

# **CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

A report on consultations to date carried out by the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum (from here on described as 'the Forum') are in the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Neighbourhood Area which had received approval from Brighton & Hove Council and the South Downs National Park Authority in December 2021 (APPENDIX 1 APPROVAL OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA).
- 1.2. This Consultation Statement sets out how the Forum has engaged with the local community whilst preparing the Coldean Neighbourhood Plan. It provides an overview of the various forms of consultations that have been undertaken by the Forum with the community. It also discusses the communication channels used by the Forum and its interaction with other groups and organisations. It broadly aims to set out what the Forum have done, how we did it, what we learnt and then what we did with what we learnt at each stage.
- 1.3. Section 3 of this document fulfills the legal obligations of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Regulation 15(1) which requires a Consultation Statement to accompany the submission of a Plan. Regulation 12(2) of the above-mentioned Regulations confirm that a 'Consultation Statement' is a document which:
  - (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
  - (b) explains how they were consulted;
  - (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
  - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development Plan.
- 1.4. As set out within our Consultation Strategy (APPENDIX 2 CONSULTATION STRATEGY) we have sought to include all parts of the community and ensure that key stakeholders have been included wherever possible. These include but are not limited to:
  - Residents, businesses and Forum members
  - Other community groups and associations active within the Neighbourhood Area
  - Farmers of agricultural land within the Neighbourhood Area
  - Statutory and non-statutory consultees including:
    - Brighton and Hove City Council
    - South Down National Park Authority
    - Stanmer Park Preservation Society
    - o Natural England
    - Historic England
    - Local Highways Authority

- Academic bodies including:
  - University of Brighton
  - University of Sussex
  - Coldean Primary School
- Planning forums or community groups in neighbouring wards including:
  - Coldean Community Organisation
  - o Rottingdean Parish Council
  - Stanmer Park Stakeholder Group

We have also sought to engage with the community via a variety of means which are discuss in turn below:

#### **OUTWARD COMMUNICATION**

1.5. This was undertaken through electronically distributed "Updates" which were produced on an ad hoc basis in response to members' concerns communicated to the committee and/or progress reports on Forum matters. All copies of "Updates" can be found in APPENDIX 3 – EMAIL UPDATES.

### SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

- 1.6. The Forum Facebook page was established in November 2022, before the November Vision meetings. To this date, it has 129 members, many of whom are Forum members, and many who have been invited to join as official members but have not yet done so. It features updates and news about the Forum and answers enquiries. The page increased the visibility of the Forum in the community as many items are shared onto the Coldean Village Facebook page (Membership 701) and the Coldean Social Facebook pages (Membership 1,700 approx).
- 1.7. The Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum has been active since October 2022. The website has a number of features, including a Home page providing an introduction to the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum and the Neighbourhood Area Designation, News, Events, a Contact Us form and a section on the Forum's Consultation Strategy. The website is updated regularly, to keep the Coldean community up the date with the progress of the Plan.

#### **Press Statements**

1.8. Two press statements were issued in response to HMO planning applications in Coldean (APPENDIX 4 – HMO PRESS STATEMENTS).

#### **INWARD COMMUNICATION**

- 1.9. The Forum has a dedicated email address, contact@cnpf.co.uk, and a website contact form, <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/contact-us">https://cnpf.co.uk/contact-us</a>, which is monitored daily by the Committee. The Forum aims to reply within three working days.
  - A dedicated website run by the Forum. Website statistics are available.
  - Inward communication through a dedicated email and website contact form.
  - Meetings with other groups and organisations.

### **REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION**

1.10 This document sets out how consultation comments at the Regulation 14 stage have been taken into account (see Section 3 below).

# 2. CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES UP TO REG.14 CONSULTATION

- 2.1. The Coldean Neighbourhood Plan has been in development since 2021 and over the past four years there has been much engagement with the local community encompassing numerous events and consultation activities.
- 2.2. This section sets out the consultation activities undertaken up until the Reg.14 Consultation in June and July 2024..

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM MEETINGS (NOVEMBER 2021 & FEBRUARY 2022)

- 2.3. The first public Forum meetings were held on the 22nd November 2021 and 10th February 2022 at St Mary Magdalen, Church Hall, Coldean Lane, Coldean. The meetings were Chaired by the Forum's Chair, Patrick Lowe. 28 residents and Forum members attended the meeting on the 22nd November 2021 of whom 8 were Forum members, 8 were residents and the others were visitors. 22 residents and Forum members attended the meeting on the 10th February 2022, of whom 11 were Forum members and 8 were residents. The rest were visitors.
- 2.4. The meetings took the form of an introduction to the Committee members and attendees and a general discussion on planning issues which face the Neighbourhood Area. In the 10th February 2022 meeting, a presentation was given by Robert Davidson and Sandra Rogers of Brighton & Hove City Council's planning policy team which discussed what Neighbourhood Planning Forums are and what they do.
- 2.5. Over the course of the meetings, residents had the opportunity to come along to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and planning issues within the Neighbourhood Area. The residents and Forum members were given five sticky notes and a pen and were invited to write down 5 priorities for the area, graded on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least. Residents were then asked to place each of their sticky notes in the relevant category (1-5) on large posters attached to the wall (APPENDIX 5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM MEETING POSTERS).
- 2.6. The results of the 20th November 2021 meeting are set out below.

Priorities	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Green Open Spaces	20	8	0	0	0	28
HMOs	8	17	0	0	0	26
Vehicles	0	0	5	7	8	20
Anti-Social Behaviour	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appearance	0	0	3	8	5	16
Council Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0

Priorities	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Bluebell Heights	0	2	14	2	10	28
Park Road shops	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lack of families	0	0	5	8	0	13
Recycling Bins	0	1	0	3	5	9

- 2.7. The second meeting heard the presentation on Neighbourhood Planning Forums and a discussion followed on how the scope of Forums could be utilised to make a difference in Coldean. The discussion centred on HMOs and continuing planning consents for this change of use. Andrew Metcalfe of Squires Planning Ltd, the Forum's planning consultant at that time, gave a short address.
- 2.8. Following the two Forum Meetings, the Forum was able to condense the issues raised into 5 distinct topics which are:
  - Natural Environment
  - Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)
  - Vehicles
  - Community Assets
  - General Appearance

## COLDEAN VISION MEETINGS (NOVEMBER 2022)

- 2.9. From the results of the two previous Forum meetings, the Forum endeavored to run events to help form the Neighbourhood Plan's vision. Two Vision Meetings were held at St Mary Magdalen Church Hall, Coldean Lane, Coldean on the 10th November 2022 and 11th November 2022. 13 Forum members attended the 10th November 2022 meeting; there were no visitors. 12 attended the 11th November 2022 meeting, 11 of whom were members and one was a visitor.
- 2.10. The aim of these Vision meetings was to focus on the 5 topics identified by the Forum, and gain feedback from the community as to what issues relate to these topics.
- 2.11. Members were first asked to rank each of the 5 topics from 1-5 based on their priority. The results of the 10th November 2022 meeting are set out below:

Priorities	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Natural Environment	10	1	3	0	0	14
HMOs	3	8	9	0	0	20
Vehicles	0	4	0	5	4	13
Community Assets	0	0	1	7	4	12

