

TIME TO MOVE FORWARD IN HASTINGS

OUR PLAN FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS

A STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY SO WE CAN INVEST IN COUNCIL SERVICES

- ✓ **Let's make the most of our 1066 heritage.** We need to promote our heritage and encourage more tourists. We will implement an improved marketing strategy for our town to help **boost our tourist trade.**
- ✓ Local suppliers to be used to create jobs and training. **We must make sure the council buy local first.**
- ✓ The night time economy has suffered with an increase in parking charges. Local businesses need a post-Covid boost. **We promise to bring back free parking in the town centre after 6pm.**

A FAIRER, TRANSPARENT PLANNING STRATEGY WHICH WORKS FOR EVERYONE

- ✓ **Local Plan.** We need a Local Plan that delivers new homes but not at the expense of building on all our green spaces and flood zones such as the Lower Tier site in Bulverhythe and Harrow Lane Playing Fields.
- ✓ **Focus on brownfield site development.** We must explore every opportunity to build on brownfield sites as a priority.
- ✓ **Holding social housing providers to account.** Social housing providers must do more to provide better and more energy efficient homes for their tenants.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND FIGHTING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

- ✓ **Encourage and work with bus companies** to reduce fares, extend bus hours and expand bus routes to encourage bus travel and use of public transport.
- ✓ Let us make Hastings as plastic free as possible by introducing a **Plastic-free Hastings** scheme. We will provide **more electric car charging points** for visitors and residents.
- ✓ We must **plant more trees** and make all of our publicly owned buildings as energy efficient as possible, to reach our carbon reduction goals.

MAKING SURE COUNCIL SERVICES ARE GOOD VALUE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

- ✓ **An end to risky investment.** The Council has borrowed millions of pounds to invest in risky commercial investments. We call for a comprehensive review of the Council's borrowing strategy.
- ✓ Continue the great work of **helping rough sleepers off our streets and into safe accommodation.**
- ✓ **Let's take back our seafront** and make sure that the Council and Foreshore Trust improve parking and beach access.
- ✓ The **old bathing pool site at West Marina** must be rethought to provide a leisure hub as well as sympathetic development.

KEEPING OUR STREETS CLEAN AND OUR RESIDENTS SAFE

- ✓ **Stronger enforcement of Public Space Protection Orders** to combat street drinking and anti-social behaviour.
- ✓ Work closer with the Police to better **combat the drug problems in our town** and **make sure the CCTV stays operational** to tackle crime on our streets, car parks and public spaces.
- ✓ We will offer **free collection for one large item per household** per year in order to tackle the increased problem of fly-tipping on our streets.

INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE AND PROTECTING OUR GREEN SPACES

- ✓ We will look to help enable the opening of an inclusive and progressive **Free School in Hastings** to widen the choice available to parents and their children. This would be especially for secondary education, including all children from our community, regardless of their abilities and backgrounds.
- ✓ **We are committed to working with local groups and residents** to ensure that we **keep, maintain and improve** our green spaces, playing fields and children's play facilities across town.

