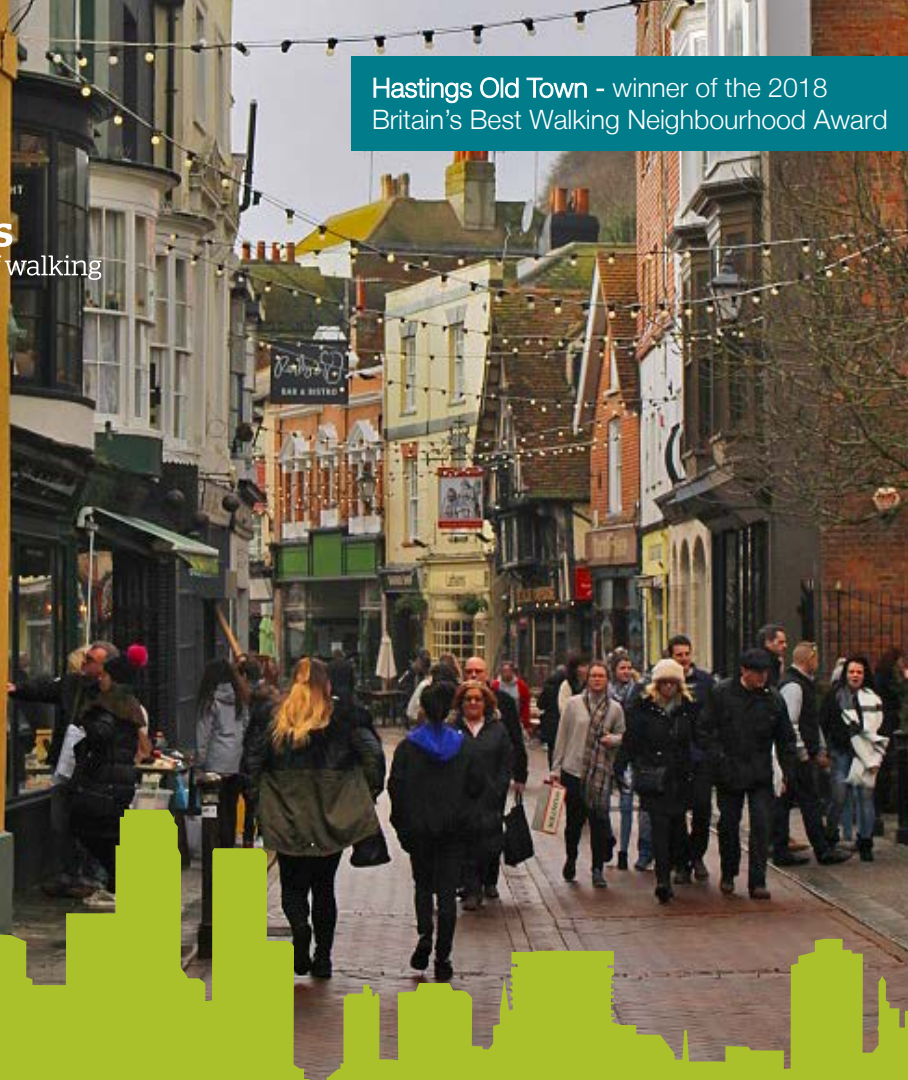


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This May, many towns and cities in England will be electing new councillors, who will help to shape the places they represent. This is a great opportunity to put walking on the agenda.

Ramblers want towns and cities that are designed to encourage people to go about their everyday lives on foot. Cities and towns with high-quality,

well connected, accessible networks of paths and spaces that are rich in natural features encourage walking for both leisure and transport and in so doing improve public health, boost local economies and help create safer, happier, more cohesive communities.

In the run up to the local government elections in England on 3rd May

2018, we want to make sure that all candidates hear the case for walking, for improving walking networks and enhancing the quality and accessibility of green and public spaces in our towns and cities.

Our Charter for Walkable Towns & Cities sets out five

things that councils can do to create urban environments that encourage walking. Even if there are no elections in your area, please contact your existing representative(s) and encourage them to commit to the Charter as well.

A Charter for Walkable Towns & Cities

As a councillor I will work to ensure that my authority will:

- Introduce a planning condition, set out in the Local Plan, requiring all new developments to improve local walking networks and contribute to the local green space resource.
- Use available tools (developer contributions, Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plans etc.) to ensure that new developments and existing infrastructure are adapted to make the city greener and more walkable.
- Set and work towards a green space standard, so that everyone has access to a minimum amount of green space within a specified distance of their front door.
- Develop a Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan, setting out a long-term approach to developing local walking networks.
- Set out both rights and responsibilities for users and owners of urban public spaces, regardless of ownership, to ensure the highest level of public access.

Your name: **Date:**

Local authority:



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