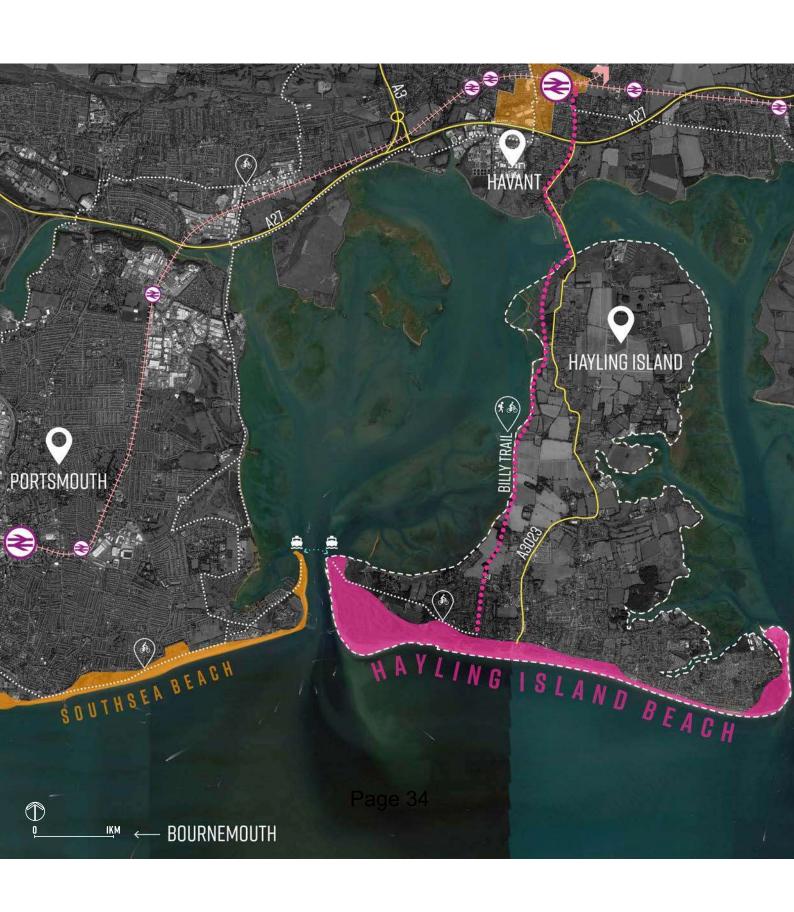


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INTRO

Hayling Island has been a popular destination for over a century.

The seafront has a heritage rich in watersports and it offers a high-quality natural environment. The local tourism sector has great potential to contribute to the local economy, attracting significant visitor spend and supporting over 4,500 jobs across the Borough. The potential growth in the staycation market provides another fantastic opportunity to support a vibrant economy.

However, there are some key challenges:

- 1 Parts of the seafront are dated and require updating and investment
- 2 The coastline is dynamic and vulnerable to coastal flooding and erosion, particularly during high tide and storm events.
- 3 The peninsula geography can lead to congestion on the roads during peak times
- 4 The seasonality of the visitor offer means that the seafront is often crowded during peak times but quiet out of season
- 5 The poor perception of Hayling

Havant Borough Council wants to work with local residents, businesses and a range of other key stakeholders to develop and deliver **ambitious** and exciting plans to **enhance** the seafront and create an **inspiring destination**. We want to develop a new approach to managing the seafront to drive up the quality of the resident and visitor experience. We want to explore opportunities to grow niche markets—such as watersports and activity holidays—improve access to the beach including enhancements to the Billy Trail, strengthened connections across the seafront via new and enhanced cycle and walking routes facilitated by clear wayfinding signage.

We want to encourage high quality development and the creation of new facilities, including an improved leisure offer and a stronger commercial proposition – one that is sustainable in the long term and supported by a clear brand and identity. We want to protect and enhance the precious natural environment, and create a happy, healthy and vibrant place.

