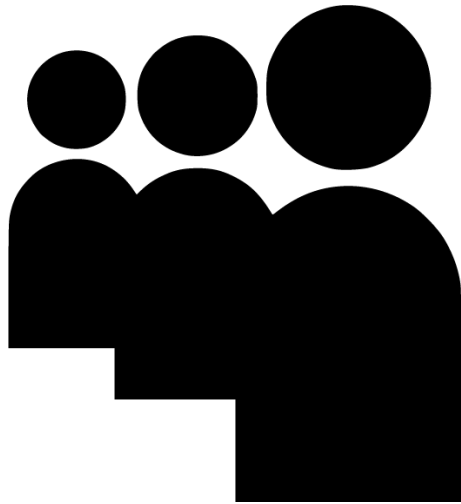


# WORTHING DRAFT LOCAL PLAN OCTOBER 2018 - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The policies in this section seek to reduce deprivation and support the quality of community life. We need to ensure that we protect our valued open space and consider the health and well-being of our communities when planning for development.



## What You Told Us

### Local Plan should:

- Recognise and address challenges arising from an ageing population.
- Ensure that new development is able to accommodate the needs of all residents at all stages of their life.
- Create high quality public realm and landscape to help facilitate positive social cohesion.
- Protect and maintain parks, open space and recreational areas.
- Ensure open spaces are accessible for all members of the community including elderly residents and those with disabilities.
- Identify specific infrastructure needs of the local community.
- Invest and provide the right range of facilities and services to meet people's needs
- Recognise the changing social and cultural dynamics including faith and how this impacts on demand for facilities.
- Provide infrastructure at an early stage of the development process.

## What The Evidence Says

- Average life expectancy is 79.1 years which is slowly lower than the South East but higher than the England average.
- There are significant disparities within different areas of the town and three wards in Worthing (Heene, Central & Northbrook) fall within the lowest 20% of areas in England (using indicators of deprivation and educational attainment).
- Priorities for Worthing include promoting healthy lifestyles, raising awareness of mental health, encouraging healthy relationships and tackling loneliness.
- High quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and recreation make an important contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities.
- The Plan must guard against the unnecessary loss of valued community facilities and services.
- There is a need to ensure essential infrastructure and services are delivered to support future levels of growth.

## What The Local Plan Is Proposing To Do

- Create strong, vibrant and health communities and seek a reduction in health inequalities.
- Require major residential and commercial development proposals to undertake a screening for a Health Impact Assessment (HIA), and a full HIA if necessary, to demonstrate the health outcomes on the health and wellbeing of communities.
- Protect existing open space, sports and recreation buildings / facilities unless they are no longer needed, replaced or the proposed development outweighs the loss.
- Protect and support improvements to health, education, social, community and cultural facilities.
- Ensure that development will provide or contribute to the provision (and where appropriate, maintenance) of facilities, infrastructure and services made necessary by development.

There are a number of ways you can find out more about the Draft Local Plan.

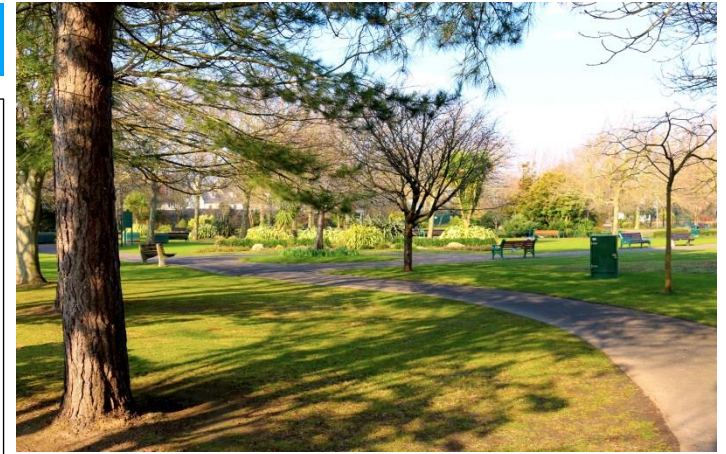
You can visit the Council's website or find hard copies of the document at your local library. There is also an opportunity to come along to a 'drop in' session where you can find more information about the proposals and have the chance to ask questions.

Please visit our Draft Local Plan webpage for more information about these dates and times for the consultation events: [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-local-plan)

You can also keep up to date by following the Council's Facebook and Twitter pages at:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AdurWorthingCouncils](http://www.facebook.com/AdurWorthingCouncils)

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## Find Out More

You can read the planning policies (CP7-CPI0) on the Sustainable Communities and the full Draft Local Plan on our website:

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## Have Your Say

Do you agree with the proposed approach? Please give us your views by 5pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. You can find details of how to comment and also information about consultation events by visiting the draft Local Plan Page at:

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