

Neighbourhood Plan SURVEY REPORT

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1 Introduction

This survey was developed and undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group working in conjunction with Newhaven Town Council and Action in rural Sussex (AirS).

The survey aims to build on their work by consulting with residents on the draft vision and draft objectives.

Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. They may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, environment and transport) or focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in the local area. They represent a new planning mechanism which provides communities with the opportunity to shape the future of their locality.

A Neighbourhood Plan must take account of both current development needs and those which are likely to develop in the future. These needs and aspirations will be developed into a planning document which will outline what needs to be developed (housing, facilities and services), where they need to be developed and what form they should take.

To do this, it must consider a wide range of issues, such as; wildlife, environmental protection, shops, housing and services and assess how these issues can be balanced against the development needs of the community. A fundamental part of the process is ensuring that the community play a full and detailed part in determining both what is important currently, what will be important moving forwards and in what form any changes need to be delivered.

The results of this survey will be used to inform this process.

Section 2 outlines the methods used to distribute, collect and analyse the questionnaire. It also provides information on the response rate.

Section 3 outlines the key themes and messages observable in the survey responses.

Section 4 provides a breakdown of the answers provided to the questions asked in the survey. These are structured and organised with reference the themes outlined above.

The **appendix** provides details of the responses provided to the open-ended questions which were included within the survey. These allowed respondents to explain their answers, provide examples or to identify answers not provided within the list proposed.

2 Survey methodology and response rate

2.1 Methodology

The survey was conducted using a questionnaire consisting of both closed and open-ended questions. This mix allows questions to focus on obtaining specific pieces of information tailored at responding to certain issues or themes (closed questions), whilst allowing a degree of freedom in the responses which people provide (open questions).

A questionnaire was distributed to each house in Newhaven at the beginning of July asking for residents' views on the draft vision and objectives to be returned by 1st August. However, due to failure on the part of the delivery company to deliver to all households and on time, the deadline was extended till the end of September. It was also made available at all five exhibitions held across the Town. The questionnaire was also be available from the Town Council offices at 18 Fort Road with an option of posting out on request. It was also available to fill in online via survey monkey with a link on the Council's website www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

2.2 Response rate

Despite the effort to get resident to fill in the questionnaire, there was a disappointing response rate with a total of 105 surveys were completed. Out of the 105 responses, 23 were completed online with 83 hard copy forms returned to the Town Council offices.

2.3 Presentation of the responses

Actual response figures and percentage breakdowns are provided for each question. These represent the number of responses received in relation to each answer as a proportion of all those responding to that particular question. This may not reflect the total number of responses received to the entire survey.

Please note – Not all of the respondents provided answers to all of the questions; therefore the numbers of responses for each question will not necessarily match the total number of respondents.

Open-ended responses are provided in individual appendices at the end of the report. These comments are taken unaltered from the survey forms. Links to the appropriate appendix are provided next to each question. Please note that due to illegible or indecipherable handwriting, these are on occasion best guess interpretations.

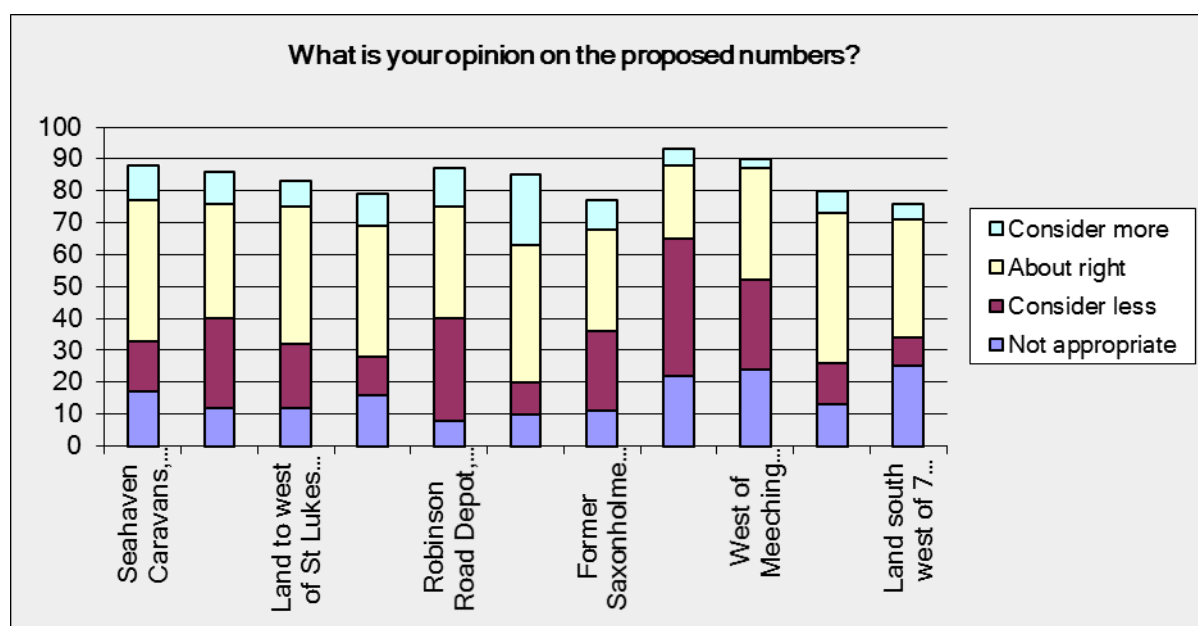
3 Key Findings

- A total of 105 responses were received to the survey.
- The greatest proportion of respondents (65.2%) indicated that the draft vision describes a Newhaven they would like to see in 2030 whilst 34.8% of the respondents answered no to the same question.
- Just under half of the respondents 44.7% agreed with the Housing objectives whilst 55.3% disagreed with them.
- The greatest proportion of respondents (89.7%) agreed with the Good Quality Design objectives with a lower proportion (10.3%) disagreeing with them.
- The greatest proportion of those responding (84.6%) indicated that they agreed with the Community Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing objectives whilst 14.5% disagreed with the objectives
- An overwhelming majority of those responding (96.9%) agreed with the Reducing Flood Risk and Protecting Water Quality objectives with very few respondents (3.1%) disagreeing with them.
- A biggest proportion of those responding (82%) agreed with the Facilities and Services objectives whilst 18% did not agree with them.
- An overwhelming majority of those responding (93.6%) indicated that they agreed with the Environment and Open Space objectives with a very few (6.4%) disagreeing with them.
- A little over two-thirds of those responding (69.6%) agreed with the Transport and Access objectives whilst 30.4% disagreed with them.
- An overwhelming majority of those responding (92.2%) indicated that they agreed with the Economy and Employment objectives with 7.8% disagreeing with them.
- An overwhelming majority of those responding (96.8%) indicated that they agreed with the Sustainability and Climate Change objectives whilst 3.2% disagreed with them.

Lewes District Council has identified that Newhaven, will need to accommodate a minimum of 830 net additional units. The Lewes Core Strategy also identified that land at Harbour Heights, Newhaven must contribute towards the 830 planned net additional units. The sites that the District Council identified for potential housing development in Newhaven in Local Plan Part 2 were set out (as below) for respondents to comment on.

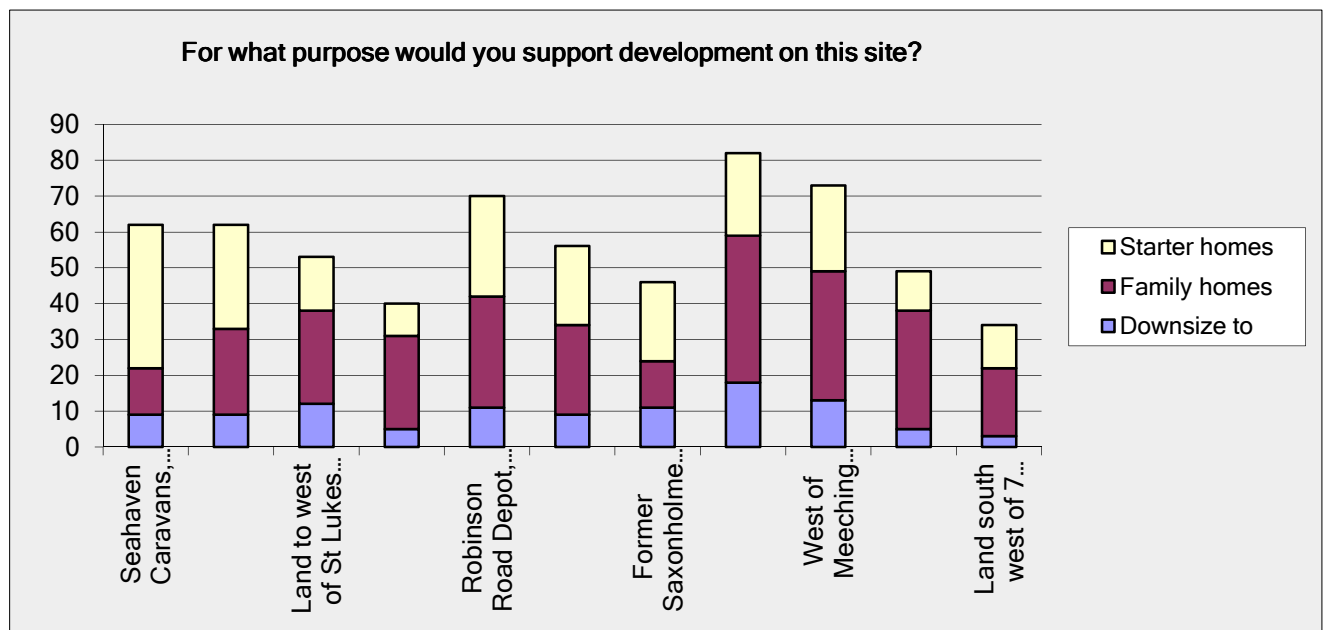
- With regards to respondents' opinions on the proposed numbers on Lewes District Council sites, the table below identifies respondents' opinions on the proposed numbers.

What is your opinion on the proposed numbers?					
Answer Options	Consider more	About right	Consider less	Not appropriate	Response Count
Seahaven Caravans, Railway Road (22)	11	44	16	17	88
The Old Shipyard, Robinson Road (64)	10	36	28	12	86
Land to west of St Lukes Court, Church Hill (24)	8	43	20	12	81
Site at Hill Road and Fairholme Road (8)	10	41	12	16	78
Robinson Road Depot, Robinson Road (80)	12	35	32	8	86
LDC Offices at Fort Road (6)	22	43	10	10	85
Former Saxonholme site, Meeching Road (30)	9	32	25	11	77
Harbour Heights, Meeching Quarry and west of Meeching Quarry (400)	5	23	43	22	88
West of Meeching Quarry (125)	3	35	28	24	87
Land at Kings Avenue (8)	7	47	13	13	80
Land south west of 7 Park Drive Close (SDNP) (8)	5	37	9	25	76



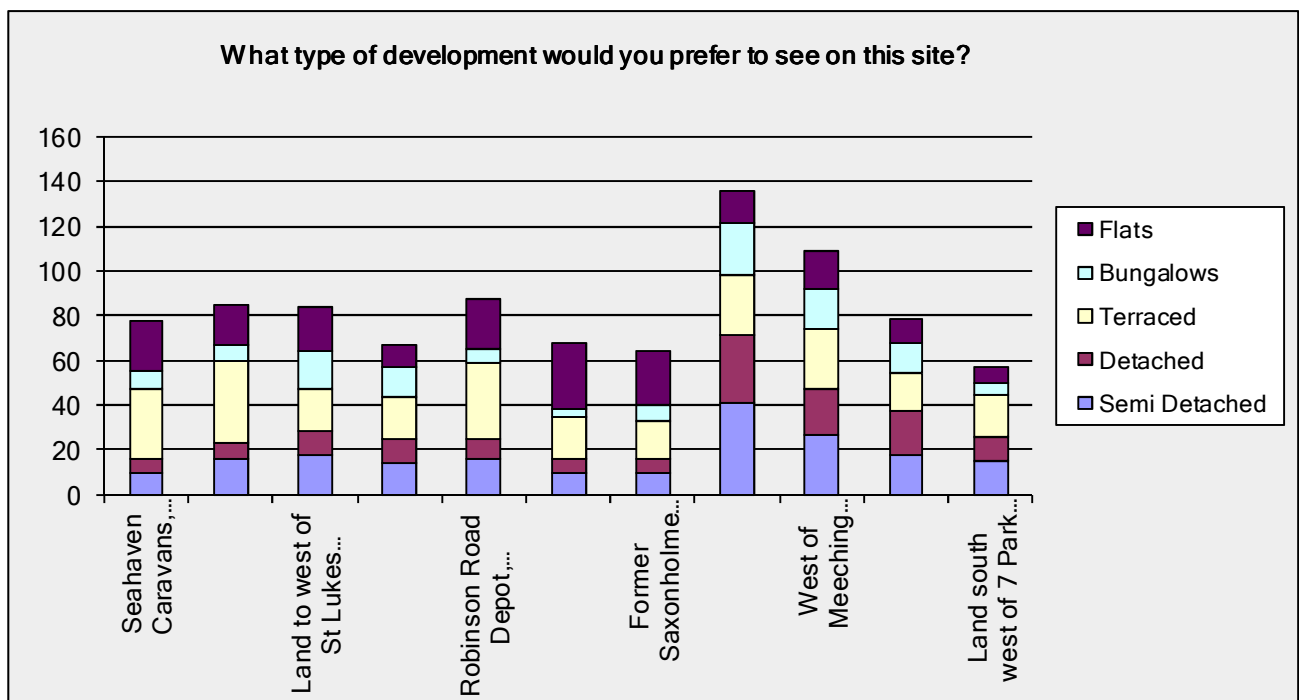
- With regards to respondents opinions on what purpose they would support development of the sites, the table provides respondents preferences

For what purpose would you support development on this site?				
Answer Options	Starter homes	Family homes	Downsize to	Response Count
Seahaven Caravans, Railway Road (22)	40	13	9	51
The Old Shipyard, Robinson Road (64)	29	24	9	50
Land to west of St Lukes Court, Church Hill (24)	15	26	12	43
Site at Hill Road and Fairholme Road (8)	9	26	5	34
Robinson Road Depot, Robinson Road (80)	28	31	11	50
LDC Offices at Fort Road (6)	22	25	9	47
Former Saxonholme site, Meeching Road (30)	22	13	11	33
Harbour Heights, Meeching Quarry and west of Meeching Quarry (400)	23	41	18	50
West of Meeching Quarry (125)	24	36	13	48
Land at Kings Avenue (8)	11	33	5	42
Land south west of 7 Park Drive Close (SDNP) (8)	12	19	3	28
TOTAL	235	287	107	



- The table below is an interpretation of respondents answer to what type of development they would prefer to see on the sites.

