



Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update SEPTEMBER 2020

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is planning to relaunch and update the draft Neighbourhood Plan this Autumn. This will be a challenge as it looks as if much of the work will have to be done over the Internet and we are aware that not all residents like to use this medium. So we are seeking alternative ways in which to reach everyone.

Why is a Neighbourhood Plan being prepared?

The purpose of the Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan is to help improve the quality of life and environment for the community as a whole. The Neighbourhood Plan will be set in the context of the new Local Plan being prepared by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

The emerging Local Plan sets housing targets for new development in and around Paddock Wood, as well as seeking to 'rejuvenate' the town centre. The Neighbourhood Plan can seek to influence the form and quality of the new development, so that this reflects local character and qualities, as well as delivering new infrastructure, so that new development which does come forward is the very best for Paddock Wood.

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 7pm. Invitations can be obtained via email to Paddock Wood Town Council on the Monday before the meeting. 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.

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