Priorities	1	2	3	4	5	Total
General Appearance	0	0	0	1	5	6

2.12. The results of the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 meeting are set out below:

Priorities	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Natural Environment	10	2	3	0	0	15
HMOs	2	10	9	0	0	21
Vehicles	0	0	0	5	4	9
Community Assets	0	0	0	5	3	8
General Appearance	0	0	0	2	5	7

- 2.13. Members were then asked to identify different words and phrases from their concerns, which relate to the 5 topics. The following were identified:
  - Natural environment, covering green spaces and nature, for example chalk grassland, biodiversity and Coldean Woods.
  - HMOs including anti-social behaviour, design and construction of new buildings, access to family homes and affordable homes and Council tenancies.
  - Community assets, covering access to community spaces and public services (e.g. post office).
  - General appearance, recycling bins, graffiti, covering pavements, fly-tipping, street furniture etc.
- 2.14. A report on the outcomes of the meetings was prepared by the Neighbourhood Planning Forum which can be found in APPENDIX 6 REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE VISION MEETINGS.
- 2.15. This helped the Forum to prepare their vision for the Neighbourhood Plan which is:

'To remain a residential suburb of Brighton as a family friendly community with uninterrupted connection to Stanmer Park, the Wild Park and Highfields'

- 2.16. It also helped to prepare the Forum's set of objectives which are:
  - (a) To preserve from development the existing green spaces in, and surrounding, the Neighbourhood Area.
  - (b) To preserve and encourage a variety of wildlife habitats in those areas.
  - (c) To encourage families to live in Coldean by reducing the number of HMOs.
  - (d) To improve the appearance of Coldean and thereby increase community identity.
  - (e) To work with other agencies to reduce crime and other anti-social behaviour.

- (f) To encourage retail diversity by improving the appearance of Coldean.
- (g) To increase accessibility to Green Open Spaces by traffic management and improve access to green spaces.
- 2.17. Subsequently the Forum was requested by the Council, in February 2024, to add an objective addressing Anti-Social behaviors through design, which Objective was approved by the Forum at the 16th April 2024 Open Meeting. See Minutes below.

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## TRAFFIC & TRAVEL SURVEY (JUNE 2023)

- 2.18. The following on-line survey was completed by 49 persons in Coldean in a five week period to 30th June 2023. See overleaf for Survey questionnaire.
- 2.19. Please see overleaf a photo of Traffic and Transport Survey QR code; NB deadline on this photo of the Survey was amended.



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This survey focuses on traffic and travel within Coldean and aims to provide the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum with an idea of traffic and travel behaviors and patterns in Coldean. The results of the survey will help the Neighbourhood Planning Forum to understand issues associated with traffic and travel in Coldean. Your input is highly valued and can make a difference in shaping the direction of the plan.

To complete this consultation, please head over to

https://forms.office.com/e/Ekj3rUxgcc OR



and complete it online. Alternatively, you can complete this form and return it by post or hand to Coldean Convenience, Beatty Ave, BN1 9ED.

This consultation ends on  $30^{\text{th}}$  July 2012. Please ensure that your response is received before this date, responses received after this date may not be processed.

#### MORE INFORMATION

You can find out more about the neighbourhood plan and the work of the Neighbourhood Forum to date at <a href="www.cnpf.co.uk">www.cnpf.co.uk</a>.

You can contact the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum by emailing <a href="mailto:cnpf@btinternet.com">cnpf@btinternet.com</a> or by using the form at <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/contact-us">https://cnpf.co.uk/contact-us</a>



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## QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Q1: WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR HOME?

Family Home	House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)	Official Student Accommodation	Other (Please state what)

#### Q2: HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+

#### Q3: HOW MANY BEDROOMS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7+

#### Q4: HOW MANY VEHICLES DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD OWN?

	Cars (including SORN)	Vans	Motorbikes / scooters / bicycles	Large Vehicles (Caravans / Motorhomes / Horseboxes / Heavy Plant)
Petrol / Diesel				
Hybrid				
Electric				

Q5: OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS DO YOU EXPECT THE NUMBER OF CARS, VANS ETC OWNED BY YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO INCREASE?

Q6: WHEN YOU REPLACE YOUR PETROL OR DIESEL POWERED VEHICLES, WILL IT BE WITH AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE?

Yes	No	Not Sure

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27: HOW	MANY	USABLE	GARAGES	AND	OTHER	OFF-ROAD	PARKING	SPACES	DOES	YOUR	HOME
HAVE?											

Garage Spaces	Off-Road Parking Spaces

# Q8: WOULD YOUR OFF-ROAD PARKING SPACES BE ABLE TO FACILITATE THE CHARGING OF AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE?

Yes	No	Not Sure

# Q9: DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD ROUTINELY PARK A VEHICLE ON THE STREET? IF YES, HOW MANY, AND DO YOU STRUGGLE TO FIND SPACE?

Yes	No	

#### Q10: DO YOU FEEL PEOPLE ADHERE TO THE SPEED LIMITS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME?

Yes	No	Not Sure

# Q11: HOW MANY MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL TO WORK (PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER FOR EACH)?

				Mod	le of trans	port		
		Train	Car / Van	Motorbike	Bus	Bicycle	Foot	Walk from home
	0-30 mins							
ae .	31-60 mins							
ravel time	61-90 mins							
Tra	91+ mins							
	120+ mins							

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Q12: HAS YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S AVERAGE TRAVEL TO WORK TIME CHANGED OVER THE LAST 4 YEARS?

Decreased	No Change	Increased

	SETTING WORSE?
,	STAY UP TO DATE ON THE PLAN'S PROGRESS
	be kept up to date on the progress of the Coldean Neighbourhood Plan, be sultation events are held and when it reaches key stages of the process to
	ave your name and email address below.
	ur name and email will not be linked to the responses you have provided
ibove and be held i	n a separate database purely for the purposes set out above.
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2.21. The Google Forms anonymised summary of 49 Survey responses, in Excel format is available on the website on this link:

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The Traffic and Travel Consultation document derived from a summary of those responses and was released to the Forum for public consultation on 23rd November 2023, please see below.

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# MINUTES OF OPEN FORUM MEETING INC AGREEMENT OF ASSESSMENT OF OPEN SPACES (11th July 2023)

2.22 Assessment of Coldean Open Spaces. Disabled Access Consultation, and Neighbourhood Improvement Plan were discussed and voted on at an Open Forum meeting on 11th July 2023. These draft documents were released on the CNPF Website in May 2023, and made available in paper format at the Coldean Library. The minutes of the Open Meeting on 11th July 2023 are here:-

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2.23 From February 2023 a small working party of some Forum Committee members and the Council cartographer mapped and listed each Open space in Coldean, in conjunction with the Forum Technical Advisors at Squires Planning. Each Open space was assessed according to criteria as set out in the Assessment document, as to whether it fell into the designation of Local Green Space ('LGS'), or Local Community Space ('LCS'), or neither. The link to Assessment Of Open Spaces document, released for Consultation on 11th May 2023 on the CNPF website is here:-.

