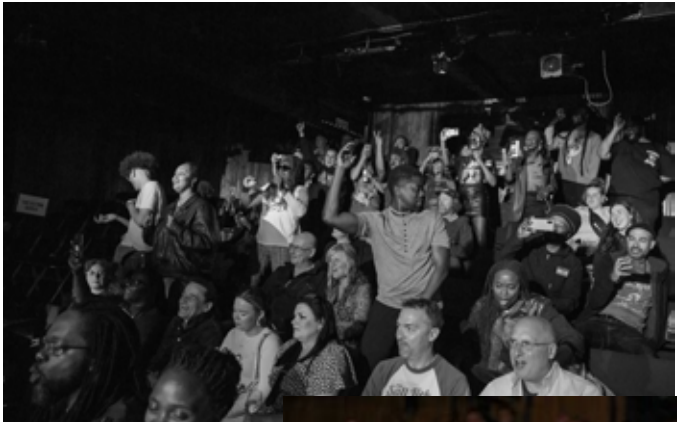
- Photography/Visual Art Exhibitions – ‘Identity’, ‘Otherwise Engaged’ and ‘Ice Cream Artworks’
- Film Screenings/Q&A – Otherness Archive
- Literature Salons – Poetry Room (Writing Our Legacy) and DIMENSIONS
- Performing Art – Music, Comedy, Cabaret, Theatre, Dance, Multi-Media: Tramfrau, Lava Elastic, The Qwarks, BLK Diamond Dance, Cocoa Butter Club, The Bitten Peach, ASTRA, Paradigms of a Paradox, Thirty 10 Arts, Visual Poets, UNISEX, Voices of Evil,

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

The ‘Becoming a Successful Arts Practitioner’ coaching programme was developed in partnership with Well Balanced Coaching to replace the original plan for a series of disparate workshop sessions in response to the needs and aspirations of the target communities. A cohort of 13 participants are already halfway through the programme enthusiastically embracing their new learning on creative entrepreneurship.

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The successful applicants for this open access seed fund programme include visual artists filmmakers, performers, producers, writers and curators requesting support to help them produce new material, or to participate in events festivals in Brighton’s cultural calendar, and/or research/ workshop materials.



SUMMARY

Brighton & Hove Pride has a well-defined mission and vision, emphasising inclusivity, diversity, community engagement, and cultural enrichment. Here's a summary of the key objectives and initiatives, including those for 2024 and beyond:

- Established as the UK's most popular international Pride Festival.
- Attracts a diverse demographic audience from around the world.
- Promotes tolerance, diversity, inclusion, and education within LGBTQ+ communities.
- Supports local charities and good causes.

Ethos:

- Encouraged community cohesion, celebrated diversity, and created a strong sense of community.
- Promoted inclusivity and equality.
- Contributed to the local sense of community, pride, and cultural identity.
- Attracted visitors from beyond the city, contributing to the growth of overnight stays.
- Enhanced the national profile through significant media coverage.
- Supported local businesses.
- Continued building capacity and expertise in the city's events sector.

Key Objectives and Vision for 2024 Onwards:

- Deliver a world-class Pride event that puts Brighton & Hove on the global map of Pride events.
- Review and implement best practices in large-scale event management.
- Foster continued partnership working with Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) and align with the administration's vision for world-class events.
- Improved on-site infrastructure and facilities to support positive sustainable behaviour and reduce environmental impact.
- Enhance Pride festival week with midweek community activities for children, young people, and local residents. Activities could include circus skills workshops, children's shows, horticultural talks, and comedy nights.
- Work collaboratively with the events office to deliver a curated program that reflects the diversity of Brighton and Hove, catering to both international tourists and local residents.
- Rebuild sustainability for city events and meet long-term event strategy objectives while generating income.
- Maintain a commitment to deliver community benefits by supporting organisations like the Brighton Rainbow Fund, Pride Social Impact Fund, and Pride Cultural Development Fund.
- Develop closer collaborative working and partnerships with third-sector organisations such as Allsorts youth project, Brighton LGBT switchboard, and BHCC in developing a schools program (subject to funding availability).

