

HYTHE CIVIC SOCIETY

SHEPWAY PLACES AND POLICIES LOCAL PLAN SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON THE SUBMISSION DRAFT (MARCH 2018)

The Society has made the following comments:

- 1 Objected to the omission of the inclusion of Otterpool Park garden town in the submission draft as development is planned to commence in 2020 and the Places and Policies Local Plan (PPLP) covers the period from 2006 to 2031.
- 2 Concerned that residential parking standards are not always enforced in residential development in and near Hythe town centre. This reduces the availability of public parking in the town centre that is available for shoppers with a knock-on effect on trade.
- 3 Objected to the use of an un-published Open Spaces Strategy which did not allow the public the ability to establish whether the relevant part of the submission draft was "evidence based" or not.
- 4 Objected to the lack of any strategic overview of the cumulative effects that the current and proposed developments have on the road network in Hythe and surrounding areas that appear to the Society to be at capacity in some locations.
- 5 Requested that the water supply policy be strengthened by the imposition of on-site storage of "grey water runoff" and its appropriate use within new developments.
- 6 Objected to the use of an un-published draft "Shepway Heritage Strategy" which did not allow the public the ability to establish whether the relevant part of the submission draft was "evidence based" or not.
- 7 Requested that the section on conservation areas, and particularly the Hythe conservation area, should have specific planning policies to maintain and enhance the areas within a two year timescale. In addition the Society requested a comprehensive archaeological study of Hythe as a "head Cinque Port".
- 8 Requested that policy criteria to create a "local heritage list" be included within the PPLP.
- 9 Welcomed the designation of land between the Imperial Green residential development and the Royal Military Canal as "open space".
- 10 Requested that the "Smiths medical campus" be considered as the site for the proposed leisure centre.
- 11 Objected to any development of Princes Parade as the Council had previously identified a site for the leisure centre within the Martello Lakes development. That site has outline planning consent.

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