



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

COUNCIL'S CONSERVATION - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Councillors from Sandown Town Council supported the public consultation on the management of the Sandown Conservation Area, with the event run by the IW Council and Murphy Associates, and part funded by a grant.

Over 60 residents and stakeholders attended the drop-in event, to contribute to the discussion of architectural style, landmark buildings and cultural heritage, building conditions, topography and helping to shape the future of the conservation area.

Town Mayor Paddy Lightfoot said 'The Town Council have been representing the concerns of residents over the condition of derelict buildings in the Town to the planning authority, and this consultation is welcome and provides a further opportunity for residents and stakeholders to speak directly to the Isle of Wight Council to help secure the urgent action we have all been asking for.'

The Town Council has requested a meeting with the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council, to see first hand the issues facing the Town and its residents, and have also supported the imposition of enforcement notices to secure the action being demanded by residents.

Cllr Lightfoot added 'The Town Council has recognised the challenges and, with prudent use of our limited resources, have invested in the reprovision of public assets at St John's, Sandham Grounds, and Eastern Gardens and will take forward similar initiatives in future years after consultation with the public'.

Paddy concluded 'The Town Council will continue to campaign for developers to honour commitments to develop derelict sites, in keeping with our cultural heritage, and I thank all involved with the consultation for their contribution in making the regeneration of Sandown and the Bay a priority for the Local Authority.'