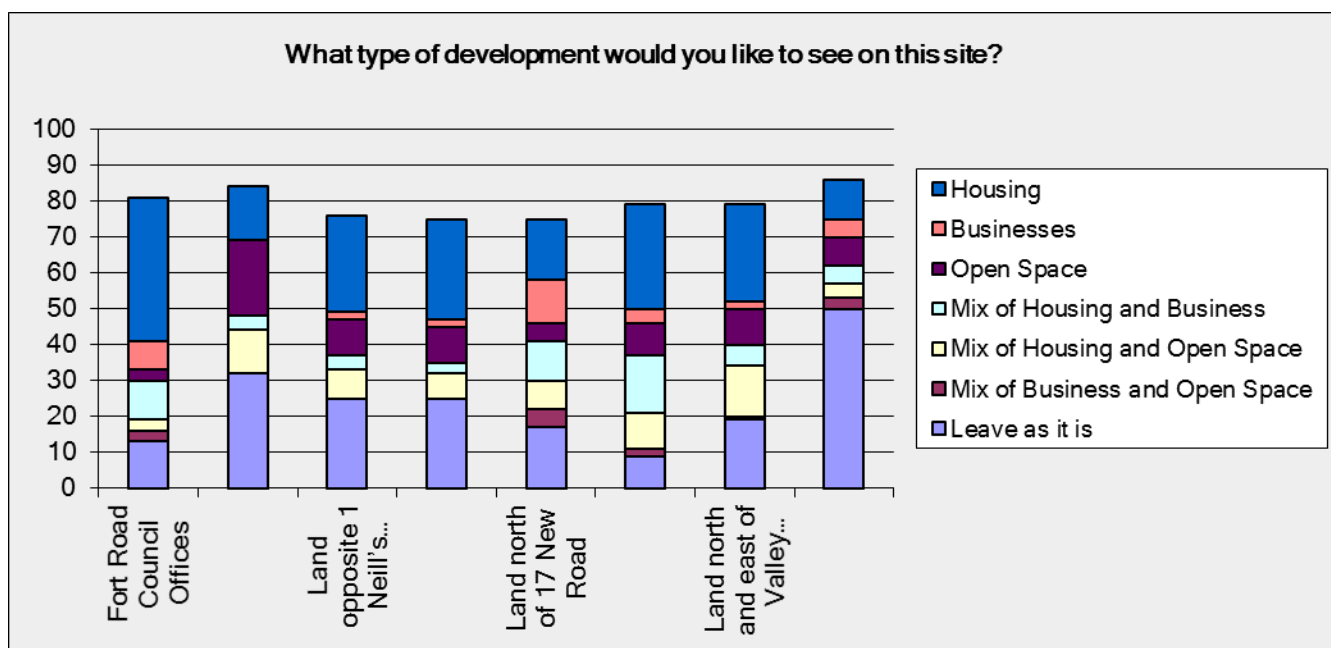
What type of development would you prefer to see on this site?						
Answer Options	Flats	Bungalows	Terraced	Detached	Semi Detached	Response Count
Seahaven Caravans, Railway Road (22)	23	8	31	6	10	52
The Old Shipyard, Robinson Road (64)	18	7	37	7	16	52
Land to west of St Lukes Court, Church Hill (24)	20	17	19	10	18	51
Site at Hill Road and Fairholme Road (8)	10	13	19	11	14	43
Robinson Road Depot, Robinson Road (80)	23	6	34	9	16	52
LDC Offices at Fort Road (6)	30	3	19	6	10	50
Former Saxonholme site, Meeching Road (30)	24	7	17	6	10	42
Harbour Heights, Meeching Quarry and west of Meeching Quarry (400)	14	24	27	30	41	56
West of Meeching Quarry (125)	17	18	27	20	27	50
Land at Kings Avenue (8)	11	14	17	19	18	54
Land south west of 7 Park Drive Close (SDNP) (8)	7	5	19	11	15	33
TOTAL	197	122	268	235	195	



The Town Council through the steering group also undertook an additional call for sites. Respondents were asked for their views on these sites.

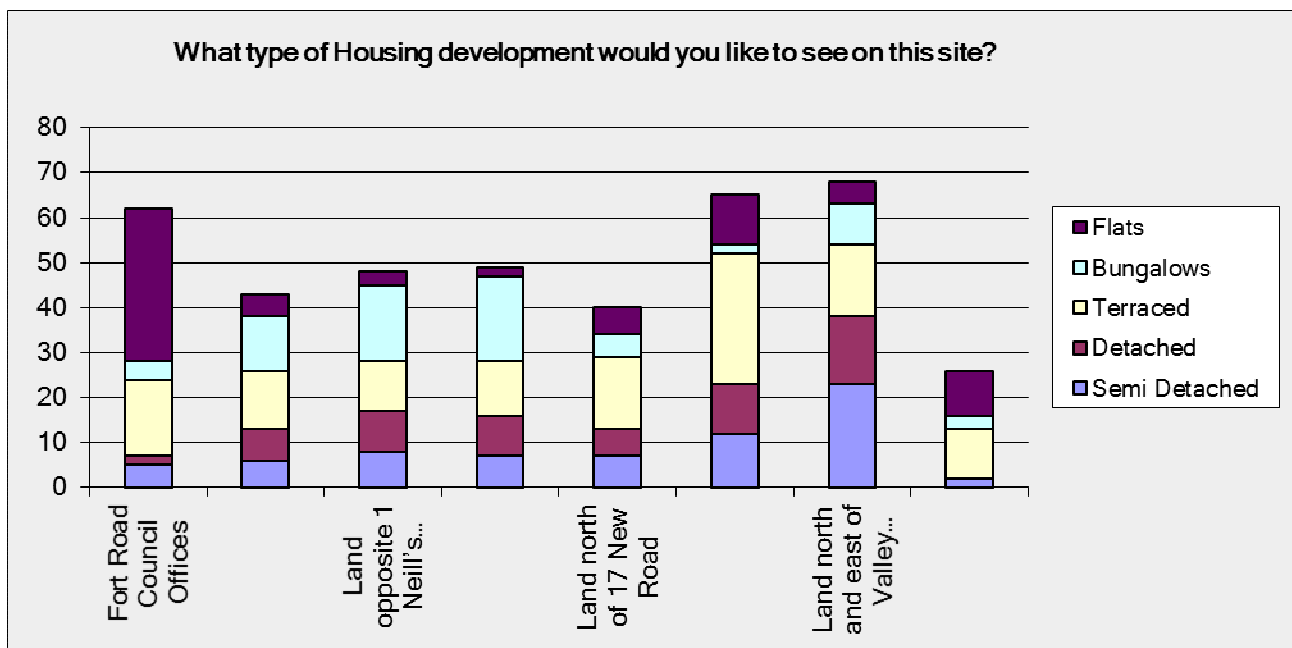
- Respondents were asked to indicate the type of development they would like to see on the additional sites brought forward. The table below is an interpretation of respondents answer this question.

What type of development would you like to see on this site?								
Answer Options	Housing	Businesses	Open Space	Mix of Housing and Business	Mix of Housing and Open Space	Mix of Business and Open Space	Leave as it is	Response Count
Fort Road Council Offices	40	8	3	11	3	3	13	78
Land at Meeching Down	15	0	21	4	12	0	32	76
Land opposite 1 Neill's Close	27	2	10	4	8	0	25	73
Land adjacent to 20 Neill's Close	28	2	10	3	7	0	25	72
Land north of 17 New Road	17	12	5	11	8	5	17	71
Robinson Road Depot	29	4	9	16	10	2	9	75
Land north and east of Valley View, Valley Road	27	2	10	6	14	1	19	76
Bay Vue Car Park, Bay Vue Road	11	5	8	5	4	3	50	84
TOTAL	194	35	76	60	66	13	280	



- Respondents were also asked to indicate the type of housing they would like to see on the additional sites brought forward. The table below is an interpretation of respondents answer this question.

What type of Housing development would you like to see on this site?						
Answer Options	Flats	Bungalows	Terraced	Detached	Semi Detached	Response Count
Fort Road Council Offices	34	4	17	2	5	51
Land at Meeching Down	5	12	13	7	6	30
Land opposite 1 Neill's Close	3	17	11	9	8	34
Land adjacent to 20 Neill's Close	2	19	12	9	7	36
Land north of 17 New Road	6	5	16	6	7	31
Robinson Road Depot	11	2	29	11	12	44
Land north and east of Valley View, Valley Road	5	9	16	15	23	40
Bay Vue Car Park, Bay Vue Road	10	3	11	0	2	21
TOTAL	76	71	125	59	70	



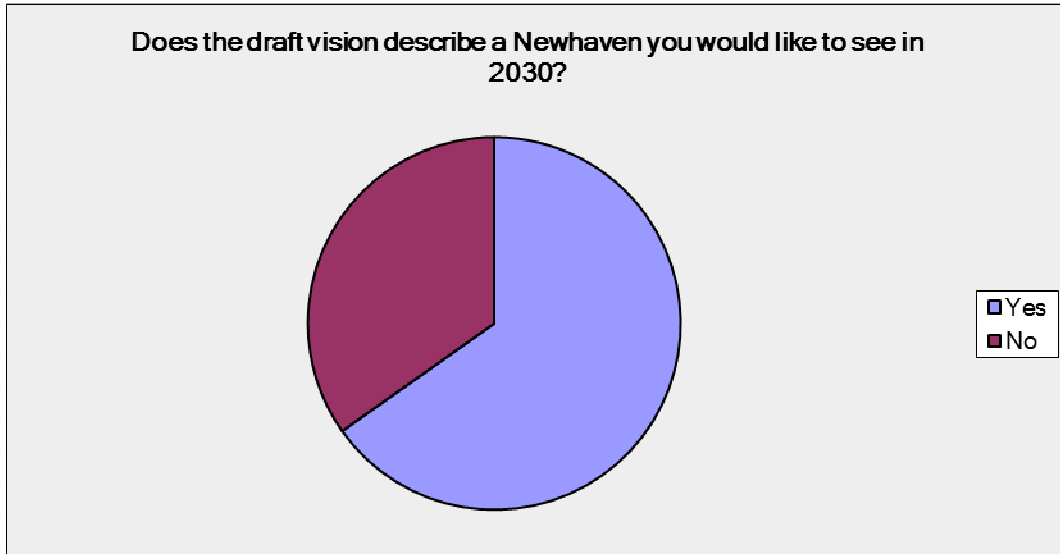
4 Survey Responses

4.1 Section 1: The Newhaven Plan Vision

Does the draft vision describe a Newhaven you would like to see in 2030?

Yes	60 (65.2%)
No	32 (34.8%)

13 respondents skipped this question



1b: If no, please explain why?

44 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 1](#)

The table below shows the most common/important words and phrases used in the comments

Showing 12 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Housing	14
Newhaven	10
Town Centre	8
Traffic	6
Draft Vision	3
Green Spaces	2
New Homes	2
Open Spaces	2
Attract	2
Banks	2
Bridge	2
Dead	2

1c: Are there any ideas you would like to add?

46 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 2](#).
59 respondents skipped this question

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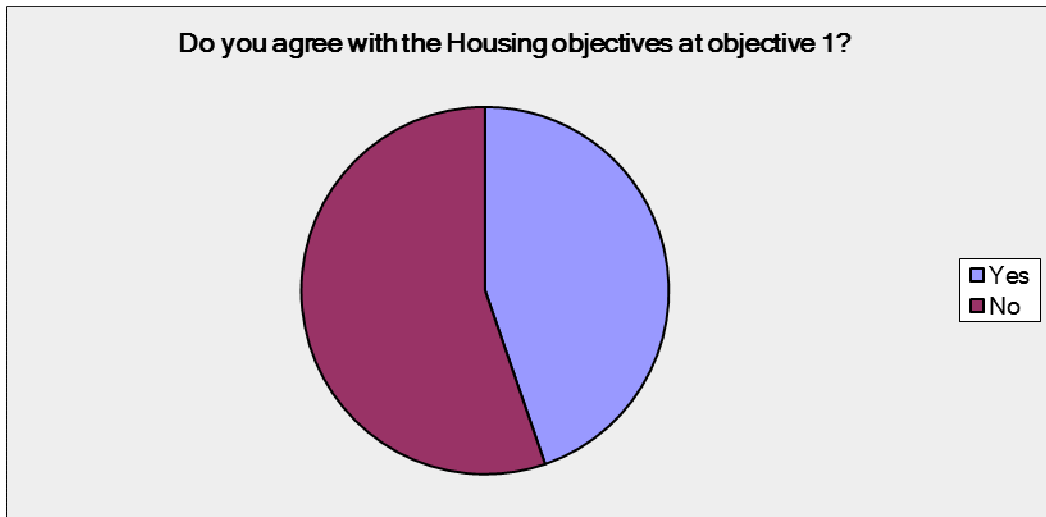
Showing 13 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Road	11
Town Centre	9
Housing	8
Newhaven	7
Parking	6
Bridge	5
Past	4
Bank	4
Incinerator	3
A259	2
Attract	2
Garden	2
Shops	2

4.2 Section 2: Housing

2a. Do you agree with the Housing objectives?

Yes	42 (44.7%)
No	52 (55.3%)

11 respondents skipped this question



2b. If no, please explain why?

62 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 3](#)

The table below shows the most common/important words and phrases used in the comments.

Showing 17 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Road	13
Newhaven	13
Harbour Heights	8
Open Space	8
Town	7
Plan	5
Schools	5
New Homes	4
Houses Proposed	3
Infrastructure	3
Properties	3
Extra Housing	2
A259	2
Affordable	2
Impact	2
Quality	2
Countryside	2

2c. Apart from the sites listed in the next page, are there any other sites you are aware of that could be considered for future development?