This document builds on work undertaken by Hemingway Design (January 2019) and Mace (December 2019/20). It sets out a clear **ambition** and **strategy** for the future of the seafront, accompanied with a comprehensive **concept plan** and **roadmap to delivery**. It aims to enhance the range and quality of attractions, improve the environmental quality and urban design of the seafront and connect key attractors in ways that reflect the heritage of the island. Regeneration is focused at **West Beach, Beachlands and Eastoke.**

A SEAFRONT AMBITION

HAYLING SEAFRONT WILL BE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND VIBRANT PLACE

Hayling Island Seafront is a key asset for the borough and a focus for regeneration and positive placemaking.

The seafront will become a focus for new investment to grow and sustain a thriving local economy that will transform the area to one that focuses on activity and experience-based tourism, which takes advantage of the natural qualities of the seafront.

The ambition for the seafront is supported by a series of the supported by a series of the supporting a long term strategy for the coastal destination that both enhances and preserves:

- 1 Create an offer, and offer, supported by a which increases the quality of the visitor experience and opportunities for visitor spend
- 2 Improve and make seems to the beach, including enhancements to the Edity Trail and improved connections across the seafront via new and enhanced cycle and walking routes, facilitated by clear wayfinding signage, moving towards a contract future
- 3 Protect the unique character of the coastal landscape and enhance the natural environment, supported by a high-quality public realm



- 4 Any strategic approach will be responsive to almose issues, creating and will be proactive in protecting the coastline
- Create opportunities to support active theorytes, health and wellbeing, where residents and visitors can experience the landscape through activities, including walking cycling, running and watersports
- 6 Create a new approach to managing the seafform to drive up the quality of the resident and visitor experience, and sustainable coastline



TODAY







NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- High natural value seafront environment, including Sinah Common Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), an area designated as a Site of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINC) and the adjacent Solent Maritime Special

 Area of Conservation (SAC)
- The lowland dry acid grassland and coastal vegetated shingle beach are of biodiversity interest and value
- Blue Flag status achieved for last 27 years
- with spectacular views of the Solent alongside the popular Hayling Island Sailing Club.

POPULATION

- The population is estimated to increase to 18.565 in 2021
- Median age of residents is 52
- 29.6% of the population are over 65, with 24.7% retired
- In 2011, almost one third of the population were in the 45-64 age group, although this group is predicted to decrease to a quarter while those aged 65 years and over are predicted to increase
- In 2011, 69% of nomes were owneroccupied. 15% of Hayling households were occupied by a single resident over the age of 65 years at this time.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

- The tourism industry supports 4589 jobs across the borough (Tourism South East 2018)
- Tourism remains a significant employer on the island, helping to encourage working age families to stay and work locally.
- The proportion of unemployed on Hayling Island, was 5.9% in February 2021
- 8.4% of the local population were employed within the accommodation and food industry.



TRANSPORT & ACCESS

- Two bus services connect the Island with the mainland every 15 minutes
- Hayling Ferry service connects
 Hayling with Eastney Point and operates summer and winter
- The Island suffers from a fragmented public right of way network, made up mainly of short linear routes and little formal horse riding provision
- The main recreational experience is concentrated on the south coast and Hayling Billy disused railway on the west coast



THE FUTURE

NATIONAL TRENDS

- Ageless Visitors: With people increasingly delaying major milestones such as marriage and children till later in life, coupled with people living longer and more active lives, it is becoming increasingly less relevant to think about visitors in terms of their age and more in
- Solo Visitors: Increasingly people are experiencing living on their own across any number of points in their lives. In the UK, 26% of households are single and solo travelling is one of the fastest growing categories and many travel brands are tapping into this niche. Solo adventures are positioned as enriching opportunities for self-discovery.
- Inspiration and pre-planning:
 The online world offers an endless inspiration and ideas for travel. Tourism products need to ensure they are part of consumer conversations, endorsed by social influencers and hopefully tick the boxes of key criteria to feature in algorithm results. Tourism products need to be clear on which target
- Experiences: Future visitors will opt for trips that allow them to collect as many unique experiences

as possible for the minimum investment of time and money to get there. With limited budget and holiday time available, future visitors want to find out as much as possible about their destination before getting there. Some visitors are also looking to combine their visit with learning additional skills self improving activities or trying new experiences.

