



## Bright Future for Littlehampton

Arun District Council

Exciting times lie ahead for Littlehampton as multi-million pound regeneration plans for the town begin to take shape.

Following in the successful footsteps of the award-winning East Bank development, the Council is working with partners in both the public and private sectors to rejuvenate the town and cement its image as a top seaside location.

As well as contributing to schemes for a new £12 million community hospital, the proposed £35 million academy school and more affordable housing at Toddington, unprecedented improvements will also be made to key sites, such as the harbour, the seafront and the town centre.

Over the coming weeks and months residents will be given the opportunity to have their say on a range of major initiatives, including a new-look seafront.

Public consultation will soon begin on the Seafront Strategy, a major project looking at revamping the Littlehampton water frontage all the way from Mewsbrook Park to Pier Road.

Local people will be asked their views on initial plans, including the possibility of a grant-funded, record-breaking cultural project.

Positive discussions about rejuvenating the harbour, including a larger focus on leisure provision, have also taken place between the Council and key partners. Residents can look forward to having their say on this

joint vision for the harbour when it is finalised in the New Year.

Local residents will also be asked to give their views on the possible development of the St. Martin's car park area. The town centre has long suffered from a lack of modern, suitably sized retail outlets that will attract new businesses. St. Martin's was identified in the Littlehampton Vision as a good site to provide these as well as limited numbers of residential units, leisure outlets and well designed parking facilities.

The Council's consultants, Knight Frank, are currently drawing up schemes that will provide the required facilities as well as opening up the existing high street to link with any proposed new development.

Councillor Norman Dingemans, Chairman of the Littlehampton Regeneration Sub Committee, thinks people in the town have a lot to look forward to:

"The future is extremely bright for Littlehampton," he said. "These exciting developments all fit into an overall masterplan that ensures nothing happens in isolation.

"We really want to put the town back on the map, and by building on the success of projects such as the East Bank, we believe that people will be just as excited and enthusiastic when they see the plans. We are keen for everyone to have their say and hope residents get involved in the upcoming consultations."