Response Text
Car park to the north of town centre
Cement works area on the road to Lewes
Compulsory purchase or change use of some shops/businesses in town centre
East Quay should be developed over using green spaces
Farm land not being used around Lewes.
Farmer Foxwell's field (approached by Falaise Rd and adjacent to Homedale Road track) only 1 house at end of. Quite a few bungalows could be built, without disturbing anyone's view or outlook.
Fire station - 20, Police station - 20, Empty town shop flats - 20, Abandoned industrial units - 200+ Empty banks and shops in town centre - 50+
Harbour (Grays) infants school would make an ideal retirement convalescent home.
Houses built some years ago have very large gardens (myself included), perhaps some of this land could be considered.
I am not aware of the regulations concerning the use and suitability of land in the surrounding areas so cannot meaningfully comment beyond the fact that you are concentrating the greatest majority around Court Farm Road when you need to put many of these elsewhere - what about on the road between Newhaven and Seaford and what about more on the side of the river where Tesco's / Asda and planned to go?
I would not support any development to the north of Valley Close, Metcalf Avenue or Fairway, including continuation at Heathdown Avenue adjoining with Lewes Road as a surfaced highway.
I'm concerned that Gray's school could be used for housing rather than being used as a nursery, school or youth centre.
Land behind Eldridge road, near the Brightwell factory, near Norton Rd terrace currently used as a football pitch.
Land between Newhaven and Peacehaven
Lewes Road between Newhaven and Piddinghoe. Beyond Heighton where traffic would be avoiding some congestion around Newhaven.
More around East Quay, land sold for leisure complex (now not going ahead), area on edge of industrial estate
No, none x 19
on the roads out of Newhaven to Lewes and to Seaford
Only some houses leading down from where old Peacehaven motel was so filters in to A259
Outside Newhaven on the C7 and Court Farm Rd.
Poor quality farm land west of Lewes Rd between Peacehaven golf course, Valley rd. and the cemetery.
Surely this is a stupid question because you are in a better position to know the answer. Consider putting some in South Heighton or Denton and thereby lowering the number in Meeching Quarry. What about putting more of the Newhaven allocation in Piddinghoe or Ringer.
Tarring Neville? Are there going to be new houses at the villages around here i.e. Telscombe, Iford, Southease, Piddinghoe and Rodmell - why does it all have to be Newhaven?
The maps provided were very faint and I was unable to determine exactly where Kings avenue, Hill road and Fairholme road were. My only comments on these sites would be that in comparison with existing units close by the number proposed here were quite small - with an extra 2-4 units achievable on each site. I also wondered whether Denton Island could provide some residential units - as it used to once upon a time and the old Bevan Funnell site or Parker Pen would be better suited for residential development than Seahaven caravans, which is surrounded on 3 sides by road and rail - very noisy! In addition, I assume that Gray's infants' school site is going to be developed for housing, yet is not listed in the plan - perhaps this should replace Saxonholme. Ditto the current police and fire stations given they are all going to be together at Saxonholme.
The town council offices site should be included in the LDC site. The town council should share services with the new LDC office and save money for the tax payer. The fire station site will become available. The police station site should also become available as there are never any police in it!

This question confirms the pepper pot approach being used. It's absolutely ridiculous!!
Town centre x 2
Town Centre. Lots of it is empty and very run down. It is a very inefficient use of the space and ugly. I suggest you knock the whole lot down and start again (in phases). The town centre is dying but by putting homes there mixed with commercial (small and independent units) you can bring a focus back to the town centre, people living there and using it, boost the retail and have businesses thriving. It could be 3 to 5 stories high throughout with green spaces on roofs. I bet you could fit 2000 homes into the area and cash in on people in Brighton that want a home but can't afford it in Brighton.
Understand homes due to be built on western rd. /Grays site/disused shops etc. in town centre.
Yes - all disused/neglected industrial sites
Yes - any of the disused neglected industrial sites including those by Harbour station.
Yes - Lower Place car park and former telephone exchange area.
Yes clear north quay housing that would be good.
Yes, any of the disused and/or neglected industrial sites particularly those by Newhaven Harbour station.

2d. Are there any sites you would like considered for a mix (residential and retail) development?

Response Text
All of the sites need to consider retail. There are lots of old / older people in the area (now and in future) and many do not have cars. You have just announced that you are cutting two bus routes. As time goes by more and more will not be able to afford a car and will give up the car they have so there will be more people who cannot carry heavy shopping back for the large supermarkets.
Answer in No 4 applies here.
Any possibilities within the Ring Road - also possibly Railway Quay.
Before any large scale building is considered something has to be done about the traffic around Newhaven.
Conservative club site (ring road)
Derelict side of the river opposite river wall for retail only.
East Quay
East Side
East side but what about the global warming flooding!!
East side of the river. The old harbour/marina railway station area rehabilitation hospital. Move hospital to new site with GP surgeries for increased population and develop the hospital site for housing.
East side, to create a new town centre.
Existing commercial sites around New Road and opposite around flyover/top of railway road/next to Lidl.
Further consideration given to redevelopment of disused factory units - particularly as some are adjacent to the a26
Green land must be left alone, we need open space. Meeching quarry, the land west side is a haven for birds foxes badgers and much more.
How many are going to be built in Lewes/Ringmer and surrounding? Frost garage site at Denton corner! Over development - ensure they have garages.
I suggest the housing at Harbour Heights requires more retail development and also open ground for recreation.
More near Sainsbury's and turn town centre residential.
Most need both
N. Quay
No - we need to improve retail sites that we have first.
No - we need to invest in our high street and current retail sites instead.
No x 12
No. Conservative Club site A259 and ring road. Other areas around Lewes to take some of the housing - new sites.

No. I think efforts should be made to improve what we already have before developing additional retail sites: The high street needs investment and the B and Q retail park/lido site needs to be spruced up to encourage more outsiders to stop and shop.
No. Keep the high street for shops.
None
On the Ouse river side.
Please do not use Newhaven to 'dump' the unemployed from Brighton into social housing in Newhaven.
Retail should be kept to the river harbourside area. Update what we have to make it more attractive.
see my suggestion for Nat West Bank above, and once the new library is opened (ha ha) maybe the current library could be converted to flats above with a shop below - perhaps the arts and crafts gallery the town needs, although I think the shop that used to be Fox and Sons might have more display space!. Is the town council also going to share the new building planned for Saxonholme along with the DC, Fire and Police services? The existing building could be used for housing and the funds raised could convert the current library in the high street to new offices and council chamber?!
The Eastside development would suit this I think so as to extend the town centre.
The land behind Newhaven swing bridge it could be made to look really attractive with cafes etc. a waterfront scenario.
The Saxon Holme bombsite. Surely we have lived with this awful sight for long enough. It is viewed from the town and the A259.
There are far too many now, with half of them empty (retail)
These roads need adapting first and as more houses are built their roads need to be adopted as soon as building has finished. Please get this issue sorted out.
Town centre
We have far too much industrial sites here already - so no more.
Yes the old conservative club site, Brighton Rd

2e. Any other comments?

51 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 4](#)

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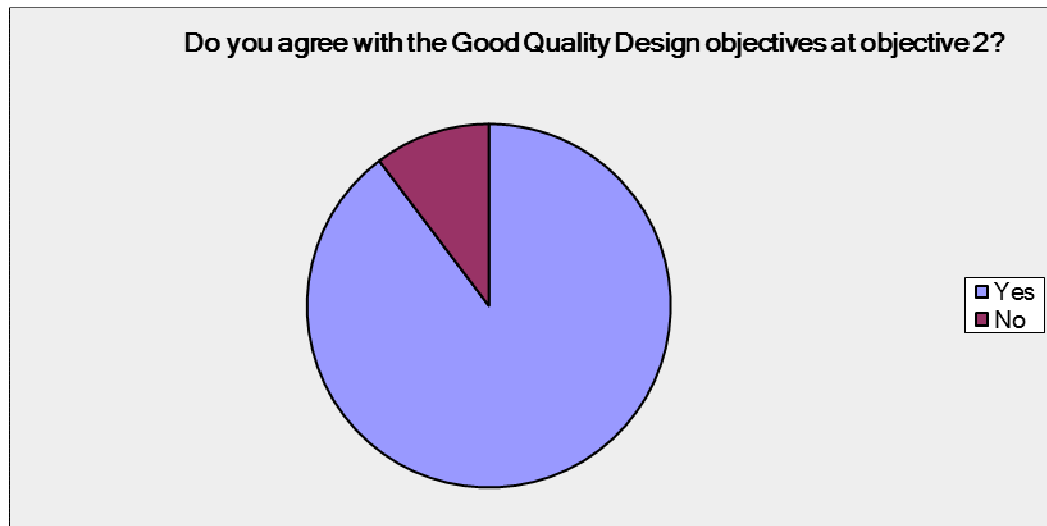
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Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Housing	18
Road	9
Park	7
Plan	6
Harbour Heights	6
Existing	4
Land	3
Space	3
Flood Plains	2
Family Homes	2
Green	2
Water	2

4.3 Section 3: Good Quality Design

3a. Do you agree with the Good Quality Design objectives?

Yes	87 (89.7%)
No	10 (10.3%)

27 respondents skipped this question



3b. If no, please explain why or provide any other comment

27 Open ended responses were received – see Appendix 5
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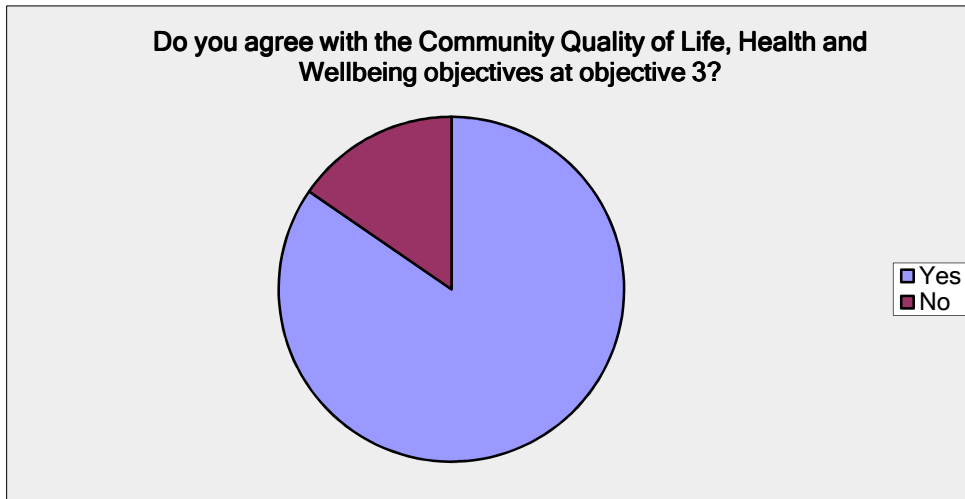
Showing 8 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Design	7
Houses	6
Development	3
Town	3
Local	2
Achieve	2
Planning	2
Given	2

4.4 Section 4: Community Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing

4a. Does the draft vision describe a Newhaven you would like to see in 2030?

Yes	77 (84.6%)
No	14 (15.4%)

14 respondents skipped this question



4b: If no, please explain why? Or add any other comment

45 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 6](#)

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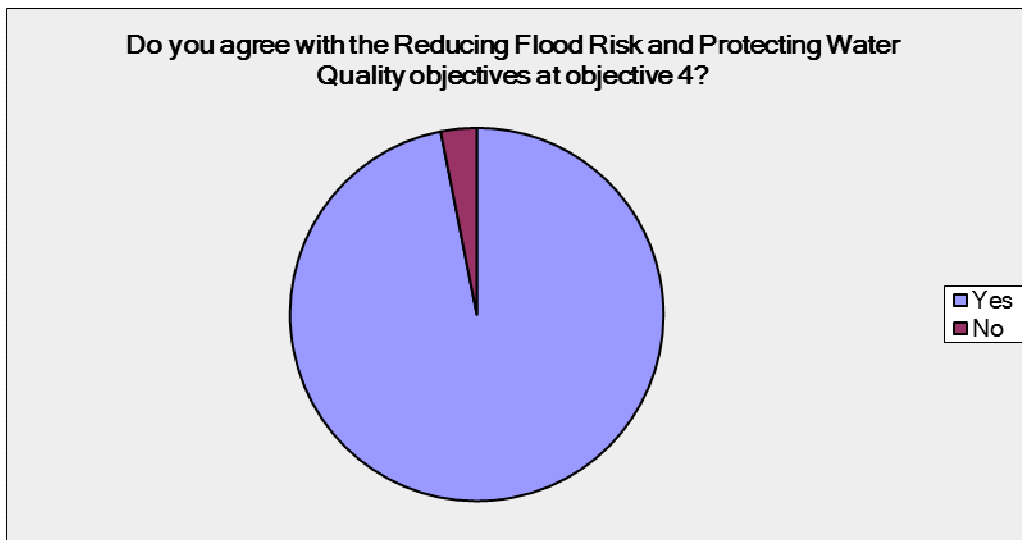
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Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Spaces	10
Facilities	9
School	8
Centre	5
Existing	4
Life	4
Health	4
Community	3
Older People	2
Meeching Quarry	2
Ring Road	2
Demolished	2
Improved	2
Outdoor	2
Young	2

4.5 Section 5: Reducing Flood Risk and Protecting Water Quality

5a. Do you agree with the Reducing Flood Risk and Protecting Water Quality objectives?

Yes	94 (96.9%)
No	3 (3.1%)

8 people skipped this question



5b: If no, please explain why or add any other comment?

22 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 7](#)

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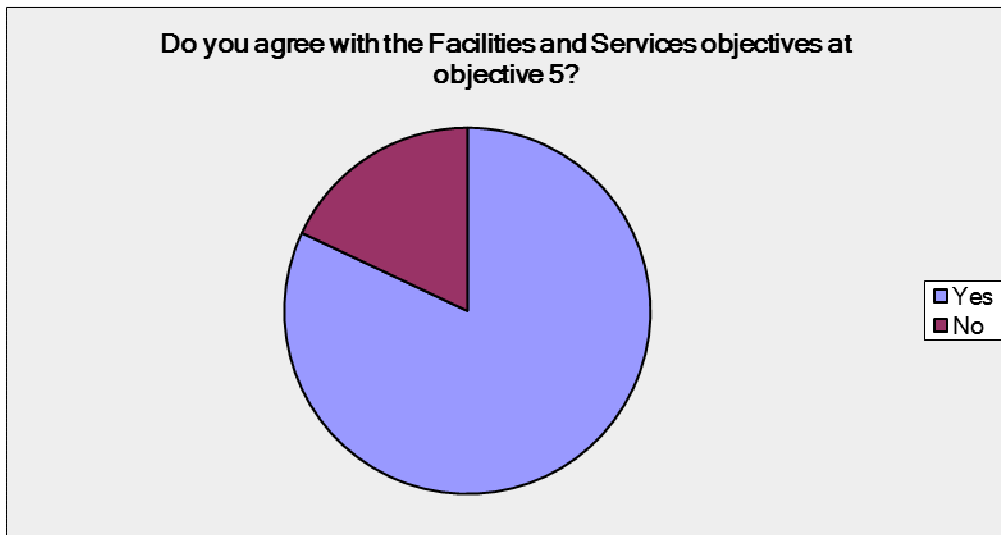
Showing 7 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Water	5
River	5
Flood Risk	3
Build on Flood	3
Road	3
East Side	2
Course	2

4.6 Section 6: Facilities and Services

6a. Do you agree with the Good Quality Design objectives?

