

NORTH LITTLEHAMPTON

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEEKEND

Creating a new vision for North Littlehampton



Aerial view of North Littlehampton in context

A New Future for North Littlehampton

Over a hundred and twenty people participated in the North Littlehampton Community Planning Weekend, held on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July 2008 and facilitated by architects and urbanists John Thompson and Partners. The aim of the Weekend was to create a sustainable new Vision for North Littlehampton, including the mixed use redevelopment of land to the north of the railway line, the Fitzalan Link and the proposed new Academy, and consider how this new investment can help the wider regeneration of Littlehampton, including the community of Wick.

The key issues for discussion included:

- Potential for new development and investment opportunities in North Littlehampton to deliver major benefits to the town as a whole
- Building effective sustainable movement networks around the town and creating a new gateway to the town from the north
- Investing in integrated communities and delivering community infrastructure, including affordable housing and local services
- Provision of quality, safe open space
- Creating an aspiring, enterprising community
- Building community spirit and intergenerational relationships
- Quality of the environment
- Developing trust in the regeneration process and continuing community involvement

The Vision

Although Littlehampton faces challenges, it has considerable potential as a friendly, compact, seaside town with access to high quality landscape and neighbouring historic towns and villages.

Regeneration opportunities in North Littlehampton, including the Greencore owned land to the north of the railway, the Fitzalan link, and the Academy, are important for the development of neighbouring communities and the future success of the whole town. The proposed new developments can act as the catalyst to deliver improved infrastructure, including affordable housing, and services for the existing and new communities. The new Fitzalan Link provides the opportunity for a new gateway entrance to the town and improved internal connections, particularly by foot, cycle and bus. There is also a strong desire to re-open a rail station at Wick.

New developments need community facilities to ensure a healthy, integrated community, but there should also be integration with the wider Littlehampton communities. This will be achieved by creating good physical links between neighbouring areas and the town centre and by pro-active initiatives to welcome and engage with new communities. *(Text continued on back page)*

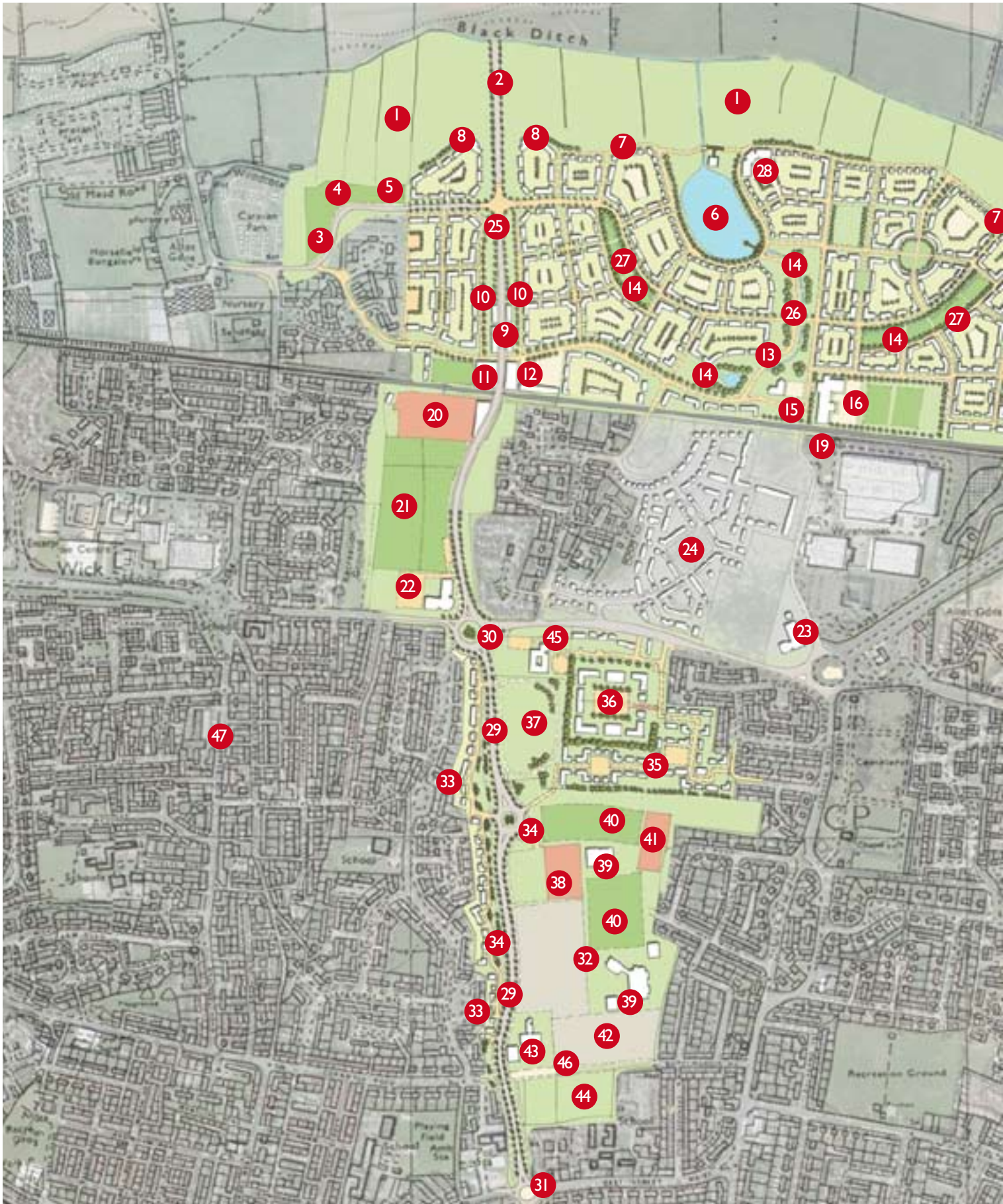
The First North Littlehampton Community Forum