REGIONAL & LOCAL TRENDS

- National chains within the lower to mid-market accommodation range are looking to develop new quality offers to draw in a higher price premium (higher quality accommodation/improved provision of leisure activities and facilities)
- The tourism offer on the island needs to improve the quality of the visitor experience, otherwise holiday park guests will increasingly stay within resorts, reducing the wider economic benefits to the island
- Opportunities to address seasonality of visitor demand on the seafront lie in enhancing the visitor experience and encouraging visits outside of the school holidays from specific market seaments





- The markets offering the greatest potential for off-peak growth for Hayling Island include empty nester: (over 55s) for health and wellness, under 35s for activity/ active breaks and building an audience from local residents
- Key challenges for tourism development include limited transport connections to the island, the availability of high speed broadband, WIFI and mobile reception, and the availability of skilled staff, with tourism perceived as a low-skilled sector.



FUTURE POTENTIAL

- Potential to develop a strongly branded niche location for active pursuit and activity holidays, underpinned by its heritage as the home of windsurfing
- Walking and cycling are the most popular activities, but there is significant interest in watersports too
- The ideal activity holiday involves at least three different active experiences, blended with a mix of other holiday activities
- Successful holidays are not just about the activity, the local scenery, accommodation, food and drink, and other attractions play an important part
- There is an opportunity to improve communication about provision and ease of access for these activities to encourage more people to participate. The presence of an activity hub facility on Hayling Island seafront could support tourism growth by providing information about the range of activities available, alongside local maps and guidance, and free WiFi access
- Consumers like to pick and mix their activities to create their own personal activity holidays, as well as combining these active experiences with other general holiday pursuits such as visiting sights, shopping and entertainment
- The love of local is common ground for people taking activity holidays on the English coast.





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OPPORTUNITIES

An exciting opportunity exist to revitalise Hayling Island seafront, catering for the core local population, as well as attracting visitors and encouraging them to stay longer by providing a range of activities catering for all ages.

and provide hubs around which to focus regeneration activities, with the them of equal importance.

Key opportunities to address the challenges outlined on page 5 and realise the ambition for Hayling Seafront include:

- Improving the perception of the seafront through the creation of a
- Preserving and enhancing

 and residential development
 in the three key activity hubs
- A sensitive and targeted approach to investment, regenerating and improving the tourism economy and encouraging further commercial investment and job creation, creating a

- Improving
 , encouraging greater
 participation in healthy lifestyle
 activities, such as walking, cycling
 and watersports. This should include
 capitalising on the to
 connect the seafront to the rest of
 the island, as well as with Havant
 town centre, providing stronger
- between the three activity hubs, through a looped network of foot and cycle paths, building upon the informal trails that already exist. Provision of along the seafront, with activities located along the journey between the hubs. A clear which identifies the three hubs of activity, their locations, the respective attractions and the routes and spaces along the Hayling Island Journey.

These opportunities should all be underpinned by a new and smarter way of managing the seafront, which addresses climate change through initiatives such as the creation of a , advocating the use of sustainable alternatives.







CONCEPT PLAN

BEYOND THE BEACH

OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXTENDED WALKING & CYCLING LOOP TOWARDS THE FERRY BOAT INN & SINAH COMMON

NATURE ROUTE

MEANDERING ROUTE THROUGH THE BACK OF THE BEACH & SINAH COMMON SSSI. PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADMIRE THE WILDLIFE & VIEWS OF THE COAST