Yes	73 (82.0%)
No	16 (18.0%)

16 respondents skipped this question



6b. If no, please explain why or add any comment

43 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 8](#)

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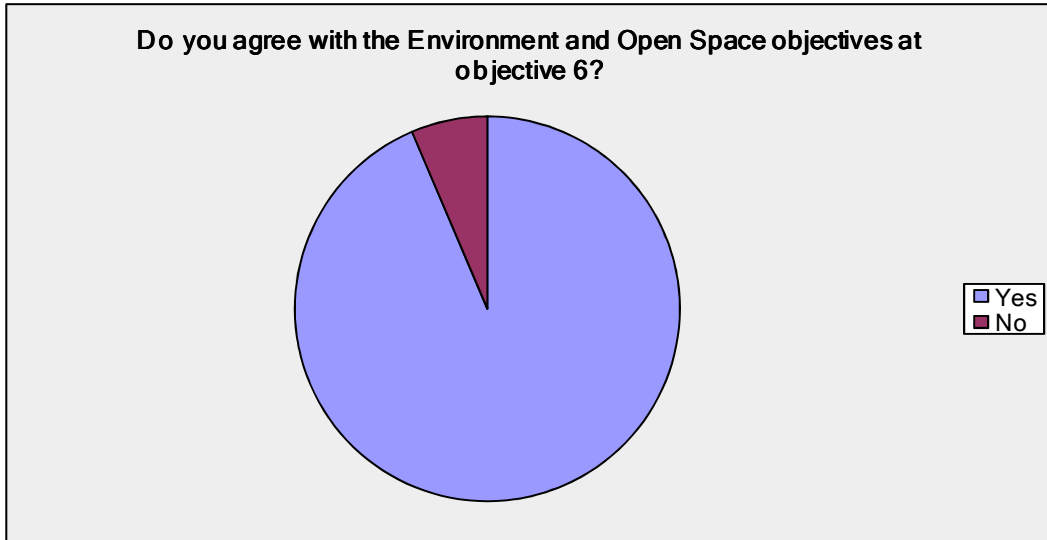
Showing 14 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Parking	9
Old Town	8
Services	7
Houses	6
Ring Road	5
Local	5
Station	3
Bank	3
Hub	3
Quay	3
River	3
Start	3
Clubs	2
Green	2

4.7 Section 7: Environment and Open Space

7a. Do you agree with the Environment and Open Space objectives?

Yes	88 (93.6%)
No	6 (6.4%)

11 respondents skipped this question



7b. Are there any sites you would like to be considered as a green and open space?

Are there any sites you would like to be considered as a green and open space?
All land on open coast area, Harbour Heights, the 'highway' for cyclists/walkers/horses etc.
All of them - but on some something for children and teenagers, ten pin bowling, roller skate park.
As mentioned before protect the Mount Pleasant area and also the Castle Hill nature reserve, although parts of the latter could be improved as a green space.
Beach to be reopened village green - looked after asset for Newhaven
Because housing objective I will completely undermine this utopian ideal and district planners show scant regard for national recreation guidelines.
Glad to see the rusting heap by the bridge is finally going - however, the debris floating away isn't very impressive. Does the area cover South Heighton and Denton - as we didn't see a lot of recompense for the incinerator despite having a grandstand view? When can we see that disappear - not exactly environmentally friendly. We had the chance to bury the power lines and do away with the pylons in our AONB - didn't happen - does anyone listen to Newhaven Town Council's views? Please can we keep the AONB where it is i.e. Finishing at New Road
Harbour Heights
Harbour Heights has taken severe development and should now be left alone.
Harbour heights should be considered as a green and open space linked to the Castle hill nature reserve, as should the riverside park area - if it isn't already - linked to valley ponds. The 'union' i.e. the area at the top of church hill and behind the Downs Hospital (I think possibly Meeching Down officially) should also be retained as an open space and not developed beyond the house at the very top (which should never have been built!!). Possibly some of it might be suitable for allotments - ditto some of the land that was Gray's school or maybe even the bit of land adjoining the Hillcrest centre could be used for allotments if there is such a demand?

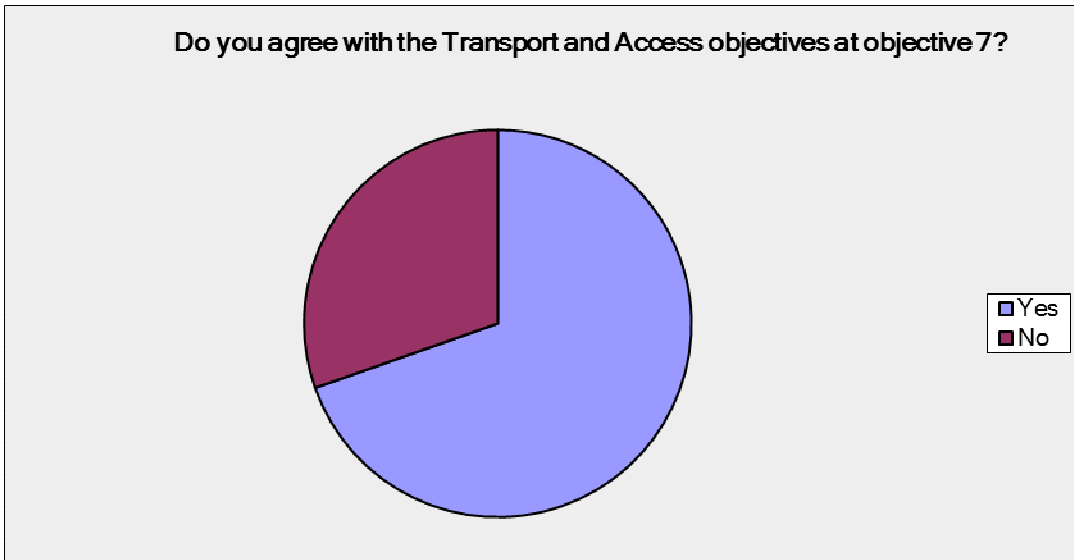
I believe more are needed. Consider skate board area and, elsewhere, a seating place for elderly and a little play park for very young children.
I do object to the further development at Harbour Heights (although I understand this is going ahead anyway). I feel this is so short-sighted as it could be a real tourist attraction with proper and judicious development of the cliff walk through to the Fort.
I hope I am not the only one that has noticed the picture you used to illustrate this is of the Harbour Heights area where you propose to build homes. So Objective 6 is totally at odds with the housing plan.
I think the proposal to build an additional 830 new homes makes this proposal impossible to achieve. The development on eastside is hugely disappointing.
If it was to be done which I doubt.
If the former Grays/Harbour infant site is to have its use changed from that of a school, then I believe the only alternative that should be considered should be as an open green recreational space that benefits local children!!
Just keep Meeching Down/ The Union.
Land behind Court Farm Road - no houses. Used by dog walkers and wildlife.
Let's stop having an industrial boom - Lewes must be jealous of our smoke, fumes and unsightly array of prefab factories - share the joy with Lewes!!
Look forward to seeing start of these.
Main parts of the Lewes Road Riverside Park area.
Meeching Down
Meeching Down, Harbour Heights and the coastal path area to Peacehaven. Bay Vue open space.
More open sites with something for the youths to do,
More open spaces - don't build on Harbour Heights! Lower traffic speed needed especially on Seaford rd. (60mph at present) - should be reduced to 40mph to reduce accidents which then impact on Newhaven and right through to Brighton!
Most of Harbour Heights - leave this alone!
New haven needs more open spaces and jobs not houses
Newhaven Fort and Harbour stations. Newhaven's beach. Visitors turned their backs on Newhaven when we lost our beach and fishing from the 'arm' (breakwater)
Not all; paths between neighbourhoods may encourage crime especially with lights out at midnight
Not sure if any remains after housing needs are met, although please keep what Newhaven has.
Riverside park and Meeching down need to be kept as green spaces, riverside is a hub for lots of wildlife and the union is historically popular with youths.
Riverside park needs to be kept as a green and open space with improvements as are Meeching Down - the union has historically been a place for youngsters to meet.
Riverside park needs to remain an open space, not shared site. Newhaven F.C. as seem to be proposed.
Sounds good but any green and open space, at the rate we're going, will have housing built on it.
The beach - west beach
The beach opening please with proper facilities. What a waste of the only sandy beach for miles.
The entire area currently known as Riverside Park open space/recreation, removal of the Ho Chi Minh plaque and commemorative banners as it causes offence to some people including visitors.
The nice picture in this paper of green space with views to Seaford is where 400 houses are planned for??
There must be something for the youth to do on our open spaces.
Waste ground close to bus station should be cleaned and planted. Roundabouts need permanently planted with low shrubs. Include tree shrubs.
We had a lovely green space you built an incinerator on it.
Yes! I suggest the riverside walk be brought into the town using Robinson Road depot as green space.
Yes, the whole area at Harbour Heights and Friars Bay should have been part of the National Park. As a nature reserve, (adders, woodbeckers, crested newts etc.) it's vital to preserve it all.
You should do more than meet national standards, a plan of this calibre should not find it difficult.
Your views of objectives 5/6 both show areas of open space soon to be developed!!!

4.8 Section 8: Transport and Access

8a. Do you agree with the Transport and Access objectives?

Yes	64 (69.6%)
No	28 (30.4%)

13 respondents skipped this question



8b: If no, please explain why or provide any comment?

61 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 9](#)

The table below shows the most common/important words and phrases used in the comments.

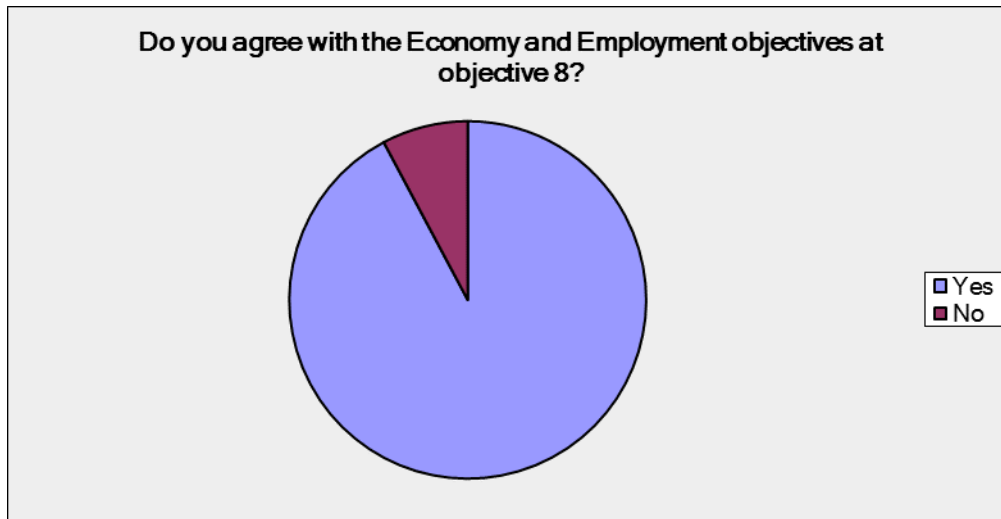
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Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Access	16
A259	14
Town	13
Cycle	11
Traffic Speeds	9
Ring Road	8
Parking	8
Housing	8
Routes	5
Dangerous	4
Improve	3
Nightmare	3
Taxis	3
New Transport Interchange	2
Leading to Brighton	2
Running	2

4.9 Section 9: Economy and Employment

9a: Do you agree with the Economy and Employment objectives

Yes	83 (92.2%)
No	7 (7.8%)

15 respondents skipped this question



9b. If no, please explain why or provide any other comment

27 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 10](#)

The table below shows the most common/important words and phrases used in the comments.

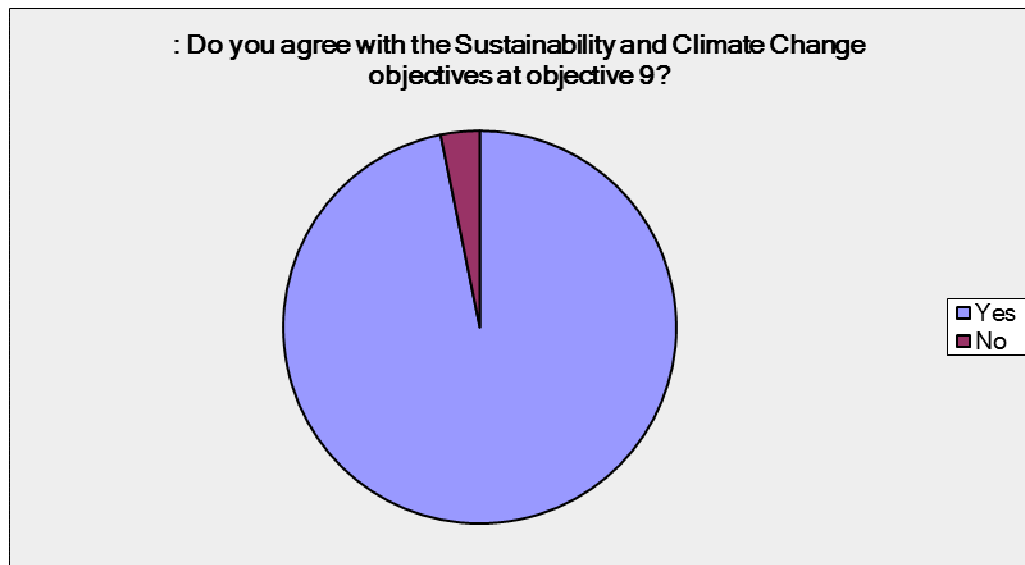
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Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Newhaven	16
Business	9
Shops	6
Employment	4
Planning	4
Tourism	3
East Quay	2
French Owners	2
Live Units	2
Young People	2
Traffic	2
Existing	2
Limited	2
Residential	2

4.10 Section 10: Sustainability and Climate Change

10a. Do you agree with the Sustainability and Climate Change objectives 2030?

Yes	91 (96.8%)
No	3 (3.2%)

11 respondents skipped this question



10b. If no, please explain why or add any comment you have.

26 Open ended responses were received – see [Appendix 11](#)

The table below shows the most common/important words and phrases used in the comments.

Showing 12 most important words and phrases	
Words/phrases	Number of times mentioned
Needs	9
Housing	7
Newhaven	6
Climate Change	3
Proposed	3
Harbour Heights	2
Solar Power	2
Agree	2
Wind	2
Decades	2
Late	2
Social	2

Words/Phrases and number of times mentioned	Total
Houses (83) Extra Housing (2) Family Homes (2) Live unites (2) New Homes (6) Properties (5) Affordable (2)	103
Newhaven (74) Old Town (8)	82
Road (43) Ring Road (18) Routes (5) New Transport Interchange (2)	68
Town (30) Town Centre (28) High Street (4)	62
Parking (23) Park (9)	32
Facilities (9) Services (7) Infrastructure (3) Health (4) Bank (9)	32
Harbour Heights	26
Business (9) Retail (8) Shops (8)	25
Open Space (21) Outdoor (2)	23
A259	20
Green Space (15) Garden (2) Countryside (2)	19
River (8) Riverside Park (6) Side of the River (4)	18
Plan (11) Planning (6)	17
Climate change (3) Flood (3) Solar Power (2) Water (7) Wind (2)	17
Traffic Speeds (9) Traffic (8)	17
Access	16
School (13) Infants School (2)	15
Spaces	13
Land	12
Cycle	11
Design (7) Development (4)	11
Community (3) Hub (3) Clubs (2) Conservative Club (2)	10
Meeching (6) Meeching Quarry (2)	8
Young/young people/youth (6) Skate(2)	8
Bridge	7
Built	7
Employment (4) Tourism (3)	7
Local	7
East Side	6
Quay	6
Centre	5
Incinerator	5
Attract	4
Beach	4
Dangerous	4
East Quay	4
Station	3
French Owners	2
Older People	2
Police Station	2

5 Appendix

5.1 Appendix 1 – Q1b: Does the draft vision describe a Newhaven you would like to see in 2030? If no, please explain why?