Wednesday 17 September, 6pm for 6.30pm
All Saints Church, Wick Street

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

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KEY

1. Black Ditch flood plain area.
2. Lyminster By Pass.
3. Vehicular link to Lyminster Road via Mill Lane.
4. Allotments site reformed around new road.
5. Civic Amenity Tip relocated to Wick Industrial Estate.
6. Lagoon formed where flood plain penetrates development site.
7. Extent of development dictated by level change in this location.
8. 'Gateway to Littlehampton' feature buildings.
9. Bridge with 'arches' over the new railway and Toddington Lane.
10. Commercial/retail uses under arches.
11. Youth facility with all weather pitch.
12. Railway station with car park.
13. Existing landscape area with trees retained.
14. Sustainable Urban Drainage System.
15. Community facility.
16. Junior School with playing field.
17. New allotments.
18. Sports pitches.
19. Pedestrian/cycle path across A259 linking new neighbourhood with town.
20. Wick F.C ground enhanced.
21. Allotments reformed around new link road.
22. New health facility and community hall.
23. Fire Station relocated from town centre.
24. Eden Park development under construction.
25. Commercial Heart.
26. Community Heart.
27. Green corridor within residential area.
28. Hotel with views across the countryside.
29. New Fitzalan link road.
30. New Roundabout connecting the Fitzalan link with A259.
31. New Roundabout connecting Fitzalan link with East Street and Fitzalan Road.
32. Site of new Littlehampton Academy.
33. Row of houses facing on to new Fitzalan link road.
34. New Roundabout serving Academy and new housing.
35. New housing served from Fitzalan link and Oakcroft Gardens.
36. New apartments on caravan park site.
37. Retained area of open space.
38. Retained all weather pitch.
39. Retained school buildings.
40. Potential sport facilities.
41. Retained tennis courts.
42. Potential development site.
43. Potential development on primary school site.
44. Playing fields.
45. Cornfield school.
46. Pedestrian link between Cornwall Road and Elmgrove # Road.
47. Wick Street environmental improvements.

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The new developments should create enterprising communities delivering opportunities to raise skill levels and provide good quality, well paid jobs. Improved road connections are important pre-requisites to attracting new businesses and residents.

Littlehampton is recognised as being a friendly community and this needs to be valued and supported. Good quality streets and spaces are recognised as being important as places for communities to meet and commune across the generations. The provision of accessible, safe community spaces and facilities, which foster inter-generational civil society and social capital, is key to the future.

New development must respect and enhance the environment through the design and use of buildings and landscape. Management and maintenance is key, with attention being given to the details, in order to create beautiful and sustainable neighbourhoods. The new urban extension north of the railway line must provide high quality open space, good links to the countryside and a positive and attractive northern edge when viewed from the Arun Valley.

Coordinated Action and Continuing Community Participation

Weekend participants enjoyed the Community Planning process and were generally positive about new development opportunities, provided they are sensible, well designed and, in particular, bring about community benefits. Key stakeholders and landowners will continue to work closely to coordinate an integrated programme and deliver a common agenda for the regeneration of North Littlehampton. It is also important that local people remain involved in the process and are kept informed through regular meetings and communications. A new North Littlehampton Community Forum is proposed as an open public meeting, to ensure that the community can regularly participate in and discuss the regeneration proposals as they develop. The first meeting of this Forum will be in All Saints Church Church, Wick Street at 6pm for a 6.30pm start on Wednesday 17 September.



Wick Street environmental improvements



Youth facilities



Housing around lagoon



Northern gateway view