WEST BEACH

ACTIVITY & NATURE

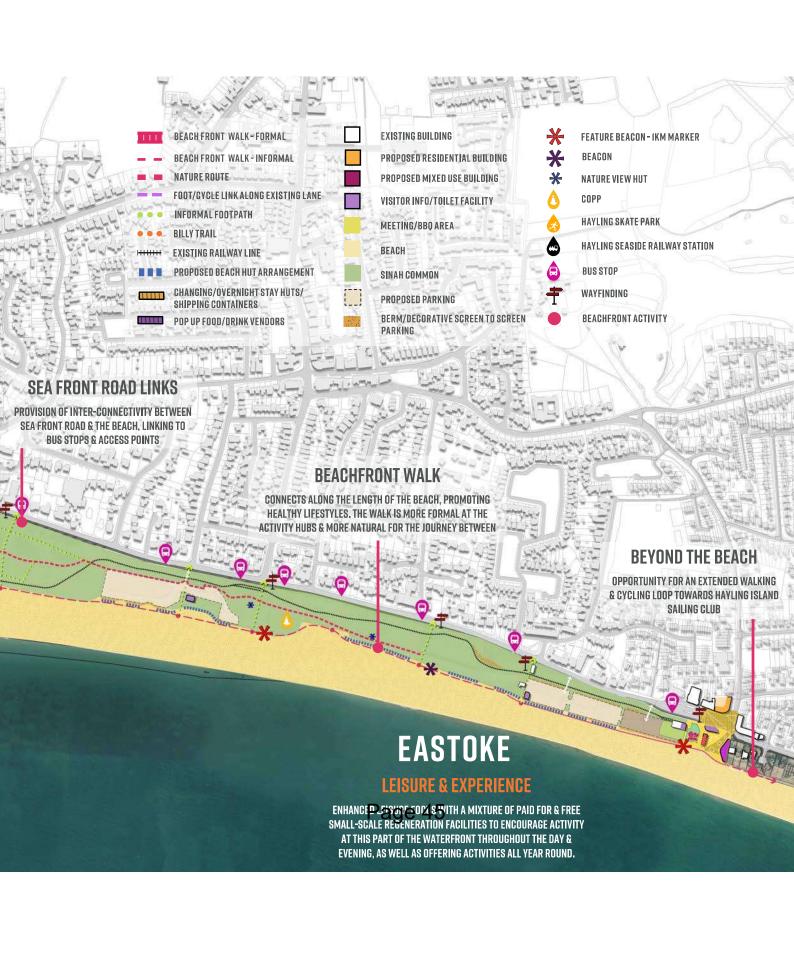
WATERSPORTS & ACTIVITY HUB, COUPLED WITH A MORE DIVERSE FOOD & BEVERAGE OFFERING & SENSITIVELY DEVELOPED BEACH-BASED VISITOR ACCOMMODATION. ACCOMMODATION COULD BE DEVELOPED AROUND OVERNIGHT STAY BEACH HUTS, CAMPER VAN OR CAMPING EXPERIENCES, THAT COULD SIT LIGHTLY WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM THE HIGH QUALITY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

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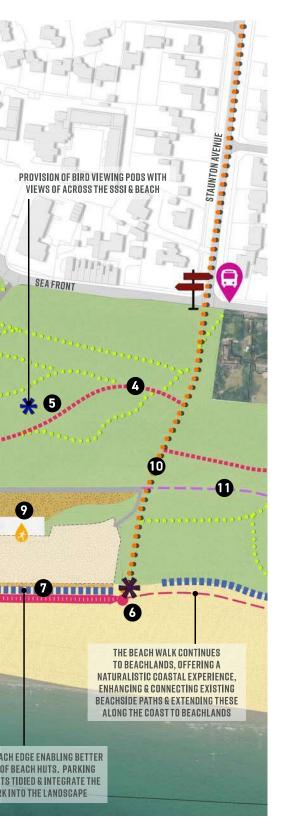
BEACHLANDS

COMMUNITY & LIVING

SMALL-SCALE, FAMILY FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION, ALONGSIDE SEA VIEW CAFÉS & RESTAURANTS WITH AN INDEPENDENT FOCUS. IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC SPACE & LANDSCAPE SHOULD PROVIDE INVITING CONNECTIONS TO THE BEACH







Key principles have been developed for West Beach to become a focus for nature and activities:

- A quiet, open, and natural area, preserving the existing character. Interventions will be subtle and modest, bedded within the environment. Creation of a wild landscape aesthetic
- An innovative 'Blue Park', allowing greater access to water-based activities whilst protecting the environment and building on the history of watersports on the island
- West Beach as a hub for health and well-being, enabling people to
- WATERSPORTS CENTRE, INCLUDING TEACHING & TRAINING FACILITIES FOR ALL ABILITIES
- LOCATION FOR STREET FOOD VENDORS, MEETING AREA & BBQ SPACE
- 3 BEACHFRONT WALK
- 4 NATURE ROUTE
- 5 SSSI/NATURE VIEWING HUTS
- BEACHFRONT BEACON
 - BEACH HUTS POSITIONED TO SCREEN CAR PARKING
- 8 WATERSPORTS ACTIVITY & PARKING
- HAYLING SKATE PARK INTEGRATED WITHIN
 THE LANDSCAPE
- EXTENSION OF THE BILLY TRAIL TO THE BEACH
- EXISTING LANE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC & USED AS CYCLE & PEDESTRIAN LINK
- 12 BEACHLANDS GOLF COURSE
- BEACH FRONT WALK-FORMAL
- BEACH FRONT WALK-INFORMAL
- ■ NATURE ROUTE
- FOOT/CYCLE LINK ALONG EXISTING LANE

- experience the landscape through a broad range of outdoor activities, providing an alternative experience to the typical tourist offer, as well as an excellent facility for residents
- Introduction of artwork along the beachfront walk and nature walks referencing the island's history.
 Incorporation of art within visual screens and berms to screen areas of parking, creating a more positive interaction between beach and car park
- A multi-generational experience where people can come together and socialise and immerse in the natural beachfront environment.

INFORMAL FOOTPATH

BILLY TRAIL

PROPOSED BEACH HUT ARRANGEMENT

CHANGING/OVERNIGHT STAY HUTS/SHIPPING CONTAINERS

POP-UP FOOD/DRINK VENDORS

EXISTING BUILDING

MEETING/BBO AREA

BEACH

SINAH COMMON

CAMPERVAN/GLAMPING AREA

PROPOSED PARKING

BERM/DECORATIVE SCREEN

FEATURE BEACON-IKM MARKER

BEACON

* NATURE VIEW HUT

BUS STOP

≠ WAYFINDING

BEACHFRONT ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY

West Beach offers great heritage with watersports and links to the natural coast, sympathetic development can bring a focus of watersports activity and facilities for both local residents and visitors to the beach.



PROVISION OF A DEDICATED HUB FOR WATERSPORTS



WATERSPORTS ACTIVITY CENTRE, STORAGE & SHOP



NEW BBO & PICNIC AREAS, ALONGSIDE STREET FOOD & POP



POTENTIAL FOR PERMANENT STRUCTURES COULD BE DESIGNED INTO THE LANDSCAPE



SCREENING WALL BETWEEN THE CAR PARK & BEACH PROVIDING FOR INTERACTION & DELIGHT



ARTWORK INSTALLATIONS COULD BE USED TO CREATE A LINK ALONG THE BEACH

NATURE

West Beach has retained much of its natural beauty, with proposals looking to enhance this natural setting, with dedicated routes and viewing pods/huts that allow the enjoyment of the natural setting.



MODERN, YET SYMPATHETIC PODS THAT SIT DISCREETLY IN USE OF PUBLIC REALM TO CREATE A SIMPLE & CLEAN



TRANSITION TO THE BEACH EDGE



PROVISION FOR DOG WALKING, BOTH ALONG THE BEACH & WITHIN THE LANDSCAPE BEHIND IT



NATURAL MATERIALS CAN HELP IN SHAPING & FRAMING **NEW ROUTES**

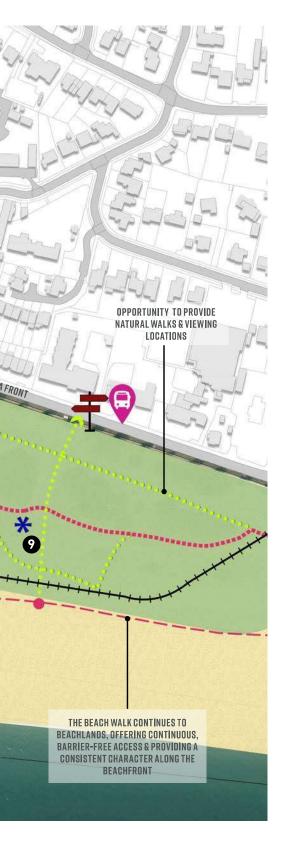


PLACES TO VIEW & INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE HISTORY & NATURE OF THE AREA



USE OF SIGNAGE & WAYFINDING





Key principles have been developed for Beachlands that set it as a destination along the seafront:

- Creation of an arrival experience that connects Hayling Island with the beach, becoming a destination in its own right
- Provision of a new flexible public space for local markets, events, outdoor seating and views of the sea
- Extension of the public realm to the Sea Front Road creating an improved gateway to the beach. A pedestrian friendly environment connects both sides of Sea Front
- A formal section of the beachfront walk interacts with the proposed public square, with a feature promontory/accessible groyne extending to the waters edge
- Beyond the areas of activity, the beachfront walk changes character to reflect the changing environment along the beach
- Small scale and family friendly overnight or short stay opportunities overlooking the beach
- Organisation of beach huts have to maximise sea views. The position of the beach huts also acts to screen parking areas.

NATURE VIEW HUT

HAYLING SEASIDE RAILWAY STATION

BUS STOP

WAYFINDING

PROPOSED TREE

BEACHFRONT ACTIVITY

DESTINATION SPACE FOR OUTDOOR OVERNIGHT STAY HUTS/SHIPPING CONTAINERS **EVENTS & SPILL OUT AREA** MIXED-USE BUILDINGS WITH GROUND **EXISTING BUILDING** FLOOR FOOD & DRINK UNITS. WHICH SPILL PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OUT ONTO THE SOUARE PROPOSED MIXED USE BUILDING FEATURE PROMONTORY/ACCESSIBLE GROYNE RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS WITH VIEWS **PUBLIC REALM** OF THE COASTLINE BEACH BUS DROP-OFF / BUS STATION SINAH COMMON VISITOR CENTRE WITH RESIDENTIAL PROPOSED PARKING BEACHFRONT WALK BERM/DECORATIVE SCREEN TO SCREEN **PARKING BEACH HUT FRONTAGE** FEATURE BEACON-IKM MARKER SINAH COMMON SSSI BEACON OVERNIGHT STAY / CHANGING ROOM

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PROPOSED BEACH HUT ARRANGEMENT

BEACH HUTS FOR HIRE

GATEWAY GREEN SPACE

INFORMAL FOOTPATH

EXISTING RAILWAY LINE

BEACH FRONT WALK-FORMAL

BEACH FRONT WALK-INFORMAL

FOOT/CYCLE LINK ALONG EXISTING LANE

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COMMUNITY

Beachlands can become a key destination for both the community and visitors, creating a public space that links Hayling Sea Front to the beach and provides the opportunity for outdoor events, gallery space and rentable spaces or overnight stay.



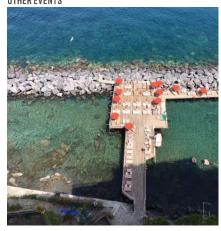
NEW GROUND FLOOR EATING AND DRINKING. THE OUTDOOR EVENT SPACE CAN ACCOMMODATE MARKETS & OTHER EVENTS



A UNIFIED WALK ALONG THE BEACH, CHANGING CHARACTER ALONG ITS LENGTH TO REFLECT ITS SURROUNDINGS



SEAFRONT BEACONS CREATE UNIQUE 'LIGHTHOUSES' ALONG THE BEACH, CONNECTING THE HUBS & JOURNEY SPACES TOGETHER



COASTAL DEFENCES CAN ALSO BE USED AS EXTENSIONS TO PUBLIC REALM



A NEW AREA OF PUBLIC SPACE TO CONNECT & GUIDE PEOPLE TO THE BEACH



INTEGRATING THE WORLD WAR II TRAIL & COPP MEMORIAL AS PART OF WIDER WALKING ROUTES

LIVING

Longer term aspirations could involve bringing new homes to the area to create high quality living opportunities consisting of new modern homes for families. Natural materials could help reflect the coastal location. New homes will have to be designed to consider the flood risk of the coastline.

