Categories	If no, please explain why?
Economy and Transport	Overall, it is very praiseworthy, but there is a lot of phrasing around 'green' policies, but it ignores the 'elephant in the room' which is the current traffic system around the town (which virtually isolates and disconnects the town centre from the town like some medieval moated fortress). Any piecemeal proposals will be 'sticking plaster' until the issue of rerouting the A259 with a permanent bridge north of the town is discussed.
	Sensible development of East Dock area to bring inward investment, good transport links, environment to attract day visitors and tourists.
	Free car parking in Newhaven as enjoyed by Peacehaven and Seaford, clean and well maintained toilet facilities.
	Because we have not got the road structure with the bridge and railway.
	Road improvements if there is to be more housing
	Over development of 'town' already polluted by traffic fumes. Port needs to be tidied and look less like a 'scrap metal' facility. No 'drop off/pick up' point at station and no taxi rank.
	Too many houses and loss of open spaces - the ring road already suffers with the volume of traffic today.
	Too vague/not enough detail about roads.
	Most important is to resolve the traffic problems which are becoming a nightmare and will worsen with proposed ASDA
	In some ways. Control of traffic is a must.
Environment, Open Spaces and Wellbeing	Our green spaces will be seriously depleted.
	Far too much development in open spaces
	Make more of the unique location between the Sea and the Downs, including the maritime and fishing heritage and everything associated with the riverside banks.
	In the draft vision there is no mention of allotments, make allotments available - just got to objective 6!!
	New houses will bring more pollution and damage to the environment
	seems contradictory to build 830 new homes and "respect natural areas"
	It would be if it turned out to be true how you can have a good quality environment with all the new homes to be built which means a lot more cars, more congestion, more pollution. How can you have a healthy working relationship with the port owners when they are thinking about pulling out of Newhaven and will do nothing about west beach? Newhaven was ruined in the early 1970s when the one way system was put in and all the lovely cottages were knocked down.
Housing & Development	Why should LDC dictate housing plans to Newhaven? I object to the volume of development imposed on Newhaven.
	Newhaven DOES NOT need any more houses!
	Disastrous decisions are constantly made for Newhaven. As a life-long resident, I have seen the town deteriorate over many years. Although the draft vision, with the exception of the saturation of new housing, sounds fine, I doubt that it will be accomplished.
	In the housing situation once you start you don't stop.
	Too many houses and no infrastructure to support a growing population.
	The density of housing is too great

	<p>It sounds good in the wording but there are some practicalities which I would question. For instance 1439 homes in Newhaven alone is a huge amount, could they not be spread around the area without Newhaven having to take them all on? Traffic at peak times is already problematic and this would only be worsened. My main complaint though is that some of Newhaven's beauty spots are being designated for housing this I find very distressing.</p> <p>No more housing.</p> <p>There are better places to build than some of those proposed. I agree with the Quayside development, this has been crying out for a new image for years and can only enhance the area. Any green spaces should be left as they are, there are too few in the area already.</p> <p>Too many house concentrated in one area</p>
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	<p>No consideration has been given to the creation of a town centre. As everyone who lives in Newhaven, along with visitors who come into Newhaven, can see.....there is no town centre!!</p> <p>This needs to be addressed before any further changes take place. The tragic legacy of years ago when some outsider decided to put a 'ring road' around the then buoyant town centre, which spelt the beginning of the end of the town to what now existswhich is absolutely nothing!!</p> <p>The draft vision being put forward does nothing towards improving the status of Newhaven. You must have a strong central point around which you can build sensibly to establish an enviable community for future generations to grow up in.</p> <p>The South East is already overcrowded putting a strain on local services and utilities. Limit number of new houses. The other parts of the vision are good.</p> <p>I agree with more housing but to also encourage people to stay and come to Newhaven, the town centre is dying on its feet, attract some major retailers to the area.</p> <p>Newhaven is craving life - shops that are in every 'good' town high street.</p> <p>Town centre should be demolished and moved to the other side of river by the new college.</p> <p>The infrastructure needs to be in place to support housing etc. and this will never happen.</p> <p>As long as we have more health centres and schools, more things in the town and more things for kids.</p> <p>Get away from the 'reviving the town centre' idea and look at the new centres that have developed i.e. west quay - marina are becoming community centres, also the Hillcrest Centre, The centre of gravity has shifted, the old town centre is no more.</p> <p>The existing town centre has gone and will never be revitalised (HSBC is closing down as well)</p> <p>Town centre needs banks better shopping to encourage people into the town so that more small businesses can thrive.</p>
Other	<p>It is too late money should have been spent 20yrs ago. Newhaven has been let go, to the dogs. Money was spent on Seaford and Lewes which should have spent on Newhaven (dead town)</p> <p>Gives a vision, no explanation on how!</p> <p>N/A we will both be dead by then</p> <p>I have seen many local plans that are not worth the paper they are printed on.</p> <p>But the topic papers should reflect the objectives....Housing is objective 1 but topic paper 3 and some of the other topic papers do not even have a specific objective, which makes it harder to comment meaningfully on them!</p>

	However, you are selling to vision in a manner which infers it is achievable. This is sharp practice because the reality will fall far short.
	The answer but I fear the reality will differ to the detriment of residents.

5.2 Appendix 2 Q1c: Are there any ideas you would like to add?

Categories	Response Text
Economy and Transport	Concrete proposals for tackling the traffic issue, which will not decrease (despite increasing 'green' policies in terms of bike routes, etc.) over time, but which will inevitably increase. The current route of the A259 through the town 'blights' the town centre.
	Please sort out the ring road, it ruined Newhaven.
	Suggest traders encouraged to come into Newhaven cut parking charges.
	A footbridge over the river. The motor bridge is unpleasant to walk over.
	You cannot alter the bridge or railway.
	Improvement of road(s) and inclusion of industrial area's roads leading to and around incinerator. General clearing and improvement.
	Parking at health centres now.
	Encourage employment - better businesses. Council tax rates to encourage new businesses in. Stop building on (or proposing to build on) flood plains - they are called that for a reason! One bedroom retirement homes, with a communal garden.
	Improvement in road systems. Roads in Newhaven are not suitable for the amount of traffic. Improvement of the harbour and port area.
	Car parking should be free in the town. Shop keepers need to be encouraged to be there, banks need to be in the town otherwise it just encourages people to go to Seaford.
	The A259 should be put through a tunnel, and the town re-joined to the riverside.
	We need to consider the road network more as the whole area is grid-locked at busy times especially when the bridge opens and pedestrians use the crossing points.
	Can consideration to another river crossing be given which allows traffic across without the need to open for river traffic
	Focus on jobs
Housing & Development	Use brown sites like the quarries and remove the town centre multi storey car park and build there.
	Make sure the extra housing includes a high % for older people.
	That a good proportion of the housing is truly affordable
	830 new homes seems a lot for a small town!
	In my opinion one of the keys to community integrated success will be the number of social housing units available. These should be for local people only. A survey should be done to assess how many are needed.
	We need housing in established towns rather than in green fields but this seems excessive.
	I am in particular disagreement regarding the Fairholme rd. / Hill rd. site this in my opinion would ruin an area I have lived in for the past 3 years. This area if it has to be used at all would be better developed into the allotment sites you have proposed for.
	Amend to show less houses in the Newhaven put some in Piddinghoe and on the roads between Newhaven and Lewes. Consider some in Ringmer. And more in Seaford. What about on the right just past Paradise Park Garden Centre.
	If the housing goes ahead then we should have a bypass road in conjunction with a local road.
	Less houses, more quality houses with garages. A road link from Peacehaven to A27 bypass.

	Use the land that was earmarked for the leisure complete which was sold off for a £1 to build on, create a Sovereign Harbour atmosphere on the East Quay, open up the road through the town centre to help with traffic flow, build on part of the industrial estate to tidy that area up. If the quayside and the industrial estate land was used for the majority of the developments they would be near the A26 and good road links to build in already fairly built up areas using fairly minor roads as the link will not enrich people's lives it will be create a slum
Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	If we had no incinerator we would have healthier living and climate.
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	<p>Need a bank. Want a bandstand.</p> <p>A cinema would be good, Eastbourne and Brighton have cinemas. Why not a Weatherspoon's/make a motorist pay a toll charge to go through Newhaven the air quality here is appalling what with that hideous incinerator.</p> <p>Costa, WHSmiths, a bank, a book, music DVD store because it's pedestrianised it festers on a roundabout.</p> <p>More shopping - retail type park - free parking in town.</p> <p>more shops in town centre and better roads</p> <p>Somehow relocate the town centre on East side next to the river.</p> <p>When looking at 'a good quality of life and the town centre' can a thought be given to the development of the arts in this respect and local culture in general.</p> <p>My only comments would be to emphasise the importance of the town centre to its residents and the need for diversity of retail provision in order to improve footfall - for example a restaurant, not another cafe, a stationers, the return of a building society like the Halifax or Nationwide to provide banking services. In my view the Nat West bank building would make a great B&B or boutique hotel with a restaurant below, whereas the Bridge should remain a pub with a great upstairs venue that could host events or be hired out - the only reason it wasn't was because the previous landlords allowed it to fall into disrepair.</p> <p>the need to have much bigger health centre with 4000 more people in the town schools roads doctors will need to be enlarged the old fire station will make good health centre if the new fire station is in former Saxonholme site</p> <p>More or bigger doctor's surgeries to deal with the additional population. Some small corner shops. An additional community outside area o sitting and for small children.</p> <p>Whilst the vision does describe a strong aim it spoke volumes that so much focus has been placed on deciding on the location of houses with so little focus on business and local amenities, facilities and attractions. Where is the bold statement that we shall open the beach, open the harbour arm as a beautiful place to walk, attract business to the town centre by reducing rates and rents?</p> <p>Newhaven is no longer a Town.....redressing the tragic mistakes of the past must be put foremost in any developments that take place.....as indicated above.</p> <p>It would also help if an Infrastructure was included with any additional building, etc., such as more and better roads, etc.....something which has been conspicuous by its absence with all the 'developments' that have taken place over the past 20 years or so. No new roads have been built to support these 'developments'....as just one example!!</p> <p>In a different place another bridge?</p>
Other	<p>It would be a miracle to achieve all this. Don't set your sights too high or you'll all be disappointed.</p> <p>A simple 50% vote decision does not consider length and residency in the town. Residency time of each voter should be weighted.</p>

	Sounds great. The detail is in the implementation. Past history is not hopeful!!
	As a family we have lived in Newhaven for 30+ years the town has been rejuvenated before but the results are worse than when we arrived.
	Keep to basics not grandiose schemes
	I believe a snowdome would attract visitors as there is not one in the SE of the UK.
	No x2

5.3 Appendix 3 Q2b: Do you agree with the Housing objectives? If no please explain why?

Categories	If no, please explain why?
Economy and Transport	Our roads around the town cannot maintain extra housing.
	Too many without major changes to road not just cycle lanes and moving a pedestrian crossing.
	Too many houses and loss of open spaces - the ring road already suffers with the volume of traffic today.
	Economic and regeneration growth should run together with new housing, just picking a number to please Lewes District targets seems to be not in the best interests of Newhaven.
	Look at the road system, unable to cope now. Facilities schools climate etc.
	Lack of infrastructure and employment
Environment, Open Spaces and Wellbeing	Harbour Heights area is adjacent to 551 and is removing - open space used by walkers, cyclists etc.
	Harbour Heights plan works against the environment and peoples wellbeing
	Newhaven has not a lot of open space I think this amount of housing is too much. Land west of Meeching quarry is a wildlife haven it must be protected from development. Please do not develop this area.
	Harbour Heights is a beautiful bit of open space. It is also on an eroding cliff. To build here is at odds with objective 6 and will create bit problems in the future. It may take 50 years or 200 years but building on a cliff that is falling into the sea is stupid beyond belief, particularly when it is probably the most beautiful spot in Newhaven.
	The Harbour Heights plan works totally against preservation of the environment and availability of this wonderful open space that is good for people's wellbeing. Take this away and the beautiful downs will be ruined forever. It totally conflicts with Neighbour plan Objectives 3 and 7.
	Harbour Heights is already valuable open green space/rare coastal downland - why look for new green spaces when it is proposed to build on this?
	Far too many homes using up too much of the countryside.
Housing & Development	Far too many houses and all concentrated in one area. The nature reserve will end up being overrun with children and by dog walkers. Far too many cars joining the ring road. There is a badgers set behind the houses in Court Farm Road which must be protected. There are skylarks in the field at the back of the houses currently at the top of Court Farm Road.
	It doesn't seem to me that we can object, given the requirements from National Government. However, I am puzzled about whether the proposed development on East Quay (now in abeyance since Asda pulled out?) is included in the 800 approx. houses required? If not, why not? We really don't need another supermarket so why can not this site be used to increase the housing stock required, rather than building further on Harbour Heights, an already existing green space?
	Too many flats built already and still unoccupied - no more!
	Too many houses proposed

What does minimum mean - can our schools absorb that many children?
Do not build on flood plain only on Higher ground.
No provision for 'tiny houses' - see Wikipedia 'small house movement'
It's all very well dumping housing here as stated above encourage more retailers here more housing = environmental impact.
New houses will bring more pollution and damage to the environment
I object to the housing development at Harbour Heights which has been permitted to the detriment of the coastal footpath.
As long as affordable.
Too many houses proposed
How can an allocation of some 1500 new homes not compromise the open green space? When Newhaven residents have been burdened with a newly created council tax for public open space.
As long as we have the right amount of amenities.
Will ruin the view across to Seaford for people already living behind i.e. Pevensey Road
We don't really have any choice as LDC will only adopt a Neighbourhood Plan if it conforms to the District Council planning levels - e.g. 830 new homes. Maybe we need to get new district councillors.
Too many houses, no infrastructure to support it - roads/GPs/schools. We need SDH NHS Trust to reopen the downs hospital (for respite care) minor injuries unit and GP practice at that site = jobs!
Too many, Lewes is dumping on us again?
Lewes Council are using Newhaven as a soft target for their own development plans.
It appears that it is being imposed by L.D.C. would have thought N.T.C. is capable of doing it.
Too many. They won't be quality houses they will be 'Rabbit hutches' to house the waiting lists on benefits in the London Boroughs!
Too many houses crammed into unsuitable sites - lack of infrastructure
Excessive. Conflicts with your draft vision because 6, 12, 14 and 2 are natural areas of countryside, air quality will be reduced, roads insufficient and infrastructure.
Don't know enough about all the sites to comment.
Too many houses in Newhaven taking cars onto overcrowded roads. Are Lewes and Seaford having this amount of housing?
Too many houses, Newhaven infrastructure needs upgrading before building.
Too many houses in Newhaven.
Too many houses already.
In my view instead of the following "reflect the requirements of the Core Strategy, by an allocation for housing on land at Harbour Heights"the first bullet of the objective should say....by an allocation for housing on land in Meeching quarry, to the west of the quarry and in Robinson RoadIn my view Harbour heights is a precious green space bordering on the castle hill nature reserve and providing for diversity of species and a clear prominence to the town's premier tourist attraction - the Fort. As it is the construction of around 400 homes on this site will mean that the construction of a highway from where court farm road ends linking to the A259 at the corner of the road where the Garage stood via the Highway (think that's what it's called, as Fort Road will be unable to cope with the volume of traffic.
830 new homes? Why? Absolute madness!
An additional 830 new homes is unreasonable and excessive. Has anyone queried LD.C.'s demands? L.D.C. treats Newhaven as the district's dumping ground and Newhaven Town Council appears totally powerless when it comes to protecting Newhaven's interests.
Such a pepper pot approach smacks of little or no planning.....it seems that the approach being made is see a space and fill it.....all because someone in high places has deemed that X number of houses have to be built irrespective of impact on the local community.