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/ 2023-05-24\_DRAFT%20Review%20of%20Open%20Spaces.%20Amend.docx?ver=17252279 21635

2.24. A subgroup of Forum Committee members consulted BADGH and other relevant organisations to draft a Disabled Access Statement for the Plan. The Link to disabled Access Consultation on the CNPF website is found here;-.

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2.25 A subgroup of the Forum Committee consulted on and drafted a preliminary Draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan. This was subsequently superseded by the AECOM Master Planning Framework Document described in later paragraphs. The link to the preliminary Draft Neighbourhood Improvement Plan tabled is here:-

https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-22---the-draft-coldean-neighbourhood-plan

## **AECOM DRAFT COLDEAN DESIGN GUIDE (3RD OCTOBER 2023)**

2.26. The Forum was awarded a Technical Support grant in April 2023 by Groundworks to prepare a Design Guide and Code for Coldean. The Forum Committee appointed AECOM, our Technical Resource Consultants to draft the Code and they visited Coldean in May 2023 to do fieldwork, and to take photographs of Coldean building styles. Many of these photographs are to be found in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The draft AECOM Coldean Design Codes document was released on the CNPF website on 3rd October 2023, and paper copies made available in Coldean Library. It was also released to the Council Design Codes Officer for comments and re-released in final Form, taking into account the Comments received in February 2024. The link on the CNPF website is found here. The Coldean Design Guidance and Codes document is part of draft Coldean Neighbourhood Plan, at Plan Policy DC1. Please see.

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/CN PF%20230310 Coldean%20Design%20Codes Final low%20res.pdf?ver=1725227921635

2.27. The Link to the final AECOM Coldean Design Codes document on the website is here:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/CN PF%20230310 Coldean%20Design%20Codes Final low%20res.pdf?ver=1725227921635

## HAVE YOUR SAY OPEN MEETING (21st November 2023)

2.28. The Link to Minutes of the 'Have your Say' Open Forum meeting introducing Consultations on the Traffic Management plan (23rd November 2023) and the HMO Consultation (23rd November 2023), as well as Introducing the draft Coldean Design Codes Consultation (document previously released on the CNPF website - see above - on 3rd October 2023) is found here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/20 23-11-21%20CNPF%20%20Have%20Your%20Say%20Forum%20Meeting%20-.pdf?ver=172522 792175

2.29. The Link to the Traffic Management Plan, derived from the Survey findings described above and the subgroup's analysis, dated 23rd November 2023, was open to public consultation from 23rd November 2023 to 23rd January 2024 is found on the CNPF website here-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/2023-11-23%20CNPF%20Traffic%20Management%20Plan%20Consul.pdf?ver=1725227921635

2.30. The link to HMO Consultation, drafted by two Forum Committee members based on the findings in the November 2022 Visions meetings, dated 23rd November 2023, was opened to public consultation from 23rd November 2023 to 23rd January 2024 and is found on the CNPF website here-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/20 23-11-23%20CNPF-%20HMO%20Consultation%20document.pdf?ver=1725227921635

2.31 Hard copies of all 5 Consultation documents were printed out and placed in Coldean Library for public access, as from November 2023 (3 documents) and 10th January 2024 (2 more documents), and advertised on Notice Boards, on the CNPF FaceBook page and on the CNPF website from 21st November 2023 to 23rd January 2024. During the time of the Public Consultations CNPF website statistics showed the website had 150 visits the day after consultations were launched in January 2024. The FaceBook page had 350 visits in the 30 days to 23rd January 2024 as it is circulated to Coldean Village Chat Facebook page (at that time it had over 500 members) and to Coldean Social FaceBook page (then over 1,500 members). NOTE all these consultation documents have been amended in the final draft Plan, to reflect feedback by consultees.

## OPEN FORUM - 'HAVE YOUR SAY' MEETING (19TH DECEMBER 2023)

2.32. This Open Forum meeting launched the Housing Needs Assessment and Development Policy public consultation, as well as the Environmental Policies public consultation, both of which ended on 23rd January 2023. The link to Minutes of the Open Forum meeting on Website is found here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/20 23-12-19%20CNPF%20%20Open%20Forum%20Meeting%20-%20Minutes-.pdf?ver=17252279 21752

- 2.33. The AECOM draft Coldean Master Planning Framework document was also described at this 'Have your Say' Open Forum meeting, although it is not formally part of the Neighbourhood Plan, it provides background evidence.
- 2.34. By way of Background to the Master Planning Framework document, in October 2023, the Forum was granted a Technical Support grant by Groundworks to approach AECOM to review and suggest possible improvements to the two main economic hub areas of Coldean namely the Beatty Avenue shops area, and the Park Road shops area.
- 2.35. The Link to the draft AECOM Coldean Master Planning Framework document released on 22nd December 2023 on the website and in hard copy formats is found here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/23 1222 Coldean%20Masterplan%20Framework Draft low%20.pdf?ver=1725227921635

2.36. The draft Development Policies including Housing Needs Assessment was released on 5th January 2024, for Consultation also. The link is here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/CN PF%20Development%20policies.pdf?ver=1725227921635

2.37. The Link to draft Environmental Policies was released on the website on 10th January 2024 is here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/CN PF%20Environmental%20%20policies.pdf?ver=1731061739938

#### OPEN FORUM MEETING 23RD JANUARY 2024

2.38. The Minutes of this Open Forum meeting are here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/20 24-01-23CNPF%20%20Open%20Forum%20Meeting%20-%20Minutes.pdf?ver=173106174015 2.39. As mentioned the CNPF website statistics showed the website had 150 visits the day after all consultations were launched in January 2024. The FaceBook page had 350 visits in the last 30 days, covering that consultation time period. Coldean was aware of the draft Neighbourhood Plan process and the Consultation documents.

#### OPEN FORUM MEETING 16th APRIL 2024

2.40. An Open Forum Meeting to delete site 21a from the Open Spaces analysis took place on 16th April 2024, as requested by Brighton & Hove City Council, and to introduce a new Objective (e) / and policy (Plan Policy C) to help to reduce Anti Social Behaviours, after an informal review of the draft February 204 Neighbourhood Plan by the Council Planning Team. Minutes of this Open Forum meeting are here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/2024-01-23CNPF%20%20Open%20Forum%20Meeting%20-%20Minutes.pdf?ver=1725227921752

Open Forum Meetings after the Regulation 14 Consultation period are dealt with ilater within that Section.

# 3. REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION (18th JUNE 2024-30th July 2024 midnight)

- 3.1. This section was completed after the Regulation 14 Consultation had been completed to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012, which require that this Consultation Statement should contain:
  - (a) details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed; Neighbourhood development plan;
  - (b) explanations as to how they were consulted;
  - (c) summaries of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
  - (d) descriptions as to how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood development Plan.

The information is set out below.

#### WHO WAS CONSULTED?

- 3.2. Efforts were made to consult as many people or organisations who might have a stake in the Neighbourhood Area as possible, including occupants of the newly occupied flats at Denman Place.
- 3.3. The following bodies were sent emails (see APPENDIX 6 LIST OF CONSULTEES) notifying them of the Regulation 14 Consultation, including all Forum Members on the Forum Members Register on 18th June 2024. The Consultation was launched on the CNPF FaceBook page, and shared to Coldean Social FaceBook Page (then approx 1,500 members) and Coldean VIllage Chat FaceBook page (then approx 700 members).

