



## Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update March/April 2019

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has at last arranged a meeting to discuss the new draft local plan with Paddock Wood Town Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. This meeting, scheduled for the middle of March, should have taken place by the time you read this article.

**So, what happens after this?** The Steering Group and its associated working groups will need to finalise the draft policies for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. It will need to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan document is in line with the strategic policies in the new TWBC local plan, a draft version of which is expected towards the end of May.

**Consultation stage – Regulation 14** Before the plan can be submitted for independent examination the plan has to be submitted to TWBC who will organise a six-week public consultation period with residents of Paddock Wood. Further amendments will then be made to the NP document taking into consideration any comments made. After this the draft NP will be ready to proceed to the next stage.

The draft policies are gradually being uploaded on to the Paddock Wood Town Council website and are being made available on Facebook. If you have any comments or suggestions to make please let us know as these documents are by no means finalised.

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. You can also follow the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page.

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