	<p>Road structures and too much concentration of housing in the area without adequate infrastructure. You say there will be infrastructure, I do not believe you or trust ESCC! Look what happened with the incinerator; the people of Newhaven are used as a dumping ground.</p> <p>As long as adequate facilities are built to cope with the increased numbers i.e. schools, doctors surgeries</p> <p>too many houses in one area</p> <p>You will be transferring into Newhaven lots of people from outside the town (area) who are on DHSS and other people who have no connection to the town which will have a negative social effect. The affordable house will all go to people from outside the area who are not wanted by their local councils. They will have no affinity to the town and are unlike to be able or want to find work and therefore become a nuisance.</p> <p>Too much development, the town cannot cope with the volume of traffic even now. Court Farm Road is not suitable for access to even more properties especially the quantity being considered.</p> <p>Too many properties and not enough infrastructure.</p> <p>Far too many housing, roads, doctors, schools would not be able to cope.</p>
Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	<p>This will mean more congestion, more pollution.</p> <p>500 plus houses on hills to west of quarry will increase water run off and drainage, putting Fort Rd/South Rd under risk of flooding. It will isolate the nature reserve from the Downs National Park and cause severe transport problems</p>
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	<p>Where is the shops, banks etc. in the high street to cater for extra housing (nowhere)</p> <p>Too many properties and too few medical facilities, schools and essential services.</p> <p>Newhaven has become just a site for industrial growth. This may bring jobs but it is all leaving the town centre in favour of a smokey smelly area clustered by the railway. It's unsightly, depressing and what gain does it bring to Newhaven apart from looking like a set from planet of the apes.</p> <p>Don't mind having more housing as long as you do what you say you are going to do e.g. school, open spaces, health care and so on.</p> <p>Town too small for present facilities.</p>
Other	<p>This plan is not feasible in some areas.</p> <p>See comments overleaf re A259 and Ring Road</p> <p>town needs to grow and stay as the ugly sister of Sussex</p>

5.4 Appendix 4 Q2e: Any other comments on housing?

Categories	Response Text
Economy and Transport	Ring road cannot sustain extra traffic
	There are 3 housing estates that still require their roads adapting in Newhaven. These are the Harbour Heights, Court Farm Rd and August Fields.
	Please leave Bay Vue car park as it is - it is vital for the Hillcrest Community centre which is the jewel in the crown for Newhaven.
	Access from coast road to west of Newhaven needed urgently.
	This place has become a complete bottleneck. Weekends and rush hour are terrible!!!
	Leave the green open areas alone.

Housing & Development	Road infrastructure, doctors and parking won't be able to cope with much more housing.
	Please please don't build concrete blocks/ugly building. Make look like flint or local existing styles.
	Large family homes over £250K have sold slowly in the area therefore lack of demand. Smaller homes have sold more quickly!
	Housing - look at Peacehaven's estates - they have intermingled one bed houses amid the legoland of bricks. Just thing to encourage a mix and not cul-de-sac ghettos.
	It would be a pity to lose Bay Vue car park if it is sold for parking when visiting town. I would not be in favour of any development in SDNP.
	There should be more affordable houses than any other as there are still too many empty that people cannot afford.
	The housing development at 'Grays' school site should be included in housing quota.
	Old ship yard and Robinson road depot = both on flood plains - madness!! Kings Avenue - 8? Are you aware the foundations and pipes from pumping station in Denton Drive are under the ground and pump water to the crescent 'Booster pump' supplying water to 'the Crescent' and Fairhorne Road!
	The housing plan for Harbour Heights contradicts Neighbourhood Plan Objectives 3 + 7
	The proposed housing development plan for Harbour Heights will be detrimental to environment and contradicts objectives 3 + 7!
	Any buildings that are derelict, not used anymore, this land could be put to use.
	Favour terraced housing less outside walls, take up less space.
	Work with planners to agree to develop land in gardens. The Mount Road development will make the road very dangerous on the corner. Builders are doing this already.
	If this overdevelopment goes ahead are there plans for more health centres, more hospitals, and more schools?
	If 830+ homes are required in Newhaven then more needs to be done about roads, schools, doctors, shops before they are built.
	Do NOT destroy the only remaining good thing that Newhaven has, i.e. the downland and cliff top walks up and beyond the fort. It may not officially be within the National Park but this is simply a technicality... it's just as beautiful and needs to be respected and preserved.
	Bay Vue is not suitable for housing - it forms the main car parking area for the Hillcrest Centre - the largest venue in town - when they hold events. It is also a spill over parking area for Bay Vue Road, Norman Road and Meeching Road where parking is restrictive for the number of households
	More housing will cause more traffic problems etc. Land at Kings Avenue has been identified for potential housing development. I live in a nearby road and residents park down my road because Kings Avenue is jam parked with parked vehicles. Some even park in the turning bay! By building more houses down Kings Avenue will just add to a greater problem with cars as what there is now.
	There is far too much social housing in Newhaven, hence the large number of Newhaven residents on benefits, etc. If we have to accommodate L.D.C.'s demands, there should be more up-market dwellings to attract aspirational people who will benefit our community. There is a requirement for bungalows for older residents and larger family homes.
	Too many planned
Affordable housing has to be a priority. Younger folks cannot afford the high costs of buying or the rents being charged in most of the town.	
if there are any multi-storey properties being built - restrict the height to a maximum of 3 levels	
I think any cheap looking flats will destroy the look of the town. The marina flats are an eyesore.	

	<p>I was amazed to see that you are even considering a site that is within the SDNP for housing development Site Ref 19. It's a retrograde step I however agree with improving and converting existing structures.</p> <p>If you build too many 3/4 bedroom houses they will be purchased by buy to let landlords who will definitely split them into 2/3 units and rent out to people who rarely care about the property/area.</p>
Environment, Open Spaces and Wellbeing	<p>400 homes at Harbour Heights will leave us with very little open space.</p> <p>Harbour Heights needs CAREFUL planning. Need to maintain rural feel and gap between Newhaven and Peacehaven.</p> <p>Please don't destroy Fairholme rd. /Hill rd. by building on its green areas. For 8 homes the road would need to be resurfaced and widened meaning the tranquillity of the area would be gone. I would have to live opposite a building site whereas I now live opposite a quiet green space. Consider developing the area through promoting it as an area of outstanding natural beauty within the National Park.</p>
Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	<p>Future dwellings should have solar panels as standard and use of 'grey water' captured for garden use.</p> <p>Bear in mind the flood plains which need to remain.</p>
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	<p>Money needs to be spent now in the existing town centre as it is.</p> <p>Better incentives for shopkeepers to rejuvenate existing "SAP" TOWN.</p> <p>Newhaven is no longer a vibrant town - too many empty properties. Visitors to Newhaven say they wouldn't bother getting off the bus at Newhaven.</p>
Other	<p>We were not informed earlier about the forthcoming plans</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Please inform us of where Newhaven stands relative to other towns in the district. Do we have a disproportionate no. of houses to add? I bet we do.</p> <p>I do not think this has been thought through and do the people making decisions live in Newhaven?</p> <p>Social housing should not be available to drug users, alcoholics, irresponsible single mothers (there is no excuse for getting pregnant) and people with background and language that would make it difficult for them to integrate. Keeping the numbers of s.h. to a minimum would minimise the problems of future.</p> <p>Will you take any of this on board or is this going to be another 'incinerator'??</p> <p>So much for the UNESCO world site listing!</p> <p>Consider proper planning.</p> <p>Please do not do what councils ALWAYS do and that is lump all the low cost housing into one place it just results in a ghetto of poor people with no prospects.</p> <p>Why is Newhaven being used as a housing dumping ground?</p> <p>Maximise on high value housing</p>

**5.5 Appendix 5 Q3b: Do you agree with the Good Quality Design objectives?
If no, please explain why or add any other comment.**

Categories	If no, please explain why or ask any other comment
Economy and Transport	Local tradesmen should be used wherever possible.
	Please take parking into consideration with any new development
Environment, Open Spaces and Wellbeing	It's great to see a mix of new 'green and healthy' places - please also remember the footpaths in the valley area and not just on 'seen areas'.
Housing & Development	As long as design is good and not cramped all together.
	Please keep a village atmosphere when considering planning permission.
	Because no we don't want all these houses and no doubt you will build them so a decent design and not rabbit hutches please.
	As long as there is a large amount of affordable housing.
	The flats at the marinas do not meet this criteria, in my mind therefore I hope this type of development will not be considered a game - it is out of place in a small coastal town and is an eyesore.
	But not squash as many in as you can! and must have garages!! Houses should also have room sizes to accommodate families i.e. 3rd bedroom not a nursery size but large enough to accommodate a bed and a wardrobe (not one or the other!)
	Because housing objectives at 1 will mean objective 2 will never be met in respect of being in keeping with existing developments and public spaces etc.
	This should already be addressed in planning applications
	You talk about affordable housing and building materials of the highest quality, the two do not go together. This just creates poor neighbourhoods and quickly becomes rundown.
	Whilst in the main I am content with this objective I was disappointed to see the box like - presumably affordable - houses being built at St Lukes Court whilst surrounded by far better quality and designed buildings that reflected some of the other buildings nearby e.g. the Convent and the old workhouse. I am also disappointed that no flint walling has been used, given that it is very much a local Sussex characteristic and would like to see it used in local houses as well as on walling - even if only in decorative panels
	If future development must go ahead well then yes I agree with the good quality design objectives.
Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	Gradual demolition of older properties around the town and replace with modern energy efficient new builds.
	yes if eco friendly
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	Support facilities you already have.
	Need adequate thought given to health/transport/schools in fact entire infrastructure.
Other	Meaningless

Doesn't matter about design - don't want! It's too busy now, too much traffic cutting Newhaven town off already.
Obviously. These questions are set out in such a way as to only seek a positive response. I am more interested in what you will do, not what you would like to do.
Depends on what your definition of well-designed and in keeping with surrounding developments entails
But will it happen? It certainly isn't at the moment. Parker pen site!
You do not know what good design is
But will you achieve it?
Objectives are rare achieved
The answer is yes but I have no faith that you will achieve your objectives.

5.6 Appendix 6 Q4b: Do you agree with the Community Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing objectives? If no, please explain why or add any other comment.

Categories	If no, please explain why? Or add any other comment.
Environment, Open Spaces and Wellbeing	Why build on existing green sites (such as Harbour Heights and Meeching Downs) only to have to provide further green sites. These are already good quality sites within reach of the town which could be enhanced with judicious development.
	Indoor and outdoor recreation spaces.
	Why not include 1 or 2 play areas for young and outdoor seating area for adults these foster community.
	Not sure how new green spaces can be found when housing developments are needed.
	How can new green spaces be created when a further 1500 new homes are to be built?
	How can you suggest more infrastructure i.e. schools when 'Grays' is about to be demolished? Open space - the 'union' on Meeching Down has been overgrown since the great storm - never cut back or maintained.
	Because schools and health facilities are presently being sold or closed and therefore aims pure conjecture/fantasy. Because housing objectives at I will reduce open space and recreation areas etc.
	There are a number of run down sites which would benefit from being improved, but it is important to protect the areas in Newhaven which are beautiful, such as the green spaces around Mount Pleasant and the Castle Hill nature reserve, add walking routes, bike paths, encourage enjoyment of these spaces rather than build houses on them.
	How can new green spaces be encouraged if so many houses etc. are being considered to be built?"
	I doubt it will be adhered to. The incinerator was forced on our town. There won't be any green spaces left thanks to the proposed housing.
Housing & Development	Why has nothing been done with the demolished site in Meeching road? Needs immediate attention.
	It cannot be a good idea to group all those new dwellings in Meeching quarry and Harbour Heights at the top of Court Farm Road. The people living there will be too close to the cliffs, too isolated it is always windy up the top and there are NO services within a walking distance.

Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	<p>Ring road air pollution levels must be tackled.</p> <p>with the huge number of students travelling through the town centre and the huge number of people travelling out of Harbour Heights and Meeching quarry via Fort Road onto the ring road the air quality which already breaches safety regulations will far too bad in the centre of town.</p>
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	<p>Explode a big shot of life and fun into Newhaven and people will feel better for a start. Cinema, bowling, ice skating - proper businesses and not just a DVD night in a hut or films in co-op car park.</p> <p>Always smells smokey here. Businesses light fires. Need more health centres. Health here not good owing to industry and added incinerator. We need it a smokeless zone soon.</p> <p>Definitely need more doctors' surgeries, existing town council halls need updating as look old and an eyesore.</p> <p>need more shops and entertainment</p> <p>It is vital that there are sufficient school places/GP surgeries to cater for the proposed increased population.</p> <p>But no plans here to provide them!! Health facilities - to include a minor injuries unit - schools etc. Indoor sports facilities - we have none other than our swimming pool (which Newhaven people funded!) and now run by Wave Leisure and no free swimming for children offered.</p> <p>But will you reach them - nothing done so far - virtually no indoor sports facilities for kids.</p> <p>In General - But where would these facilities (schools and health facilities) go?</p> <p>Need more facilities for the young and the old.</p> <p>I am concerned about the following elements of this objective " the provision of infrastructure to keep pace with population growth, development which supports the provision of a new multi-function community hall , the protection and improvement of existing open spaces and recreational facilities and assist in delivery of additional green infrastructure" I think that Newhaven is bearing the brunt of new housing development for Lewes District and that soon the existing Dentists and Doctors will be full. I think there is still capacity at Tideway but am concerned about the new Harbour infants and junior school - the new building will only have limited capacity to cope with such an increase in numbers whereas on the two existing sites there was more room for expansion. Furthermore, investment in the Hillcrest Centre - including renovation or demolition and replacement of the existing Nissen huts behind the main building that used to be used for various activities would provide the centre with a new lease of life and might enable them to reconfigure the existing building to provide a stage and open up the entrance so that the National Blood Service could once more use the centre for donations. In relation to the protection and improvement of existing recreational facilities and green spaces - please continue pressing Lewes DC to transfer the Riverside park area to the Town Council - I have no desire to see a floodlit football pitch there nor a training centre for the football club - they should be encouraged to complete the existing stand which would provide a great resource for the club. In general the fort road recreation area could do with an overhaul of its facilities - why is there no general tea hut or cafe on site for visitors or spectators? I am sure there is room for Bowls, cricket, tennis, football, plus training facilities as well as skateboarding/BMX biking with a little thought and re-ordering of the existing space, which could do with an injection of lottery money!</p> <p>Again, current facilities appear to have been put together at random and certainly need addressing to improve before considering any additional facilities.</p> <p>It is so important to have community centres, available to all age groups and with access to storage for the users.</p> <p>A bigger or second leisure centre - particularly another swimming pool.</p> <p>Agree in principle, but we do not have adequate roads or facilities, i.e. GPs to cope with more people and cars so not good quality life.</p>

Other	What quality of life with the incinerator.
	Think of older people
	Definition of health needs to include social care and emphasise prevention/wellbeing.
	When can we have our beach back? When can we have our improved library? When can we have our streets, steps and areas cleaned regularly? A couple of lads said the area looked like a ghetto.
	How?! How do you plan to obtain this? Who sold the park locally for £1?
	Obviously.
	Please please switch the street lights back on at night it is pitch black in my street after 12.30. There are several incidents of vandalism and it would be impossible to identify anyone if a serious crime was being committed. It makes the area more crime vulnerable. Keep the bus service which helps older people and those less mobile in the area.
	I have been reading for many years that these things are coming - seeing is believing!!
	Note - tip - involve local artist in design.
	I don't agree with closing schools and putting children all together when there is clearly not enough room and they are leaving a lovely and good school empty when loads of children are having to travel too far to get a place at school when there is one round the corner.
	Once again - it sounds good but we are not optimistic it will all happen.
	Services in Newhaven inadequate - just closed one school!!
	Too vague - needs to be more specific e.g. what facilities?
	Will the objective ever be done? Or is it just another scheme to keep the peasants quiet!!
	I feel it will be difficult to achieve given existing budget and space constraints, although very important.
	But don't believe it
	The answer is yes but I do not trust you to be able to achieve them.

5.7 Appendix 7 Q5b: Do you agree with the Reducing Flood Risk and Protecting Water Quality objectives? If no, please explain why or add any other comment.

Categories	If no, please explain why or add any other comment?
Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	Imperative given climate changes
	Great care should be taken on the East side developments (already approved), that water running off doesn't cause floods or problems in other parts of East side.
	Keep developing, floods will keep happening
	So don't build on flood plains.
	I should like to see the river dredging brought back on a more regular basis, as was done historically.
	I am concerned that some proposed development (such as Robinson rd.) are on the flood plain (how cost effective will this be to counteract any flood risk?)
	But don't build on flood plains it is madness! and costly if properties are flooded.
	Houses proposed by ASDA are surely on flood plain and be subject to/exacerbate flood risk to east side.
	A lot of the housing you are suggesting is close to the river on a flood plain. If seas level rises it will flood. This either needs to be addressed or we should not build on flood plains.
	Yes; but by building on hills that are green you will increase flood risk to existing homes

Other	Of course
	Especially Chapel Street and Fort Road Park
	Look forward to seeing start of these.
	In theory all sounds good but then you realise this is presently a legal requirement that is never enforced or at least patchily, and therefore an aspirational pipe dream.
	Whilst I have no particular comments on this objective - which is so general as to be virtually meaningless - I would suggest that the land owned by ESCC which they want to cover with solar panels be restricted to the lower lying area - which could also be used as a flood water runoff area as long as the panels were sited perhaps a foot or so higher than they would usually be. There is a continuing problem with flooding in the fort road recreation area and I wonder whether digging of a deeper ditch to the side of the road by the boat yard might help keep some of the water back. Flooding measures will also be needed if residential development goes ahead on Robinson Road - better maintenance of existing drainage ditches might help - the ones near Riverside park are stagnant and choked with debris as are several down by Sainsbury's/the Drove and on the cut through to Paradise Park. I suggest that some of the lower lying fields to the right of the incinerator also be designated flood overspill as in general the impact would be lower on that side of the river
	The answer is yes but I have concerns that the plans will be modified/ downgraded...

5.8 Appendix 8 Q6b: Do you agree with the Facilities and Services objectives? If no, please explain why or add any other comment.

Categories	If no, please explain why or add any comment.
Economy and Transport	More shops please. A large hall that can be rented by local clubs and organisations. Remember more houses/people all have to park their cars.
	This states improving public transport but this week the council have agreed to cut local bus services to save costs.
	Tighter control over vehicles using the town centre - sometimes it's very busy!
	Improve cycle routes - cycles are often on the pavements. Why is the library taking so long to finish? Or even start? Cutting the bus service is not improving public transport a lot of OAPS and less mobile people rely on these services around the town.
	But can a thought be given to the development of the arts in this respect and local culture in general.
	If 850+ houses are to be built then a new access road to A259 should be put in before and a new bridge over the river so that the A259 does not come to a standstill when bridge opens.
	I would just emphasise the need to respect the old town centre in any development proposals and to maintain the regular 145 bus service that links the old town centre with the new east side and Denton/South Heighton. Many older people with limited mobility or young people with small children and no car rely on this service to get around town, especially now that so many larger shops are sited away from the traditional town centre, and it is far more economical and environmentally sustainable to run a community bus service than individual taxis.
	Although the current pedestrian only pavements have 'killed' Newhaven town.
Parking	I do think the bus services 12s etc. are good. Keep the cars out of town precinct and take away parking charges.
	We have no facilities here and do not likely to in this plan. We want free car parks and our train car park returned for train.

	Free but controlled short term parking adjacent to the railway station and bus stop for pick up and drop off.
	What bother with the old town it is dead, parking charge killed off Newhaven town years ago.
	Free parking as in Hailsham would bring more people into the town.
	Reduce/remove parking to encourage visitors and shoppers before the town centre dies! Change parking from multi-storey as this feels rather threatening (if possible).
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	Unsure what is meant by 'an improved pedestrian friendly town centre'. Currently, it is a messy mix of parked cars/pedestrian. We need to commit to an attractive and pedestrian friendly centre, which draws people in and doesn't keep them out by the ring road. A proper 'entrance' to the town and a link to the West Quay would enhance this.
	It is not feasible that the present town centre can ever be regenerated. Your energies should be focused on relocating the town centre to the station/E. quay transport hub.
	The area is already short on facilities etc.
	We don't need more pedestrianised town centre - we have it! It's killed all the trade and it's dead. Is Lewes?
	The town centre needs to be regenerated i.e. more retail outlets are needed. A bank/building society, services etc.
	Please explain where the town centre is. Is it going to be down by the river or are you planning to refurbish the one we already have?
	By the time this is implemented there will be no 'town centre'. Most have been converted into housing now. With no bank or building society in the town and we understand the co-op leaving - a fire station and police station taking a valuable site - these will not help regeneration. All is being lost now.
	I agree with this objective, however it seems the town centre is already succumbing to several residential redevelopments of former commercial units - the 'old town' is disappearing rapidly!
	The old town centre can never be regenerated. Move shops, restaurants etc. to East side river.
	Need a new modern health centre that is accessible. Need a bank in the town.
	The town centre is not a "community hub". It's depressing with few shops and ordinary people like myself avoid it because of the undesirable people who have flooded into the town.
	The 'old town' has long been demolished...there is now nothing to respectso you cannot support development proposals that supposedly respect something that is no longer there.
	Create a 'new town' at the quayside
	I think you need to reconsider the town centre - no-one uses it much - it is tatty and tired with not a lot going on. The main reason it is like this is because of the ring road. No-one apart from the locals use it - no incentive to use it. Broad Street in Seaford works because people drive down it and it is thriving. Businesses want to invest there. You need to think bigger and better
	There will not be a town centre in 2030.
	If you bring in too many young families you will not have enough school places.
	Linking town centre with good new development of East Quay area...
	The old town is dead. Do not try to save it or respect it. Bulldoze the lot and start again making something modern and better. Build homes in the centre and there will be people to use the shops. If you keep building on the outskirts people will use the out of town as it's more convenient, so bring people back to the centre. Possibly even build over the ring road so it is kept out of site (or have roads go through the middle) so that above it is all pedestrian and bike only. Build something innovative and people will come, try to keep the old and the already dead town centre will drag on and on and drag the town down with it.
	The town centre now needs to be focused on more office and business than retail. Having a proper commercial centre is the only way to encourage banks back - the multi storey car park must provide a level of reasonable cost all day.

	Town centre is now a lost cause as a shopping centre. You will need free car parking (1st hour at least) to encourage people in! Need GP surgeries for 830 houses!
	The town has been in decline for many years - locals say since the ring road - feel parts would be better used for housing - as town centre seems to have moved to riverside.
	Don't see how the town centre can be a 'hub' when it is largely empty during the week. Its pedestrianisation didn't respect the old town. The Ring Road is a bloody nightmare at peak times
Other	If you're talking about services I pay £115 a month council tax for a one bedroom flat in Norton Terrace what a joke I've been here 4 years not once have I seen a road sweeper here and quite often the rubbish is not collected properly and missed. I have on occasions taken the rubbish to work.
	Green and healthy and enhanced services are always good but open up to the outside world so not all activities are in huts - led by WI or Mrs Jones' weight loss.
	Look forward to seeing start of these.
	That needs to go in straight away.
	hill rise to stay as green buffer between the crescent mount pleasant and Denton
	Consider more open space sites and less houses...
	I suspect you have not considered that extra doctors surgeries / dentists and play groups and buildings suitable to use as old peoples social clubs will be needed. Where it the building that can be used as a youth club.

5.9 Appendix 9 Q8b: Do you agree with the Transport and Access objectives? If no, please explain why or provide any comment.

Categories	If no, please explain why or provide any comment?
A259 and Access	The Council is continuing to ignore the real problem which is the through traffic on the A259. They need to grasp this nettle and focus on getting a move of the bridge into the Development Plan. The current road system isolates and pollutes this town and stymies potential growth. The council should be looking to apply for European monies in some way to provide a bypass north of the town with a permanent bridge over the river. This will need to be done at some point in the future unless we want to see the town ground to a standstill and the delay will inevitably make such a project more expensive. Lowering the traffic speeds is a good 'sound bight' but totally meaningless. The traffic is already at a standstill during peak times - lowering the speed limit at other times just means harbouring the pollution for longer within the town - as happens during rush hours now. I am also very concerned that there is a currently 'hidden' proposed route to connect the Harbour Heights development onto the A259 and am pursuing where the Council is proposing this should be via my MP. I cannot see how connecting this development somewhere along the A259 through the current green wedge between Peacehaven and Newhaven enhances anything in terms with the environmental objectives.
	The town is accessible for mobility cycles - but appears to become a taxi parking area and not easy to negotiate - more transport will be required to get people to work - is the A259 still going to be negotiable in 2030.
	Harbour Heights should be able to access A259 via upper valley rd. Need 20mph speed limit by harbour primary (Church Hill)

	<p>The transport plans are ridiculous because of the A259 and the new port road all adding to it - cyclists dangerous.</p>
	<p>Make the A259 access road a new road away from current housing and lanes used by walkers/cyclist/try not to ruin the highway open space byways by turning it into a main road.</p>
	<p>Already congested A259 a new access road from the Harbour Heights will increase the volume of traffic using the road.</p>
	<p>I believe the new access road from A259 to serve Harbour Heights will be detrimental to the downland environment - traffic, noise, pollution.</p>
	<p>A259 extension to Harbour Heights will destroy environment and ecosystems. Pollution: traffic/noise.</p>
	<p>If 850+ houses are to be built then a new access road to A259 should be put in before and a new bridge over the river so that the A259 does not come to a standstill when bridge opens.</p>
	<p>I believe that the new access road from A259 to Harbour Heights will be detrimental to the environment... Traffic, noise and emission pollution.</p>
Economy and Transport	<p>You are cutting down on bus services to Lewes and Seaford from Newhaven. Announced this week. The 600 students at UDC will need to be considered re their travel to and from site. Too many houses in/near Meeching Quarry and they will have to queue for hours to get out by car onto ring road.</p>
	<p>Bus service is excellent. Taxis are somewhat less than green and pleasant! Promote the trains so we don't reduce to one carriage once a day and just let it happen. Clean the paths and open up town.</p>
	<p>I agree with new transport interchange facility near NH station but what about the existing town bus which is in danger of being lost due to county council cuts to services. This needs addressing.</p>
	<p>Roads are already very badly congested, especially Lidl/incinerator area - need looking at.</p>
	<p>There has already been far too much emphasis on pedestrian access to the town centre and it has achieved nothing except causing more traffic queues. Too many crossings on the one way system.</p>
	<p>There is a need for a safe drop off/collection area for cars and taxis at the station.</p>
	<p>New access road to Harbour Heights development, where? It can take us up to 15 mins to get from Sainsbury's to other side of town at certain times of day? Too many traffic lights.</p>
	<p>Restore frequency of buses to Lewes. We were promised a new transport interchange ages ago. Pedestrian crossings should work more in favour of the pedestrian. It's time we had toilets on the trains or facilities available all the time.</p>
	<p>The Highway need to be adopted and join A275 at Peacehaven. Access road to serve Harbour Heights plus access road from Peacehaven to join the Lewes bypass and alleviate traffic through Newhaven to gain access to Lewes and Brighton. Need google sat navs to show ferry to France exists at Newhaven!</p>
	<p>In my letter regarding the recycling facility dated 4th Feb 13 I wrote of railway road 'pavements being considerably uneven and narrow, large puddles forming. Only often stepping into the road if someone approaches considerably soaked by most vehicles, in other words a dangerous road that needs attention.</p>

	Building an access road up Harbour Heights will not relieve traffic. Newhaven needs a complete review of how to deal with traffic. Is a bypass possible??
	The high street is a mess and it smells. The high street should be opened up for buses and have the bus stops in the high street and bridge street. The wrong kind of shops are in the town now, the town should be put back as much as poss. to how it used to be before 1970s and the ring road.
	There should be an electric tram running from Seaford to Lancing.
	New housing etc. will congest roads even more than they are now. Particularly when Newhaven swingbridge opens.
	See earlier. We are a town with only limited access as you can only get 180degrees around the town. You can't create a lower volume of traffic when you are building 1400 homes. We need another road around the town with another bridge crossing - What about at Southease? The A26 is already extremely busy and increased volume of lorries to and from the incinerator doesn't help.
	Invest in the railways!
	You have just cancelled two bus routes. Objectives are all very grand - they look good on paper but council always fall short.
	Dangerous corner lights checked - corner of ring road leading to Brighton. Ring road around town - 20mph C7 speed - 40mph and ring road to 20mph, free/easy parking for town centre shops.
	Our transport system, the one-way system in particular, is a disaster and cannot cope with the current volume of traffic. Also, thanks to the ridiculous decision to enlarge Harbour (Southdown) and close Grays, the traffic situation in Churchill is a nightmare. Cars are parked on the bend and an accident is waiting to happen.
Green Travel (cycle)	Too much emphasis on cycling (many of us are too old to cycle!)
	Cycling lanes needed and traffic calming round ring road especially Lewes Road where joins from Brighton Rd/Harpers Rd
	Much more needs to be done to improve cycle and pedestrian routes.
	Stop going on about cyclists. There is plenty already for them. Improve road networks in and out of Newhaven, all routes.
	Major changes required not just small time schemes, such as supporting cycling, have you ever cycled to Brighton to work, no nor does anyone else.
	If at expense of existing road capacity most cycle lanes in Sussex are under-used.
	Cycling is a great idea but Newhaven like Brighton is on a hill mostly and although some people can cycle it is not always viable. Look and take heed now the Greens have ruined Brighton!!!
	I would like to see bikes banned from the roads where a cycle lane has been provided at great cost just for them!!
	A proper cycle path on the A259 to Peacehaven is essential and all shared paths clearly designated as either pedestrian or cycling.

