



Paddock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Update

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At the time of writing the steering group has just received a version of the revised Neighbourhood Plan from our consultants. Previous drafts, papers and policies have been consolidated into one document and the introduction has been updated to explain the relationship with the Local Plan. Alterations have also been made to reflect feedback from the consultation 're-launch' event, changes to national planning policy issued since early drafts were prepared, and reflecting the policies of the emerging TWBC Local Plan and associated Structure Plan within this. In doing all of this our consultants have identified the remaining gaps in the document. These mainly relate to green infrastructure, sports and recreation, the town centre and the development of design guides. Once these issues have been addressed, preparation for the Regulation 14 consultation with residents can start.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has now shared with the Neighbourhood Plan group and the Town Council the masterplanning work that has been done by David Locke Associates on their behalf. This means that AECOM, working on our behalf, will now be able to start work on design codes and the masterplanning of the town centre which has to dovetail with the work already done by David Locke Associates.

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 excited to be moving forward with the project again although some of its actions are still limited by restrictions on 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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