#### How Were They Consulted?

3.4. The main methods adopted to raise awareness of the consultation are set out below:

Three in-person launch meetings, in different locations in Coldean, were held on 18th June 2024, 21st June 2024 and 23rd June 2024. The launch was also publicised by an Update email to all Forum Members and Consultees, on 18th June 2024, and on the Forum FaceBook page. Coldean Residents Association also emailed their 150 contacts by email with the information, and on-line Consultation Survey QR code for completion. Paper surveys were made available for completion. Posters on 6 Public Notice Boards in Coldean, including Coldean library, with the QR code to access the Survey were also posted. Two hard copies of the draft Plan were placed in the Library with information to the Librarian on how residents could complete the Survey. A hard copy Plan was made available to the Coldean Residents Association Committee Chair

and hard copies were also available from Coldean Convenience store on request. Stalls were run near the Beatty Avenue Shops to solicit responses to Surveys and door-knocking evenings were also run to attract attention to the Consultation, and obtain replies. The Council emailed details of the Consultation to their own database of contacts (over 800) and to BHCC councillors. The anonymised on line Regulation 14 survey results are on the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum website on this link:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/eec85189-827f-4ec2-b90a-45839ee9f7ed/CNPF%20REG%2014%20%20Survey%20Summary%20anonymised.pdf?ver=1750435272782

The anonymised hard copy Regulation 14 survey results are also to be found on the same site and link.

3.5. A photograph on the Regulation 14 On-line and paper Survey follows:-



# Coldean Neighbourhood Plan Survey - Regulation 14 Community consultation

Link to Coldean Neighbourhood Plan: [LINK TO BE REVEALED ON 18th JUNE 2024]

Consultation period: 18th June - 30th July (midnight)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation, your views are important brightonprintcentre@gmail.com  $\underline{Switch\ account}$ 

#### Not shared

- \* Indicates required question
- 1. What is your name?\*

#### Your answer

\* 2. In what capacity are you making your comments?

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#### Resident of Coldean

Someone who works mainly in Coldean

#### Other:

3. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please state the reason for your involvement and the name of the organisation you represent

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#### Your answer

4. Please provide your address (street address, city, postcode)

#### \*

#### Your answer

5. Do you support the Vision Statement of the draft Plan?

In 2030 Coldean to remain a residential suburb of Brighton as a family-friendly community with uninterrupted connection to Stanmer Park, the Wild Park and High Fields.

\*

Strongly support Support Neutral Somewhat support Do not support

6. Do you have any comments or suggestions on the Vision?

Your answer

7. Do you have any comments or suggestions on the Objectives of the draft Plan?

Your answer

8. Do you have any comments or suggestions on the draft Plan Policies? Policies start with capital letters and are in green boxes in the Plan document. (When referring to a Policy/s please quote the Plan Policy number)

Your answer

9. Do you have any general comments about the draft Coldean Neighbourhood Plan? (page and/ or paragraph references would be helpful please but aren't essential)

Your answer

10. If you would like to receive updates about the Plan or then please provide your email address. We will not share this with any other organisations.

Your answer

11. Do you wish to join as a Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum member? Membership of the Forum is free.\*

Yes No I am a Form Member already I need more information please

#### What happens to your responses?

Once views have been gathered the plan will be amended as necessary before being submitted to Brighton & Hove City Council with a summary of all representations received. These will be made public and this may include verbatim comments received. Contact details and names of private individuals will not be published publicly. Following a further consultation, the revised plan will be examined by a suitably qualified planning consultant appointed by the council.

#### What will we do with your data?

Your personal data will only be held by the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum in relation to the making of the Neighbourhood Plan. We will not share it with any other organisations.

# Main Issues and Concerns Raised from the regulation 14 community consultation & How They Have Been Addressed

- 3.6. The Regulation 14 Community Consultation ended at midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 after 6 weeks and high quality, statistically significant feedback resulted. The local publicity and Stalls had helped to improve feedback and awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan in the Coldean Neighbourhood Area, and considerably increased the number of Forum Members. Helpful comments were received from Individuals, and Statutory Consultees, by email, from the on-line survey, from paper surveys, from Open events, from telephone calls and on community FaceBook pages.
- 3.7. We had 50 on-line surveys completed, 23 paper surveys, 2 telephone calls, a FB messenger chat, and several emails and many conversations at the launch events and on Stalls. The online survey responses (on an excel spreadsheet) and the summarised paper responses are available on the link above. We received formal responses from:-
  - Brighton & Hove City Council, (see remarks below)
  - South Downs National Park Authority (see remarks below)
  - Historic England acknowledgement
  - Natural England acknowledgement
  - Southern Water (who suggested a new Objective to be added re Water)
  - Gatwick Airport Safeguarding acknowledgement/no impact identified
  - Southern Electricity Network acknowledgement
  - Stanmer Estate City Parks Tree management Plan now referenced in Plan
  - National Highways Planning Team acknowledgement
  - Mid Sussex Council acknowledgement
  - Sussex Ramblers and acknowledgement
  - BADGE- acknowledgement
  - The Brighton Society acknowledgement.
- 3.8. Results show that **94% of individual online respondents were residents of Coldean and 6% others** (i.e. working in Coldean and others). For respondents on paper surveys 91% were residents of Coldean and 9% working in Coldean.
- 3.9. 61% of online respondents were Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum Members (52% for paper surveys) and 39% online surveys came from Non-Members (48% for Paper surveys).

- 3.10. The Forum had over 150 Forum Members on the Members Register at the end of the Consultation period.
- 3.11. This was a total of nearly 100 written responses overall, and much informal feedback.
- 3.12. There were 5 colour fully printed hard copies of the Plan in the Coldean Library and available to borrow from Coldean Convenience Store throughout the Consultation period.

#### **Comments from Individuals**

3.13 Several written comments from Individual Forum Members were subsequently included into the draft Plan, including additional Comments on Disabled Access, and the Wildflower meadow, now identified and protected in the Local Green Space designation of OS41 (Coldean Lane Southside Verge near Forest Rd) at Figure 24 in the draft Plan, as well as on the pedestrian crossing being needed across Coldean Lane near Varley Park. See detailed anonymised individual comment on website, link here:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/3ff6f570-b5c6-4d9f-bc69-a4d3ed96750e/Regulation%2014%20Consultation%20Responses%20-%20CNPF%20NP.pdf?ver=1750709008897

#### Comments from South Down National Park Authority, a Statutory Consultee

3.14. A new Map of the Neighbourhood Area clarifying the extent of the SouthDown National Park in the Neighbourhood Area, was required at Figure 1. All additional wordings describing the SDNPA impact into the Plan were included as SDNPA had requested, in particular an addition to the Vision, where the final phrase was added 'all within the SouthDowns National Park'. The link to SDNPA's comments is here:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/a3484193-bb66-46ff-9e55-982a941c57cf/Regulation%2014%20Consultation%20Responses%20-%20CNPF%20SD.pdf?ver=1750435272782