	<p>I support the continuance of the Egrets way along the riverbank from Lewes/Piddinghoe and into Newhaven - and suggest creating a river front cycle path when the residential developments are built on Robinson Road that would come out where the underpass across South Way is and thus link with the existing cycle path across the Bridge, down the Drove to the wildlife and wetland area at Tidemills! I definitely would support the need for a new access road to the A259 to support the additional housing at the Quarry and whatever is meant by ' a new transport exchange facility near Newhaven Station" I would support it if it meant that the buses waited until the people from the train had reached it before they sped off. I also think that Brighton and Hove buses should provide an electronic update sign at the station so that at least people would know how long they had to wait until the next bus turned up. There should also be a separate dedicated pick up and drop off point that doesn't interfere with the buses for taxis and cars - the space now occupied by Seahaven Caravans used to fulfil that function.</p>
Parking	There will be no town centre 'hub' if you still have to pay parking charges, this must be axed.
	In my road in particular Norton Terrace non-residents are using it as a car park i.e. they leave their cars when using the ferry boat to France. Why not make the areas around here a permit holders only parking i.e. £50 a year to park your car each year.
	Make parking free to encourage more shoppers.
Traffic and Speeding	<p>The Transport and Access Summary of objectives appears to be a totally inadequate response to the main issue of high and growing vehicular traffic flows through the town of Newhaven. Traffic speeds for much of the town are as low as they could be as a result of current congestion. The Summary does not even include the words congestion and pollution. The concentration of fashionable green modes is admirable but not helpful to through movement or regeneration and the solution of a thinly veiled new access road through harbour heights smacks of a half-hearted bypass. Any bypass solution would surely only make sense north of the town, encouraging through traffic to use the A26</p>
	Lower traffic speeds - support this and specifically 20mph limits in residential areas.
	Lower speeds is likely to increase traffic. One way system is not fir for purpose and will come under greater strain if housing levels are increased.
	Lower speeds increase traffic volume at any given time period. Consider a new link road and upgrade to existing bridge at Rodmell, a new link road C7 - A26 being to the north or to the south of the village of Rodmell.
	More needs to be done to help the flow of traffic and also improvements to the roads leading to Brighton and the A227
	Sounds fine but not sure how you can lower traffic volumes. The ring road is the only way around the town and we don't see any traffic wardens to stop the use of unauthorised driving through and parking in the town centre.
	You are not doing enough to cope with more traffic. Hillcrest Rd is a nightmare already (cars parked both sides of the road), we need more than the 1 road.
	Increased traffic restrictions on C7. Speed bumps on South Road reduced speed ring road to 20mph.
	Because if you implement housing objectives at I you will increase traffic volumes not reduce them. Excessive traffic speed is no longer enforced by police etc.
	Please improve traffic/access around the flyover/station area, which is worsened by new shops/fast food outlets. Major traffic problems caused and added to by inconsiderate drivers using wrong lanes.
	BUT: I think the traffic speeds are ok though as they are, but better pedestrian access & cycle paths (with decent surfaces NOT like the one running from Denton Corner to Seaford which is ideal for puncturing bike tyres!) would be good. It does concern me that the traffic will have increased when it is currently a problem during peak times.
	The extra traffic on the ring road too stop all traffic between Bright and Eastbourne
	Agree in part but am concerned that further traffic accessing the A259 will merely add to the congestion on that road

	Access to the A259 via harbour heights will create a rat run and lots of traffic through a quiet residential area. The traffic in Newhaven really isn't that bad except when the swing bridge opens so replace the bridge.
	The ring road around the town centre is a dangerous, unpleasant, unfit for purpose nightmare, please lower the speed limit and redevelop it is keeping with a 'town centre' route i.e. zebra crossings, better traffic control in and out of centre and a more attractive appearance more flowers etc.
	Traffic management is most essential - Newhaven is a traffic jam, the swing bridge needs updating and one way system a joke. Cycle paths are a waste of resources.
Other	But where is that road going.
	Needs to be done first before any houses are built!
	All of the above would be a complete waste of time if our local buses would not accept free bus passes. Access to the Fort by bus would be ideal.

5.10 Appendix 10 Q9b: Do you agree with the Economy and Employment objectives? If no, please explain why or provide any comment.

Categories	If no, please explain why or provide any comment.
Economy and Transport	Surely, this could be incorporated into any plans for East Quay. We could have artisan workshops and a mix of housing and cafes which would make this a very pleasant area. If the bridge for the main traffic were moved north, then the East Quay could easily link into the town centre, as could West Quay if the main bulk of the traffic were moved north via a permanent bypass, via perhaps the old refuse collecting site? Newhaven could become a really pleasant working and living area.
	What employment? Do we know if our council and Dieppe are sorting out the port problems?
	Development of the East Quay with Boardwalk access for pedestrians, fish restaurants, restaurants for French clientele. A quiet area with setting. An area that Peacehaven and Seaford do not have.
	Encourage water co-operatives. It wouldn't hurt to have a plan B for when medical marijuana becomes a reality in the UK. If Colorado USA is anything to go by it should be worth a lot of money.
	If the town was a metropolis of life and recognisable brands it would help keep and bring in people to be part of. Pound shops and one offs cannot compete. Once you've bought your tombstone you don't linger in town!
	How?! The town dead. The port looks run down - the shops are non-existent compared to Dieppe.
	I would not consider Newhaven if I was a business, due to dilapidated state (i.e. weeds and long grass everywhere, litter). The high street looks like a stage set for an old western, amount of weeds. LDC's forgotten area.
	Lower business rates to encourage businesses to Newhaven.
	Through traffic should be taken away from the Town with a bypass that should have been put in the the1970s. Cycle paths on pavements should be clearly marked on the path because a lot of pedestrians do not know that cyclists are allowed on the pavement.
	Shop keepers should be encouraged to open in the town, which in turn will encourage people to shop again in Newhaven
	As ASDA has now pulled out of Newhaven, a bigger supermarket is required if 830+ new homes are to be built with potentially 1600+ people.
	A ring road from Peacehaven bypassing Newhaven completely and taking thru-traffic directly to Denton corner (or nearer Seaford) would be idealif this was undertaken instead of building the South Way / North Way abortion, Newhaven would still be a bustling town instead of what is now: a ghost 'town'.

	<p>However, you cannot made business move to Newhaven especially with the bad road links (one way system gets continually clogged)</p> <p>Build a large leisure centre for Seaford and Newhaven</p>
Employment / Unemployment	<p>Please do not dump lots of unemployed people from out of this area into Newhaven.</p> <p>Employment suitable for young people as well as more focussed professions.</p> <p>Again I emphasise need for more shop outlets which should increase employment. The town is dying, we are losing our last bank. This needs addressing too.</p> <p>Depends on the genre of work. It is already difficult to obtain work locally.</p> <p>you will not attract enough jobs</p> <p>if there is a down turn in job in the marine field you will have unemployment and the skills taught tech college you are planning will not be needed</p>
Housing and Development	<p>Like the idea of live/work units - Robinson Road? Bay Vue car park?</p> <p>But developments need to be limited to a scale appropriate to a small coastal town i.e. proposed developments like giant waterparks (now dismissed) are much too large and would dwarf our little town much like the hated incinerator does.</p> <p>So why are these sites in the proposal for building houses on?? Seahaven caravans is a local business. Robinson Rd depot = business. Parker Pen site = already sold and demolished for houses! Live/work units? Shops with flats above? Planning permissions in town already granted to convert to residential!</p> <p>Yes and no because existing or former designated areas or work sites have all been turned over to residential use and the assumption is that this policy will continue therefore pointless exercise!</p>
Tourism	<p>Especially the encouragement of tourism arts and culture.</p> <p>Why is the only beach left in Newhaven closing? It is not helpful for business in the town.</p> <p>Don't see Newhaven as a tourist attraction. Would think the majority of people who live in Newhaven work elsewhere.</p> <p>Tourism could be developed if we had use of the beach.</p> <p>There is nothing for young people using the ferry to encourage them to visit the town for any length of time. No certainty that ferry will continue to run. How do you plan for this?</p> <p>West beach area could be used if French owners will allow this to trade off against beach use as incentive to them?</p> <p>Port needs upgrading - Newhaven was once a thriving port - it is no longer - the French owners need taking to task.</p> <p>The objective needs to include a link to the ferry service and using any and all methods to ensure its continued and expanding operation in the future - this may need work on several fronts including advertising in France, providing hub space for fledgling Anglo French businesses and promoting Newhaven through the twinning society and other local contacts in Dieppe and developing a shared strategy for the service in the South East and the Seine Maritime region.</p> <p>I would also endorse the need for the town to encourage tourism, arts and cultural uses to create a niche market - Newhaven has a wealth of artists - some widely renowned - in various media and a town centre art and craft gallery where local artists could pay a small fee to display their work with a commission paid to the gallery for sales would really put Newhaven on the map - maybe it could be modelled on the Crypt gallery in Seaford. I would hope that the successful Rampion wind farm development would mean that some of the existing port buildings (Fyffes?) e.g. up by the scrap pile could be brought back into use by them for partial assembly of the units before shipping out for siting - obviously ideally sited for the new technical college - if it ever gets under way!</p>

Town Centre, Facilities and Services	Businesses encouraged and helped in town centre - no vacant shops and Meeching quarry - local work!
	Encouraging new business in town centre and Meeching quarry area.
	I agree with the idea and sentiment behind it but it is a lot of statements that will take time and money but deliver limited results. Instead do something radical in the town centre as per my earlier points.
Other	You talk about the hub of the town - that will never happen, the only hub is down at Lidl's, what employment? Laughable.
	But it is very unlikely that we shall be resident in Newhaven by 2030.
	We will wait and see.
	Good luck on this one! At the moment everyone drives past Newhaven.

5.11 Appendix 11 Q10b: Do you agree with the Sustainability and Climate Change objectives? If no, please explain why or provide any comment.

Categories	If no, please explain why or add any other comment you have.
Environment, Open Spaces and Wellbeing	Will there be any space left for allotment sites (pretty picture) hides all weeds and litter, a nice big map, with proposed areas marked would have sufficed.
Housing & Development	More houses, more pollution, there is not the infrastructure for all this.
	All the time you build these houses there is more pollution - in all ways - more water needed, more doctors. We will be choked with cars.
	But do not add to the price of housing as this area needs affordable housing not pie in the sky housing that will not sell.
	So build less at Harbour Heights as too close to cliff edge and land there is moving - it's clay and chalk
	We do not need or want our town turned into an overspill for Brighton or even London haven't we put up with enough, with the arrival of the incinerator. NO MORE HOUSING.
	No to housing - improve what we have someone agreed the ring road they should be asked how to improve our town not add more to drain what we have.
Renewable Energy, Flood Reduction and Water Quality	East side is a flood area need to be resistant.
	Link with proposed wind farm off coast?
	No wind farms please. Newhaven is a beautiful town, one that I would like to be proud of. As visitors spot Newhaven from the station or bus they would like to investigate.
	There is a serious problem in Newhaven with air quality mainly from the traffic that flows through here up to 70,000 cars etc. a day. I believe that can't be right it needs addressing. As for the East Sussex County Councillor who gave that incinerator the OK to be built here stick it in his back yard. A bit late now! Yours Victor Meldrew.
	If climate change is true
	But most careful cost/benefit analysis needs to be carried out before commitment e.g. the high initial cost and long payback time of solar power.
	How does use of concrete/building material aid sustainability and reduce climate change.
	Solar panels on all public buildings and on all new houses (where appropriate) i.e. roof facing east/ south east/ south, all with water meters, all with quality insulation. Harbour Heights - proposed building too close to cliff edge!! Cliffs are eroding all around our coasts.

	<p>Yes, with flooding aspects as we already have problems. Any other costs resulting to climate change should be delayed because there is time, and more proof needed as to what will happen in the future. Experts say that there has been no increase on average in world temperatures over the past 14 years)</p>
	<p>All seems sensible to me - but it would be good if the new housing developments did make use of solar power and grey water waste at the outset rather than as retrofit - it is so much cheaper and better performing too. - Could the factory units and port facilities on the same side of the river be linked to the incinerator to provide a good use for the excess heat produced and potentially lower costs to the units themselves. Is Newhaven part of the Brighton Local Economic Partnership - if not, it should be!</p>
	<p>This will be difficult as we have been blessed with an Incinerator, which is certainly lacking in style and certainly does not blend into the local environment.....let alone giving off a certain level of localised pollution, levels of which have yet to be investigated and published for all to see. This will certainly need to be put at the top of the list for investigation before any feasible plans for improving the local environment are implemented.</p>
	<p>Why not put some wind turbines up the Ouse Valley?</p>
Town Centre, Facilities and Services	<p>Climate is associated with economy, weather, social behaviour and more. Get the climate right to sustain people having pride, respect, interest and passion in Newhaven for living, shopping, socialising, culturally and for all ages and needs.</p>
	<p>Renovate existing council halls which are rented out and keep upkeep to maintain, promoting bookings for social occasions.</p>
Other	<p>Strongly agree!</p>
	<p>Please don't let us down. The incinerator was pushed through as was ASDA/barnett, when the majority of the people here wanted the riverside development instead. Stop talking about regenerating Newhaven and get on with it. It's been decades.</p>
	<p>I had to fill this form in just so that I feel my views are seen. I very much doubt that anything will change in Newhaven - it never does. Hope you prove me wrong from an old Newhavener.</p>
	<p>I agree broadly with most of the objectives but sorry it sounds an awful lot like consultant speak.</p>
	<p>Although this is decades too late!</p>