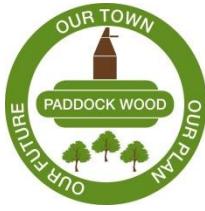


## **PADDOCK WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**



The presentation by Feria Urbanism on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Primary School was a resounding success. The Primary School main hall was packed with about 175 people, some even having to stand at the back! Richard Eastman of Feria, the consultant appointed by the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to take the project forward gave an illustrated talk to a very receptive audience who were most appreciative of the work done so far.

Over the last six months we as a community have come on a long journey, firstly through a visioning event and then a two day design forum, which has identified the main issues affecting Paddock Wood. Feedback obtained at the Paddock Wood carnival on 9<sup>th</sup> July and also the above presentation has added to the general picture thus enabling Feria to prepare a document which will allow the proposed neighbourhood plan to progress to the next stage.

During the next couple of months the Steering Group will be discussing with Feria-Urbanism the best way to proceed using the information gathered so far. Proposals for a Community Centre are already being taken forward and other aspects to be explored include the redevelopment of the Town Centre, the future of the Wesley Centre and transport links in and around the town.

There is still a long way to go before the neighbourhood plan can be completed. A lot more fact finding and consultation has to take place with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Kent County Council as well as the residents of Paddock Wood to enable the various stages in the process to be finalised.

If you would like to be actively involved in the progressing of the Neighbourhood Plan please contact the Town Clerk on 01892 837373 or go to our Facebook page. More information about the neighbourhood plan can also be found on Paddock Wood Town Council's website <http://www.paddockwoodtc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>

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