#### Southern Water, a Statutory Consultee

3.15. Southern Water suggested a new Water Objective and subsidiary amendments to Plan policies regarding Water and drainage and amendments to the Design Guidance and Codes as a result. We discussed these at an Open Forum Meeting on 19th November 2024 and the Forum agreed a further Open meeting be held on 10th December 2024 to agree or disagree the inclusion of a new Water Objective and or/ each resulting Policy /policy amendment or Design Guidance & Codes amendment. The link to Southern Water's comments, which are on the website, is here:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/6d5fe08a-20ad-4bf7-8edc-1d5f6a720292/Regulation%2014%20Consultation%20Responses%20-%20CNPF%20So.pdf?ver=1750435272782

- 3.16 The link to the Minutes of the 19th November 2024 Open Forum Meeting raising these changes to the draft Plan can be found here:

  <a href="https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/eedd5e78-e2a0-4838-9dca-7260598c4047/19%20November%202024%20-%20CNPF%20%20Open%20Forum%20Meeting%20-%20.pdf?ver=1750435272824</a>
- 3.17 On 10th December 2024 the next Open Forum meeting voted on and unanimously agreed the inclusion of a new Water Objective (h) in the Plan, with follow-on amendments to the draft Plan and final Coldean Design Guidance and Codes. AECOM has updated the Final Design Codes and Guide accordingly and that can be found on the website under the Final Documents tab.
- 3.18 The link to the 10th December 2024 Open Forum Meeting Minutes can be found here:-

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/e52f8e19-b7d8-41d0-ae47-8e0d99e2312c/10%20December%202024%20-%20%20CNPF%20Open%20Forum%20Meeting%20-%20.pdf?ver=1736769807814

#### **Brighton & Hove City Council, a Statutory Consultee**

3.19 Extensive comments were received from BHCC, endorsed formally by BHCC Councillors, on the June 2024 draft plan. Most were simple comments, easily dealt with, and there were some suggested new wordings or corrections which were all changed in the draft Plan. There were 35 pages of comments which we have responded to and sent back to the Council, with an extra column showing how each matter was handled. Please see the link to the BHCC comments pages with the CNPF handling response/extra column on the CNPF website at the following link:

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9c8b4f40-7ba4-447e-938e-a549eb6dbdb4/downloads/074a32a8-14e9-40dc-ba94-ca07f2aa4400/CNPF%20Coldean%20NP%20Reg%2014%20BHCC%20comments%20final%20wit.pdf?ver=1750435272782

3.20. Substantive comments were raised by BHCC on improving:-

 the Housing Needs Assessment, by taking into account the numbers of bedrooms in the area and bedroom occupancy rates. Our Consultant provided the following ONS bedroom data, (from ONS data for Brighton & Hove in 2021)

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1 bedroom- 29,944 dwellings
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2 bedroom -37,846 "

3 bedrooms - 31,679 "

4 + bedrooms 21,933 "

Bedroom occupancy Ratings +2 or more 29,532 dwellings

+1 37,088 dwellings

0 49,366 dwellings

-1 4,910 dwellings

- - 2 or less 506 dwellings.

These statistics show that there are few unoccupied bedrooms in the Brighton & Hove area, probably owing to a large student and transient population visiting the City.

Coldean households are similarly fully occupied. These percentages have been included in the Plan. The new BHCC Draft Housing Strategy in November 2024 was useful to put Housing Needs in Brighton & Hove into the frame/context, with 130, 840 households in the Brighton & Hove City area (1,046 households. in Coldean as at 2021, excluding the 242 households occupied in Bluebell Heights thereafter). A prorata of the previous new housing target for Brighton of 13,200, would indicate that the Coldean area would need to build 105 new households (a figure already far exceeded by the Bluebell Heights Dev), in the PLan period. The Coldean Area has therefore already recently accommodated more than its proper share of new housing, and at the expense of Ancient chalk downlands, and with no added infrastructure such as drains or additional water supply, or shops/doctors etc). The overall housing assessment needs have not therefore been changed within the draft Plan, although the Plan period may be extended to 2041.

2) The **HMOs policy.** The majority of the Reg. 14 Consult Survey respondents agreed with the draft HMO Policy in the Plan (Plan Policy H1). Our professional adviser PMR Architecture has also commented we should stay with the existing draft Policy H1. Although the Council had queried that draft Policy, with many HMOS in Coldean, we wish the Council to tighten up on its approvals for HMOS in Coldean, by requiring those households to adopt Coldean Design Guidance & Codes policy (Plan Policy DC 1), and as detailed in draft Policy H1, to have sufficient car parking and other facilities included in the HMO development or extension application, and to ensure they do not breach existing BHCC policies regarding concentrations of HMOs in one location or street within Coldean.

3) The Settlement area. We were asked to improve the map at Figure 11 (Now Figure 13), which has been done. The Council argues that this is the built-up area. We argue, as does our professional adviser PMR Architecture, that this is the same as the Settlement area in Coldean because of the topography. It is impractical and expensive to build on the steep slopes typically found above the existing built-up area. No specific comments were received on this Plan Policy during the REgulation 14 Consultation.

#### MOCK HEALTHCHECK OF UPDATED PLAN BY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

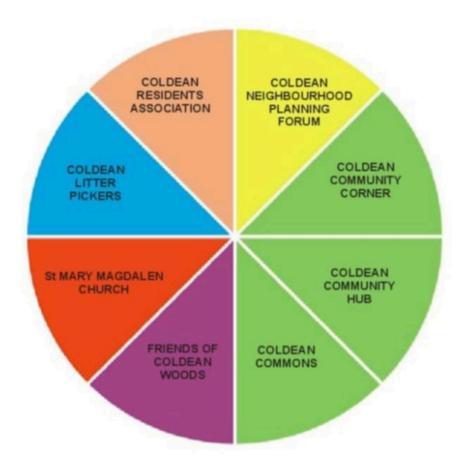
3.21 After amendments and alterations arising from the Regulation 14 Community
Consultation had been discussed and agreed in a working group the updated draft
Neighbourhood Plan, v16, dated December 2024 was prepared. This was sent to Locality
for Review in December 2024. Locality identified a Mock Independent Examiner for the
Health Check. A Technical Support Grant, applied for and granted in August 2024 was
received for this. Feedback from the Mock independent Examiner, Laura Collins Bsc MA
MRTP at Intelligent Plans and Examinations in Bristol, was received in January 2025 and
has been input, before submitting the Draft Plan (v20) back to the Council for the next
steps which should be a Regulation 16 Consultation and the formal Independent
Examiner Review.

# 3.22 Consultation process since December 2021 - In summary

During the period since the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum was approved, and up to date, there have been 3 AGMs, 2 Vision and Objectives meetings and 9 Forum Open meetings, with 34 emailed Updates to Forum members, and Consultees. A regularly maintained dedicated website and Facebook page had also been set up. There have been numerous surveys, subgroup meetings, Forum committee meetings, consultations, consultation launch meetings, hard copies of documents made available for review in the Coldean Library and in the local shops, informal discussions and indeed formal discussions with other parties for example the Council Planning Team and South Down National Planning Authority. Also our constituency MP Sian Berry as well as our elected Ward Councillors have been involved. Details are set out in this Consultation Statement, and the evidence and this Consultation Statement are all on the Coldean Neighborhood planning Forum website. There have been conversations or emails including consultations with technical support teams at AECOM, Locality and indeed Groundworks who provided grants. The Government Neighbourhood Planning website answered ad hoc questions.

