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on **4th July**
2015

Ivybridge Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

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What does it say will happen?

The plan aims to focus new investment in the town centre, including a new health and leisure hub and a refreshed shopping centre. Better town centre shopping, attractive new public spaces and much more access to the river are planned. Improved sports, leisure and arts facilities are proposed. Traffic congestion and air quality issues are tackled. And Ivybridge's historic and natural assets will be cherished and protected.

The full text of the 8 policies setting all of this out in detail can be found in the draft plan which is on the Town Council website or available to look at in the Watermark Centre or Town Hall.

What happens next?

The plan has to be looked at by an independent examiner to make sure that it has been put together properly and will work in practice. Then a referendum will be held to make sure that the people of Ivybridge are behind the plan. After that, so long as the examination and referendum have gone smoothly, the planning authority (South Hams District Council) will adopt the plan and it will begin to be used to guide future planning of our town.

What can I do?

Please show support for the plan by replying to this consultation and voting **YES** in the referendum.

What will be the main changes in the town centre?

- A better and livelier town centre
- A new health and leisure hub east of the river
- More open and better riverside access
- New shops and better shopping
- Traffic reversed in Fore Street

What will be the main changes across the town?

- Better health, sports, arts and leisure facilities
- More open public spaces, squares and river access
- More quality and affordable homes
- More job opportunities
- Traffic and transport improvements by 2021
- Improved quality of life

Thanks for being part of the plan for our town!

Please let us have your views – what have we missed, what is good and how we could improve the plan

Drop any comments into The Watermark where the plans will be on display

www.ivybridge.gov.uk/local-information/neighbourhood-plan

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