



Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update September 2019

The long-promised meeting with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council took place on 18 July. Many groups were represented at that meeting including land owners, developers, Paddock Wood Town Council, Capel Parish Council and the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. This was a preliminary meeting and I understand that from September the meetings may be held monthly. One of the key issues under discussion was master planning to ensure that development does not go ahead piecemeal without the appropriate infrastructure being planned for in advance.

At the July Steering Group meeting the main issue for discussion was the third draft of the Housing and Infrastructure policy which can now be found along with other Neighbourhood Plan draft policies on the Paddock Wood Town Council website and on our Facebook page. This policy includes education, health and social care, local housing needs and surface water management. Comments made at the meeting will be fed into the fourth draft.

The Tunbridge Wells Borough Council draft local plan has now been made available on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council website. The next step for the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be to look at this document and to compare it with our draft policies. The official consultation period is planned for Friday 20 September to Friday 1 November 2019.

To keep up to date with what is going on with all aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan you are welcome to join the Steering Group at their meetings which take place in the Wesley Centre on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm. We are still looking for people to join our Group at this critical time now that we are starting to know what TWBC are planning for the future.

You can also follow the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page. Further information about the Neighbourhood Plan and its draft policies can also be found on the Town Council website.

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