



Non-Technical Summary

Thriving Communities are communities where people are healthy, safe and have access to activities and opportunities that help them prosper. They encourage active and healthy lifestyles, and create living environments that support social interaction for people of all ages. Access to high-quality open space can make a great contribution to health and wellbeing.

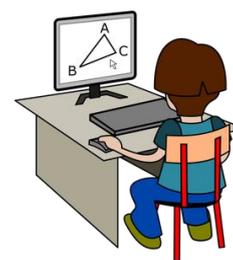


34% of children and 46.1% of adults are overweight or obese

Sustainable Neighbourhoods – The current Local Plan splits Eastbourne into fourteen different areas, known as 'Neighbourhoods.' Each Neighbourhood has different strengths and opportunities that should be maintained, so that the town doesn't feel like one big row of houses. Residents have the power to create their own Plan for their Neighbourhoods; setting out how they think it should develop and change. These neighbourhoods could also be used as a basis for local people to create their own planning policies for their area through a 'Neighbourhood Plan'.

Sport and Recreation – Eastbourne has lots of green space - it makes up a quarter of the area of the Borough. There are plenty of parks and gardens; however some areas are lacking in allotments, sports pitches or children's play areas. We want to increase children's play space through new development, either through

the creation of new facilities within developments, or by developers contributing to creating new space elsewhere. We will also be looking to support improvements to existing sport and recreation facilities.



46% of Children are within 15 minutes or public transport journey of a Secondary School

Sovereign Centre – The Sovereign Centre is going to be replaced with a new facility built next to the old one. This means that the space the old one was in can be used by something new. The site is quite large, and could probably sustain a mix of different things, such as housing as well as beach huts or some shops.



90% of Children are within 15 minutes or public transport journey of a Primary School

Education – We will be working with East Sussex County Council to identify the need for additional school places as a result of population increase over the next 20 years, but it is likely that there will be a need for further provision of school places. This could be done either through the creation of new schools, or the expansion of existing ones. However, expansion can mean

that some school playing fields are built over, and we need to think about what is most important. The existence of fast food takeaways near schools could be part of the cause of childhood obesity. We will look to stop fast food shops opening near schools.

Health and Community – New developments could be required to show what the effect of it being built will have on the health of local residents. This can be useful information, but can also be considered to slow down a development, or make it too expensive.

Pubs are shutting down all around the country, and this is happening in Eastbourne too. We may look to ensure that Pubs are not changed into anything else.

Community Centres are venues or meeting places that can be used or hired by the public or community organisations for meetings and events. Currently there are considered to be enough within Eastbourne to serve the community, with a large proportion of them being within the Town Centre. However, the current provision should be protected. Newly built facilities should be able to be expanded, so that they can accommodate greater use.



**Eastbourne has:
11 GP Surgeries and
over 75 Doctors**

Local Service Centres – These are the smaller shopping areas that are found throughout Eastbourne. They provide a variety of services to residents across the town. Over the last few years, there are fewer shops in these spaces and more things like estate agents and takeaways. This can be less attractive to shoppers. We could either try and keep these as

shopping areas, or allow other types of businesses to use the units.



6.1% of the population describe themselves as having bad or very bad health

Local Service Centres can be good places for Doctor's Surgeries and Dentists, as they are easily accessible. However there may not be a lot of available space in these service centres for new development. They could instead be placed somewhere else that has public transport access, such as near a bus stop.



24.9 % of the population of Eastbourne is over the age of 65

Crime – This has fallen in Eastbourne over the last 15 years, although has just started to increase again, in line with national trends. There is potential that we could put specific focus on design measures for new buildings that may help reduce crime.

Access and Movement – Almost 20% of the population of Eastbourne has a disability. It is important that places should be safe and inclusive; there should be easy access around new developments, including access to public transport. Public spaces should be designed with disabled people in mind.