

Seaview's Housing Project

The Seaview Project has been supporting people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness for 40 years from our open access centre in central St. Leonard's where we provide a wide range of health, wellbeing and essential support. Our community outreach projects are geared up to engage rough sleepers along with other vulnerable groups to try to link them in with key housing and healthcare services.

We do also provide a range of services to support other problems our community faces such as addiction and mental health, but unfortunately homelessness is on the rise, and as a charity that prides itself on improving the lives of those experiencing challenges, Seaview wants to utilise our experience and expertise to contribute to reducing the suffering of those surviving on our streets.

Seaview has been fortunate to welcome funding from the Ministry of Housing, communities and local government, Housing Justice and Hastings Borough council to support us to develop a new home in St. Leonards which will provide 9 rooms where people can live while they explore options for long term accommodation using the amazing support offered by Seaview staff and volunteers.

Our vision is that this is a safe and supportive home. There will of course be eligibility criteria, assessments, support and clear and enforced rules.

Project Outline

We have purchased a house in St. Leonards with good access to support services, and not too far from our open access centre in Hatherley Road. The house has historically been a normal residential home; however, we are aware that the house has been used as a squat in the past with reports of anti-social and troubling behaviours. This is very different to Seaview's vision. Seaview will be applying for planning permission to change the use of the property to an HMO providing 9 rooms and will be restoring the house back to a home, visually in keeping with the neighbouring properties.

Seaview will provide a holistic support package to everyone staying with us and will prioritise supporting people to find long term stable housing.

We feel strongly that we should all have a place to call home and although this is only a first step away from homelessness, it's a crucial one in people's journey to find settled accommodation. At Seaview we value each person that uses our services, and we understand the importance of providing safe accommodation from where people can reach their potential. Having this housing project could be life changing for those struggling to survive on the streets.

What's next?

We have applied for a change of use to make improvements to the building and to provide accommodation for a group of homeless people.

If successful, we will start work immediately and we hope to be open in 2025.

We understand that people may have questions so have included some frequently asked questions. However, if you would like any further information, please reach out via our contact form with any questions.