3.23 It has been noticeable that the neighbourhood planning process has brought together various organizations and stakeholders in Coldean who have been helping and supporting the formation of the Plan; these are mentioned in the Plan. The main Coldean Stakeholders as at June 2025 are set out in the Pie Chart below.

# **COLDEAN STAKEHOLDERS**



Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum – CNPF – Neighbourhood Planning. Chair Patrick Lowe, email <a href="mailto:contact@cnpf.co.uk">contact@cnpf.co.uk</a>, mob 07714459088

# APPENDIX 1 – APPROVAL OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

# **APPENDIX 2 – CONSULTATION STRATEGY**

This is shown in full on the www.cnpf.co.uk website.

The link is here:-

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# **APPENDIX 3 – EMAIL UPDATES TO FORUM MEMBERS**

## **UPDATE NUMBER/DATE**

1 24 December 2021 Forum obtains full approval <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-1">https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-1</a>

2 1 March 2022 Next steps from Open Forum Meeting 10 February 2022

Minutes from meeting attached

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-2

3 18 April 2022 News of planning applications for HMO's and update on Coldean

Woods

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-3

4 26 May 2022 Neighbourhood Plan Vision of Coldean, Council Tax and HMO's and

update on Coldean Woods Ancient Grass Downland

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-4

5 18 August 2022 Refused application for HMO conversion and reminder for SGM 1

September 2022

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-5

6 20 October 2022 Upcoming Vision of Coldean meetings, AGM 8 December 2022,

**Consultation Strategy and Planning Notes** 

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-6

7 31 October 2022 Facebook page and website, HMO update and upcoming Vision of Coldean meeting 10 November

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-7

8 17 December 2022 Topics to be covered in Neighbourhood plan and request for community input

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-8

9 18 January 2023 News on Forum Consultation Statement and discussion of AGM 8
December 2022

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-9

10 12 February 2023 Progress Report flowchart and Committee request for community assistance

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-10

- 11 6 April 2023 Grant for technical, BBC Wild Isles and Traffic Management Plan https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-11
- 12 19 April 2023 Technical support funding, Housing Needs Assessment, Design Codes, Traffic and Travel Survey and draft Vision and Objectives

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update12

No Update number allocated

1 May 2023 Letter from Sir David Attenborough https://cnpf.co.uk/f/sir-david-attenborough-and-ancient-grass-downland

13 29 May 2023 Update on Forum Applications

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-13

14 a.

12 June 2023 Open Forum Meeting Agenda

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/open-forum-meeting-agenda

14b. 14 July 2023 Proposals agreed at meeting

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-14

15 23 July 2023 Bluebell Heights Travel Plan

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-15

16 12 August 2023 Bluebell Heights

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-16

17 16 September 2023 Bluebell Heights Update

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-17

18 2 November 2023 Update and invitation to Forum Event 21 November 2023

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-18

19 24 November 2023 Have Your Say meeting 23 November 2023, New Consultation

documents

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-19

20 17 December 2023 Council Planning Update and reminder of Open Meeting and AGM 19

December 2023

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-20

21 22 December 2023 Report of meetings held 19 December 2023

https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-21

- 22 29 February 2024 Draft Neighbourhood Action Plan has informal checks with Council <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-22---the-draft-coldean-neighbourhood-plan">https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-22---the-draft-coldean-neighbourhood-plan</a>
- 23 1 April 2024 Agenda Open Forum Meeting 16 April 2024 <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-23">https://cnpf.co.uk/f/update-23</a>
- 24 8 November 2024 Draft Neighbourhood Plan outlining commitment to Biodiversity Net Gain in new developments

https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-24---draft-neighbourhood-plan-biodiversity-net-gain-policy

25 8 November 2024 Committee announce Launch Party for Regulation 14 Consultation on 18
June 2004

https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-25---coldean-neighbourhood-plan-regulation-14-consultion

26 8 November 2024 Regulation 14 Community Consultation Closes 30 July 2024 with strongly positive responses to the Vision

https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-26--regulation-14-community-consultation-closes

27 8 November 2024 Meeting with Sian Berry MP <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-27---the-forum-meets-with-sian-berry-mp">https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-27---the-forum-meets-with-sian-berry-mp</a>

28 8 November 2024 The Forum Committee report on progress arising from Regulation 14 Consultation

https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-28---from-tcoldean-neighbourhood-planning-forum

29 8 November 2024 Notice of Open Forum Meeting 19 November 2024 <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-29---notice-of-open-forum-meeting-19th-november-2024">https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-29---notice-of-open-forum-meeting-19th-november-2024</a>

30 14 January 2025 New Water Objective Approval Plan and AGM <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/news">https://cnpf.co.uk/news</a>

- 31 27 February 2025 Update 31 Mock Independent Examination of Work Plan underway <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-31---mock-independent-examination-of-draft-plan-underway">https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-31---mock-independent-examination-of-draft-plan-underway</a>
- 32 27 February 2025 Coldean Update and Improvements https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-32---coldean-update-and-improvements
- 33 5 May 2025 Mock Independent Examiner Feedback on the Draft Plan <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-33---mock-independent-examiner-reports-back-on-the-draft">https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-33---mock-independent-examiner-reports-back-on-the-draft</a>
- 34 5 May 2025 Successful Meeting With Council Leader Bella Sankey

  <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-33---mock-independent-examiner-reports-back-on-the-draft">https://cnpf.co.uk/news/f/update-33---mock-independent-examiner-reports-back-on-the-draft</a>

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# **APPENDIX 4 – HMO PRESS STATEMENTS**

#### **BRIGHTON AND HOVE NEWS**

# 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum has undertaken consultations with the community and identified the loss of family homes and their conversion to HMOs (houses in multiple occupation) as an issue of concern locally.

It has affected local school places in recent years.

We have carried out local research after we heard claims that mainly business people or tenants other than students were living in the HMOs.

We found this from our research to be untrue. Nearly all the HMOs in Coldean are taken up by students.

We have also noted at the recent council planning meeting that another claim was made that there were more HMOs in Hanover than Coldean which was again untrue.

We were very disappointed that the council approved the application for an HMO in Talbot Crescent despite there being strong local opposition.

Owing to a very large and ongoing building programme by Sussex University and Brighton University, HMOs are unlikely to continue to be in demand, with plentiful good-quality on-campus accommodation increasingly available.

This seems therefore a good point at which to refuse further planning applications for HMOs – not least with many HMOs in Coldean empty and unrented.

The Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum would like to ask: "When will the council realise that we have enough student accommodation and HMOs in the city for students and change its planning policies accordingly?"

Patrick Lowe is the chairman of the Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum.

# APPENDIX 5 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM MEETING POSTERS









# APPENDIX 6 – REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE VISION MEETINGS

the latter two categories were not scored as a top priority by any participants at the 10 November event (see Table 3).

