



## Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update December 2018

At the Steering Group meeting in November we were sad to receive the resignation of the Chairman of our Green Infrastructure working group, Mark Noterman, who is leaving Paddock Wood in the new year. He has worked hard to produce the draft Green Infrastructure policy and has always come forward with valuable comments at our Steering Group meetings. He will be very much missed. We hope that Mark will be able to attend the January Steering Group meeting at which the Green Infrastructure Policy will be discussed.

The Steering Group is now looking to recruit a new Steering Group member in the new year – all we need is someone enthusiastic about Paddock Wood who would be interested in helping to take the draft Neighbourhood Plan through to completion. If you or someone you know might be interested in this please contact us via the Town Council on 01892 837373 or via our Facebook page.

The Town Centre working group continues to focus on economic development. This month they discussed key infrastructure improvements which may be required to support economic development in the town. The discussion was far ranging and included matters such as adequate parking, additional accommodation eg a hotel or bed and breakfast, a transport hub, extra public transport, new access roads, a wider variety of small businesses, an evening economy and the expansion of the town centre. The idea of making Commercial Road one way to vehicles was again revived.

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

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