



Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update November 2020

WATCH OUT FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ARRIVING IN YOUR LETTERBOX DURING NOVEMBER

The Steering Group ran a series of consultation events during 2016 and 2017. A vision was drafted and a series of priority areas identified that formed the basis of a first draft Neighbourhood Plan. Tunbridge Wells is preparing a new Local Plan which proposes major new growth around Paddock Wood. The Steering group is revisiting the draft Neighbourhood Plan and would like to know if the ideas and opinions previously expressed remain relevant.

The Neighbourhood Plan is NOT the same as the emerging Tunbridge Wells Local Plan. The Local Plan presents the strategic policy direction and scale of future growth likely in Paddock Wood, but the Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity to develop this further in response to local challenges, to help shape future change for the better of all.

You will shortly have dropping through your letter box an information leaflet on the draft Neighbourhood Plan along with a questionnaire. This questionnaire can either be filled in online or returned to the Town Council Offices or Barsleys. If you are interested in the future of Paddock Wood please make the effort to respond to our questionnaire. Your views will help shape the plan. We will use your comments to identify possible projects and important planning policies for Paddock Wood. We will then seek further feedback on these before the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted for examination and finally referendum when the people of Paddock Wood will have a chance to vote on whether the Plan should come into force. If more than 50% of people who turn out to vote are in favour of the Plan it will then be used to inform and determine planning applications.

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 its meetings. These are currently being held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Invitations can be obtained via the agenda accessed through our Facebook page or the Town Council website. The Steering Group is very much looking forward to be moving forward with the project again although it is aware of the challenge of doing so at a time of limited face to face gatherings.

You can also follow and contribute to 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 <http://paddockwood-tc.gov.uk>

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