Table 3: Top five concerns graded 1: responses

Event	Natural environment	Housing	Vehicles	Community facilities	Appearance
10 November 2022	4	2	4	0	0
11 November 2022	10	15	10	5	0
Total for both events	14	17	14	5	0

#### Natural environment

The **natural environment** emerged as a high priority. It was referenced in 23 responses (26%), and placed in rank 1 or rank 2 by 25% of all participants across both events.

Comments in this category include 'Biodiversity', 'No more trees cut down', 'Green spaces', and 'Keep 39 Acre'. In discussion, the erection of Bluebell Heights on the site of Coldean Woods continues to cause local anger and distress: comments included 'No more development on Coldean Woods', 'Protect green spaces from development' and 'Replace the trees removed by development'.

At the event on 10 November, at the invitation of the Chair, Deborah Yuill, participant and ex-Committee member, gave a brief account of the historical and ecological significance of chalk grassland, particularly in relation to Site 21a and Site 21c behind Varley Park. This habitat is recognised as being among the most rare, diverse and species-rich form of landscape globally, and Sites 21a and 21c are currently supporting several endangered and at-risk species of flora and fauna.<sup>3</sup> The aquifer below the layer of surface rock supplies all of Brighton and Hove's water, and development will further damage this already threatened essential supply.

This message was reiterated by Polly Eason from Coldean Community Organisation (CCOrg) at the event on 11 November. CCOrg has submitted a Nature Recovery Plan to Brighton & Hove Council. This essentially comprises an application for a Meanwhile Use Tenancy to restore the chalk grassland behind Varley Park in Coldean Woods.<sup>4</sup> The proposed project, which is awaiting approval, includes the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Biological Report at <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/reports">https://cnpf.co.uk/reports</a> (scroll down the page)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See <u>www.coldeancommunity.org</u> or visit the CCOrg Facebook page.

removal of unsuitable species, a grazing plan for maintenance and the erection of a temporary learning space for ecological education and activities. The Nature Recovery Plan is obliged to demonstrate some level of commitment to sustainable, low-impact housing on the site.

In discussion, two participants expressed concern about the security and degradation of Coldean Woods, reporting that the gate for vehicle access is often left unlocked, leaving the woods accessible to vehicles, including those of Travellers and other peripatetic households, and also making the area vulnerable to fly-tippers. One participant also mentioned the importance of protecting and preserving the species-rich chalk grassland on 39 Acre.

In respect of these environmental concerns, the Forum is supporting the work of CCOrg to restore the land on Site 21a and Site 21c behind Varley Park, albeit with reservations regarding any housing development. The Forum has established an environmental working group to pursue work on this important area. It has also made available a CCOrg-commissioned <u>Biological Report</u> on the land behind Varley Park, and has also prepared its own <u>Environmental Strategy</u>.<sup>5</sup>

#### Housing

**Housing** was also uppermost in respondents' minds. It was mentioned in 19 responses (21%), and ranked at 1 or 2 by 30% of participants across both events. It had the highest number of responses ranking it at 1.

In discussion, participants raised concerns that an increase in student accommodation would lead to an imbalance of households in the area, resulting in a lack of affordable social housing and family homes in Coldean.<sup>6</sup> One participant was supported by others in expressing concern that the lack of family homes could ultimately lead to falling pupil numbers at Coldean Primary and closure of the school, which is sited on a substantial area of green space.

Comments on student accommodation included 'HMO [applications] should be rejected as there are already so many student blocks' and 'We don't want Coldean to be known as a "student village".

In discussions, a participant pointed out that HMOs are not necessarily occupied by students. This can be established by checking leases for HMOs, since student accommodation has an Assured Shorthold lease of either 39 or 42 weeks, which matches the academic year. There is no evidence to suggest that a significant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Both documents are available on the Forum's website at <a href="https://cnpf.co.uk/reports">https://cnpf.co.uk/reports</a> (scroll down to see reports).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> There are currently 98 Use Class C4 HMOs recorded in Coldean, although recently this has fallen to 94 following the reversion of 4 houses to Use Class C3 (private dwellings).

number of Coldean's HMOs are occupied by non-student tenants, although a small proportion of them certainly are.<sup>7</sup>

Other housing-related concerns were in relation to new building developments, particularly Bluebell Heights, and the assignment of Site 21c for housing development in City Plan 2. Comments included 'No more high rises', 'A focus on affordable, sustainable housing that's efficient to run' and 'No building on green spaces next to properties'. This suggests that the Plan can take a position on building design and sustainability, to ensure that any building developments are sympathetic to Coldean's heritage and meet the Forum's ambitions for the environment and climate resilience.

In relation to housing, some participants also raised issues relating to Council tenancies, remarking that the Council was slow to respond to concerns related to repairs, and had also dismissed concerns about new building developments.

#### Vehicles

For the first time at a consultation event, participants raised issues related to **drivers and their vehicles**. Primarily, these priorities mentioned road safety (speeding, traffic volumes, availability of safe road crossings) and the congestion and inconvenience caused by inconsiderate or illegal parking. Seventeen responses (19%) related to vehicles, and it was ranked at 1 or 2 by 9 respondents. It received the same number of rank 1 ratings as the natural environment category.

In discussion, it was clear that the erection of Bluebell Heights has intensified concerns about the volume, speed and flow of traffic around Coldean, particularly on Coldean Lane. Participants were concerned for residents of Bluebell Heights who will have to cross this busy road, particularly children attending Coldean Primary School. It was reported that the Highways Agency and the Council have turned down a request for a footbridge on the grounds of cost. A pedestrian crossing (either Pelican or Puffin) is under consideration.<sup>8</sup>

Speeding was also noted to be an increasing problem, with drivers using Coldean's residential roads (Hawkhurst Road, Wolseley Road/Saunders Hill, Rushlake Road) as a cut-through to avoid congestion on Coldean Lane. One participant noted that hand-held speed cameras would not be feasible because the roads are too narrow to allow cameras to scan cars effectively. Other traffic-slowing measures could be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This subject is covered in greater detail in the Forum's HMO Report, available via its website at https://cnpf.co.uk/reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A Pelican crossing is activated when a pedestrian presses a button at the side of the road. It is safe to cross when a green man appears on the display, sometimes accompanied by a beeping sound. The green man symbol and the amber light start to flash just before the lights turn green again for oncoming traffic. A Puffin crossing is similar, but has sensors that delay the green light if someone is crossing slowly, and hence the green man and amber light do not flash on a Puffin crossing. Of the two, a Puffin would be safer for children and elderly people.

considered, such as single-lane chicanes, vehicle-activated signs, speed cushions and DIY streets.<sup>9</sup>

Several participants reported problems in Coldean with parking, including contractors' vehicles or large heavy-plant vehicles being parked inappropriately on residential streets, as well as untaxed vehicles and vehicles under repair being left parked up for months. Some residents, particularly those living near local shops, had experienced drivers blocking their driveways and parking on the grass verges and pavements, causing inconvenience and structural damage to the soil and pavements. HMOs can also contribute to parking problems if the occupants own multiple cars.

