

# Hastings

#MakeItInHastings

Hastings Town Fund Programme  
Update Presentation October  
2023.

A healthy, vibrant and quirky seaside  
town that people love to visit, live and  
work in and say,  
'I can #MakeItInHastings'

Town  
Investment  
Plan

# Churchfields Business Centre



Project led by: Hastings Borough Council

Towns Fund grant: £778,211      Project Completed

Total project value £4.5m (£500K LGF; £750K TF; £303K CHART; £2.94m HBC)

- 29 business incubator units in Hollington @30 to 32m<sup>2</sup>
- Construction started November 2021, completed March 2023, with first 12 tenants now in place (tech and light industrial)
- The hubs are designed for small businesses with a variety of uses with monthly lease charge of @ £384.50 (exc vat)
- BREEAM approved features including solar panels on the roof, electric charging points, EPC rating A+, planting
- Responds to demand for small business units, help keep activity local and provides investment into a deprived ward



# Former Debenhams Building (1)

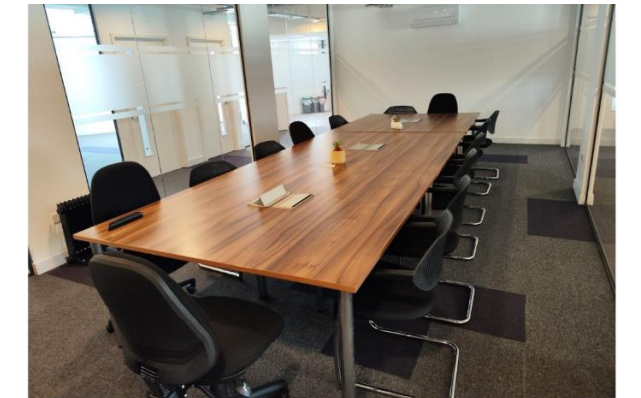
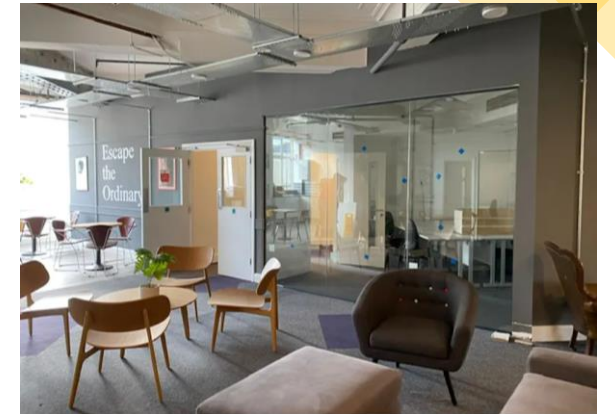
## Hastings co-working, flexible office and community space

Project led by: Freedom Works

Towns Fund grant: £116,732      Project Completed

Total project value: £313,374

- Refurbishment of the upper floors of the building – breathing new life into a beautiful listed building
- 25 bright offices: creating a home for up to 150 members
  - 3 kitchens and break-out lounges
  - 4 meeting and board rooms
  - 24/7 access
- High occupancy rate of local businesses/entrepreneurs



# Former Debenhams Building (2)

A joint venture between Moxie Management Two Ltd and C&O Entertainment

Towns Fund grant: £400,000

£250,000 to Moxie Management Two Ltd for general building works and £150,000 to C&O Entertainment for enhancing entertainment activities including the kitchen and play / game areas

Project Completed – October 2022

Total project value: £826,345

- Development of the two lower floors of the former Debenhams building into an indoor entertainment centre providing a range of activities including ten pin bowling, crazy golf courses, immersive and virtual reality experiences
- Closed September 2023 for refurbishment, rebranding and reconfiguration of entertainment offerings but delivered 22 local jobs and renovated a significant empty building in a key location in the town centre



# Repurposing of Priory Meadow Shopping Centre

Project led by: NewRiver REIT

Towns Fund grant: £349,676      Project Completed

Total project value: £1,059,970

- Project aims to support greater diversity of the town centre by re-purposing vacant retail space at Priory Meadow Shopping Centre
- The former New Look building has been transformed into a offices on the ground floor and a low cost 24/7 gym operated by The Gym Group on the first floor
- Increased provision of affordable health and fitness facilities to a larger catchment population and for a longer period of the day
- DWP has since vacated the premises and new tenants are being sought. Further update to follow