- Continued community engagement with third-sector groups.
- Form a new Pride advisory and focus group to provide guidance and insights into the festival's planning and execution.
- Continue support for Trans Pride Brighton and offer peer support when needed.
- Expand our sober spaces at Pride festival events and support recovery services in participation and space.
- Maintain and expand the development of the Pride cultural program and year-round activities.

Pride at the Ironworks:

- Born during the pandemic to provide a platform for LGBTQ artists and amplify unheard voices.
- Aims to enrich the cultural life of the LGBTQ+ community and the residents of Brighton & Hove.
- Provides a diverse and inclusive space for performances, spoken word, and social issue-oriented material.
- Creates opportunities for community participation and original content revolving around social issues.

Brighton & Hove Pride's ongoing efforts are not only about organising a remarkable Pride event but also about fostering a sense of community, inclusivity, and cultural enrichment within the LGBTQ+ community and the wider population of Brighton and Hove.

Ironworks provide a year-round community space that has been used by our local groups

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- Film – Screenings/Q&A
- Music & Theatre
- Cabaret
- Literature – Readings/Spoken Word/Q&A
- Exhibitions
- International Exchange
- Creative/Professional Development Workshops
- Dance
- Critical Debate
- Studio Sessions -Video/Podcasts
- Digital
- Small Grant Scheme

Brighton & Hove Pride's queer film festival in association with Latest

Come and watch some of the best contemporary indie queer films, made by, and about, members of our LGBTQIA+ community, all weekend. We have a packed programme of international short films, documentaries, and animations on a wide range of topics. There'll be something for everyone!

Our films will be subtitled for our deaf and hard of hearing audiences.

Diversity Workshops: *

Continued support the Ledward Centre and LGBTQ services in providing space for workshops and training and community groups to foster a more inclusive and accepting environment. These workshops can address topics such as unconscious bias, LGBTQ+ sensitivity, and allyship.

Sober Events:

Continued acknowledgment that not all community members may want to participate in events involving alcohol. Continued collaborative working with BHCC and our community partners to enhance and support of sober spaces across the City. Continued peer support for Ledward centre as a Sober community safe Space.

Family Events:

Host family-friendly Pride events such as our community day and dog show and support the Ledward Centre in delivering our family Pride events that encourage LGBTQ+ families to participate. These events include children's activities, games, and entertainment suitable for all ages.

Community Outreach:*

Support LGBTQ outreach to underrepresented communities within the LGBTQ+ spectrum, such as trans individuals, people of colour, and the elderly. Ensure that their voices and needs are heard and represented in Pride.

Accessibility:

Ensure that Pride events are accessible to people with disabilities. This may include providing wheelchair ramps, sign language interpreters, and other accommodations.

School Programs:*

To support the work of BHCC and our third sector with collaborative working to expand school programs that educate students about LGBTQ+ history, acceptance, and diversity. These programs can include workshops, presentations, and awareness campaigns.

Partnerships with Educational Institutions:*

Support BHCC and our community partners in collaboration with local schools, colleges, and universities to promote inclusivity and diversity. This can involve guest lectures, art projects, and open forums for discussion.

Cultural Performances:

Continued programming through Pride at the Ironworks that showcase diverse cultural performances that represent the various communities within the city. This can include music, dance, and art exhibitions from different cultural backgrounds.

Collaborate with Community Groups:

Continued partnership working with our local LGBTQ+ and community organisations to cohost events and share resources, ensuring a broader reach and more significant impact.

Our key to engaging different communities is to be inclusive, sensitive to their needs, and open to feedback. By continually adapting and improving your Pride events, you can create a more welcoming and diverse celebration that reflects the entire city's rich tapestry of identities and experiences.

(*Subject to funding resource and capacity)



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