Key principles have been developed for Eastoke that set it as a destination for both leisure and events, building on the previous public realm improvements and existing events:

- Extending the public realm to provide a greater space for outdoor entertainment and events, creating new public outdoor seating and space, and creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment and reducing the presence of cars
- Provision of outdoor kiosks create the opportunity a variety in modern food, drink and retail offering,
- OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND PUBLIC REALM
 ACROSS SEA FRONT ROAD, CREATING A
 PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY ARRIVAL TO EASTOKE
- NEW VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
 PROVIDES FRONTAGE TO SEA FRONT ROAD &
 A WELCOMING ARRIVAL
- 3 EXTENDED EVENT SPACE, SCREENED FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC & EMBRACING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BEACH
- OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT DESIGNED INTO
 THE PUBLIC REALM, WITH AN EXTENSION
 OF FITNESS TRAIL DESIGNED INTO THE
 BEACHFRONT WALK
- HAYLING SEASIDE RAILWAY EXTENSION,
 IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP TO PUBLIC REALM,
 USES MAY INCLUDE A CAFÉ OR WAITING AREA
- 6 FLEXIBLE EVENT/LEISURE SPACE
- HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL
- CONCENTRATION & RATIONALISED OF CAR PARKING CLOSER TO EASTOKE
- RESTORED PARKLAND FOR USE AS A KITE
- OUTDOOR KIOSKS AND BEACH BAR/
 RESTAURANT FRAMING THE EVENTS SPACE
- BEACH FRONT WALK-FORMAL
- BEACH FRONT WALK-INFORMAL
- FOOT/CYCLE LINK ALONG EXISTING LANE
- INFORMAL FOOTPATH

creating a vibrant and lively place

- Provision of a new beach bar or restaurant to help to create a modern relaxed beach environment that spills into the events space and onto the beach
- Incorporation of toilet facilities as part of a new tourist and visitor centre, which creates a new frontage to Sea Front Road and the events space
- New high quality residential creates a new corner frontage to Sea Front Road and Rails Lane.



BEACHFRONT ACTIVITY

LEISURE

Eastoke is well-located for access to all the holiday accommodation on the island, and has the potential to offer a family-friendly environment during the day and night.



INFORMAL BAR & DINNING WITHIN A NEW PUBLIC SPACE



OUTDOOR SEATING THAT SPILLS ONTO THE BEACH EDGE **CREATING A VIBRANT DAY & NIGHT LIFE LOCATION**



PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY STREETS CREATING A UNIQUE SENSE OF IDENTITY



KIOSKS & VANS OFFER FLEXIBLE SPACES TO SELL GOOD QUALITY FOOD & GOODS



RESHAPED PUBLIC SPACE PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST LARGER OUTDOOR EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND OPEN AIR CINEMAS Page 56



THE BEACHFRONT WALK EXTENDS TO EASTOKE, INTEGRATING AREAS OF SEATING, REST & FITNESS ALONG ITS LENGTH

EXPERIENCE

West Beach brings the opportunity for living, visiting, leisure, relaxing or keeping fit. The site offers great potential and variety in its location and as part of the wider beach journey.



BEACH BAR SEATING CAN EXTEND OUT ONTO THE BEACH



SYMPATHETIC ARCHITECTURE CAN TIE TOGETHER MULTIPLE COMMUNITY USES



POP-UP FOOD VANS OFFER VARIETY & THE CHANCE FOR LOCAL RESTAURANTS TO CAPTURE TOURIST TRADE



FLEXIBLE SPACES ALLOW FOR A VARIETY OF SEASONAL EVENTS



CHILDREN'S PLAY REFERENCES THE CHARACTER & MATERIALS OF THE COASTLINE



HIGH QUALITY LIVING FRAMING THE CORNER OF THE SEAFRONT, WITH VIEWS OVERLOOKING THE BEACH

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NEXT STEPS

- ENGAGE WITH RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES
- PREPARE AN ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN
- CREATE A CLEAR & STRONG BRAND/IDENTITY TO TELL THE STORY OF HAYLING SEAFRONT
- TRIAL POP UPS AT WEST BEACH & TEST NEW IDEAS ALONG THE SEAFRONT
- DEVELOP COMMERCIAL OFFER & UNDERTAKE SOFT MARKET TESTING
- PREPARE FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- MAKE THE CHANGE!