Comments in this category included 'Speeding cars', 'Safer roads, safer crossings (there are none at the moment)' and 'Parking problems'.

A case was made by several participants for residential parking permits, which were reported by two participants to have been successful in freeing up parking spaces in some areas, such as in Hove and in Coombe Road area.

Taking action in the Neighbourhood Plan on the problems caused by drivers speeding and parking inconsiderately could also answer to the Forum's environmental agenda of protecting and preserving the natural environment, for example by discouraging car ownership through paid parking schemes, encouraging people to walk, cycle or use public transport through infrastructure improvements, and installing natural parking deterrents such as street trees on verges and pavements.

#### Community facilities

Although no one marked **community facilities** as a top priority at either event, it was mentioned for the first time at a consultation event by 19 participants across both events. Under this heading fall local concerns such as ready access to a GP, the presence of a local post office, and designated community centre, and the quality of the area's playgrounds and parks.<sup>10</sup>

Comments in this category included 'Local community/neighbourhood centre', 'Lack of a post office' and 'Spaces for children and young people – parks, skate parks'.

Some of the concerns expressed (such as a lack of waste bins and unsheltered bus stops) are best directed to Coldean's elected Councillors, although the Forum may wish to pursue those that are relevant to its overall vision for Coldean, for example

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> A useful summary of traffic-calming schemes is at www.trafficchoices.co.uk/traffic-schemes/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> It was noted that there is currently a city-wide consultation on parks and playgrounds, including the playground on Wolseley Road. <a href="https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/environment/childrens-play-area-consultation-autumn-2022/">https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/environment/childrens-play-area-consultation-autumn-2022/</a>. The consultation closes on 30 November 2022.

in improving access to, and visibility of, public transport, and the provision of EV charging points.

#### General appearance

The **general appearance** of the village was raised for the first time, by 15 participants across both events. Concerns in this category were mainly ranked as 4 or 5. Specific issues raised included broken paving stones, leading to overgrowth of weeds in the cracks, graffiti, crime and the presence of unsightly recycling bins outside the Ruby Hotel and Pub.<sup>11</sup>

Comments included 'Unkempt gardens', 'Bins outside the Ruby' and 'State of the pavements'.

The concerns again overlap with issues that would rightfully be raised with Coldean's elected Councillors, but are relevant in some cases to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Forum may wish to relate some of these concerns to its overarching vision, for example preventing damage to pavements by planting street trees to make it difficult for drivers to park on them, and providing more central recycling facilities in place of the bins on Coldean Lane.

#### Summary

- The two consultation events held in November 2022 reinforce the view that the natural environment and housing are the top concerns among respondents in Coldean.
- However, the newly raised issue of traffic and parking add a dimension to the Forum's work, with new evidence and policies required to address this in the Neighbourhood Plan, in ways that are congruent with its main aims.
- Respondents also had views on community facilities and the general
  appearance of the village that need to be explored further, although there is
  some overlap with the work of elected Councillors, and boundary lines need
  to be made clear to residents.
- There is more work to do to encourage **engagement with the Forum's work** among local people.
- The Forum should consider segmenting consultation data, for example by age group, gender, ethnicity and disability status.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> A petition has been raised to re-site the recycling bins at the Ruby: evidence shows that they are rarely used by locals and have become a target for fly-tippers and passing vans to dump rubbish.

# **APPENDIX 7 – Reg 14 LIST OF CONSULTEES**

#### **ORGANISATION**

- 1 Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce
- 2 VisitBrighton
- 3 Sussex Chamber of Commerce
- 4 SAFE
- 5 Brighton Society
- 6 Bluebird Society for the Disabled
- 7 Older People's Council
- 8 Ramblers East Sussex Countryside Officer
- 9 Amaze
- 10 Community Works
- 11 Brighton and Hove Speak Out
- 12 Ditch the Label
- 13 Gscene Magazine
- rYico (Rwandan youth information community organisation)
- 15 The Carers Centre for Brighton and Hove
- 16 Badge Brighton & Hove
- 17 Possability People
- 18 Brighton & Hove Green Spaces Forum (Includes Coldean Woods Trust)
- 19 Brighton Area Buswatch
- 20 Sussex Ornithological Society
- 21 Sussex Gardens Trust
- 22 The Gardens Trust
- 23 Sussex Local Nature Partnership
- 24 Biosphere programme
- 25 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- 26 Network Rail
- 27 Stanmer Preservation Society

28 Sussex Wildlife Trust 29 **CPRE B&H** 30 Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum 31 Rottingdean Parish Council 32 Sussex Police Community Safety 33 Historic England 34 Mid Sussex DC 35 South East Local Enterprise Partnership 36 **South Downs Society** 37 **Highways England** 38 **Network Rail** 39 Sussex Police 40 **East Sussex County Council** 41 Office of Rail Regulation 42 English Heritage - SE Region 43 Sussex Partnership NHS Trust 44 Policy Planning Team Lewes District Council 45 **Sport England** 46 **Brighton & Hove City Council** 47 South Downs National Park Authority 48 Sussex Police 49 **Sussex Community NHS** 50 Fire Brigade 51 Natural England 52 **Civil Aviation Authority** 53 **Environment Agency** 54 Coast 2 Capital LEP National Grid 55

The Big Six (Energy Suppliers)

Southern Water

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- 58 Vodafone and O2
- 59 Scottish & Southern Energy
- 60 Southern Gas Networks
- 61 National Grid (c/o Avison Young)
- 62 BT openreach
- 63 Southern Water
- 64 Mobile Operators Association
- 65 EE Telecom
- 66 Scotia Gas Networks, Plant Protection Team
- 67 Development Services SWS ltd, Atkins Ltd,
- 68 EDF Energy
- 70 Sussex University Community Liaison Team
- 71 Sussex University Students' Union
- 72 Brighton University Community Liaison Team
- 73 Brighton University Students' Union
- 74 Coldean Allotment Rep(Peter Beck). Brighton and Hove Allotment Society
- 75 Brighton & Lewes Beekeepers
- 76 Coldean Residents' Association
- 77 Coldean Community Organisation
- 78 Brighton Permaculture Trust
- 79 Friends of Coldean Woods
- 80 The Aquifer Partnership
- 81 Coldean Independents
- 82 Tobias J Sheard (BHCC Councillor)
- 83 Mitchie Alexander (BHCC Councillor)

# APPENDIX 8 - LIST OF FORUM COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

#### **CNPF Committee Meetings**

#### 2021

30 July 2021

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#### 2022

#### 10 January 2022

### 7 February 2022

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#### 13 June 2022

#### 11 July 2022

#### 8 August 2022

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# APPENDIX 9 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (8th December 2022, 19th December 2023. 10 December 2024)

#### 2022

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19 December 2023 - Minutes

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#### **2024**

10 December 2024 - Minutes

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# APPENDIX 10 - FORUM CONSTITUTION, Amendments (September 2022, December 2022, December 2023)

#### Constitution

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### **September 2022 Amendment to Constitution**

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# **APPENDIX 11 - PREVIOUS COLDEAN BIOLOGICAL SURVEY** (January 2020)

Biological survey and assessment of land at Varley Park, Coldean Lane by Graeme Lyons

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