# Hastings Castle



Project led by: Hastings Borough Council

Towns Fund grant: £3,450,069

Total project value: TBC

- The project aims to:
  - Make the West Hill lift and castle more accessible
  - Provide new wayfinding, information and pathways to and within the castle
  - Create a new interpretation centre and catering and retail space with augmented reality interpretation
- Project currently under review - alternative delivery options will be considered due to the council's current financial position



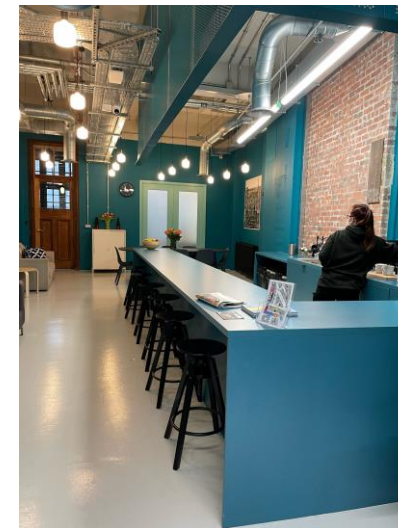
# Hastings Commons

Project led by: Hastings Commons Neighbourhood Ventures

Towns Fund grant: £3,997,203

Total project value £19M. Funded by CHART, TTHAZ, Growing Places Fund (loan), Getting Building Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund (loan), Youth Investment Fund & Towns Fund.

- A series of key buildings in the neighborhood acquired and bringing back to life as mixed-use community owned assets:
- Observer Building – community-led rescue after 35 years of dereliction. Completed: concrete repairs, UKPN substation; warm roof; ground floor venue and café; first floor workspace; **creative technology hub**; Gym; new windows; Eco M&E systems; heritage facade & eastern elevation external works(underway)
- 12 Claremont – full renovation of much-loved historic building as art gallery, workspace and a hosting centre for ‘ethical nomads’
- Eagle House – TF enabled freehold purchase, full renovation is to be funded with YIF



# Public Realm and Green Connections

Project led by: East Sussex County Council

Towns Fund grant: £9,754,458

Total project value: £10,154,458

- The public realm and green connections project is to build on the character of Hastings as an energetic and creative coastal community to support resurgence of its centre as a thriving, well-connected and healthy place. This will be achieved through the delivery of high quality, relevant and catalytic public realm initiatives, bringing nature and bio-diversity into the town and promoting active travel.
- Key Milestones
  - Commence RIBA 3 Design – Oct 2023
  - Mobilise contractors for RIBA 4/5 – Spring 2024
  - Finish Detail design – Winter 2024/5
  - Finish Construction 2026





# Broadening Futures Together

Project led by: Education Futures Trust

Towns Fund grant: £417,121      Project Completed

Total project value: £686,896

- Unique partnership between Education Futures Trust and Plumpton College
- Developing a 18,000m<sup>2</sup> semi-derelict site in a deprived ward; the new education centre will create opportunities for learning and skills development for local residents.
- Building on EFT's existing support-based courses for hard-to-reach groups and providing a progression opportunity onto more structured and formal learning, leading eventually to accredited training



# Town Living



Project led by: Hastings Borough Council

Towns Fund grant: £1,037,615

Total project value: TBC

- Residential development scheme aiming to produce additional affordable housing units in Hastings town centre with long term tenancies.
- Project currently under review due to the council's financial position
- The original proposal was for the development of 24 Wellington Square. However, due to various risks including financial, suitability and deliverability of the project this building is being withdrawn from the programme.
- The programme team together with the Town Deal Board will consider alternative ways of delivering homes in the town centre with other potential providers using the £1m fund allocated towards this project.



# Green Construction, Energy and Vehicle Training Centre

Project led by: East Sussex College Group

Towns Fund grant: £2,638,758

Total project value: £3,068,758

- Re-configuration of existing spaces to facilitate off-campus courses, create capacity to enhance the existing curriculum and enable a new build extension
- New and existing courses for sustainability, retrofit and natural environment
- Will provide new training and skills opportunities for students aged 16-19, adults and higher education
- 650m<sup>2</sup> of new build and refurbished education facilities
- Focus on a high skilled offer around green and sustainable technologies

