



## Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update December 2020

By the time this month's Town Crier drops through your letterbox the Neighbourhood Plan consultation will be nearing its completion. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire we will still accept them after the official closing date. I don't think any of us were expecting a second national lockdown happening quite so suddenly.

This consultation was a review of the vision and six main policy themes that emerged from previous consultation events. Once the questionnaires have been analysed by our consultants Troy Planning it will be clearer whether these themes still remain relevant particularly in the light of the scale of growth in Paddock Wood proposed in the Tunbridge Wells Local Plan. The consultation will help ratify the areas of focus for the Neighbourhood Plan so that planning policies can be updated.

The consultation should also identify any other views or ideas for consideration in the Neighbourhood Plan which could be used to influence and inform future planning applications.

Once a draft plan and set of policies have been prepared residents will again be asked for feedback before the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted for independent examination.

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. 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. We are also excited to have launched our new Twitter feed which can be found at <https://twitter.com/PwPlan>

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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