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Hythe & Romney Marsh

Shepway District Council



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## **Tell us what you think**

It's time for the people of Shepway to tell us where they want to live, work and enjoy themselves in the future. Where do they think their children, grandchildren and the generations to come will live and work.

We know we need more homes and more jobs so now it is time to decide how we can make sure places are environmentally friendly, how they support our economy and enhance community life, and how they relate to each other and to what's already here.

We are asking local people to share their views on sites identified as suitable for new homes and businesses, and the policies that will shape what they are like, over the next 10 years.

The consultation on the *Places and Policies Local Plan: Preferred Options* will begin on Friday 7 October and last for 6 weeks. The plan features 56 sites across the district that could provide 2,500 much needed new homes and over 13 hectares of land for offices and other work spaces.

Cllr John Collier, Cabinet Member for the District Economy said; "Developing policy is how districts plan for the future; it's essential that local people have a say in that future.

"Planning affects all of us in some way, whether it's improving our local high street, providing a new park for our children to play in or making sure our neighbour's extension is a suitable size.

"We know that Shepway, like the rest of the country, needs more homes. During this consultation we want local people to tell us where they want to live, work and enjoy themselves over the coming years so our district continues to flourish."

To find out more residents are invited to attend exhibitions being held at these locations and dates from 3pm until 8pm:

Tuesday 11 October – Hythe Town Hall

Wednesday 12 October – Lydd Town Hall

Thursday 13 October – Sellindge Village Hall

Thursday 20 October – New Romney Assembly Rooms

Tuesday 25 October – Hawkinge Community Centre

Thursday 27 October – Folkestone Academy

There will be an electronic copy of the plan available at [shepway.gov.uk/places-and-policies](http://shepway.gov.uk/places-and-policies) and paper copies at local libraries and the Civic Centre, Folkestone.

Formal comments can be made online at [shepway.gov.uk/telluswhatyouthink](http://shepway.gov.uk/telluswhatyouthink) - click on any of the sites or policies to make a comment or read and comment on the whole document.

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