



PADDOCK WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
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**. VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 17th November 2021 at 7.00PM.**

Meryl Flashman, (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group, resident)
Rebecca Roberts, (Steering Group, Green Infrastructure group and resident)
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group Member, Resident)
Carol Williams, (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor, and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)
Rodney Atkins, (Borough Councillor, resident)
Christine Spicer, (Steering Group Member, Green Infrastructure group, resident)
Nichola Reay (Town Clerk)
Town Cllr Mike Ridger (Steering Group Member, Town Councillor, Resident)
Tony Whetstone (Associate steering group member, Capel Resident)
Jon Herbert (Troy Planning)
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, Business Association, lead for Town Centre)
Andy Mackie (Steering Group member, Community Centre Working Party representative, Town Cllr, resident)
Sarah Hamilton (Town, Borough, County Councillor)

APOLOGIES: John Hall (Steering Group member, resident, Paddock Wood FC)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th October 2021 were agreed.

2. Information items arising

The Chairman advised that she had been in touch with Redrow and Persimmon to try to find a mutually convenient date to meet. TWBC had advised that they thought it important that the group should meet with their representatives. Hannah Young from TWBC would try to arrange a meeting.

The final AECOM report has been received. On Jon Herbert's advice this will be released in conjunction with the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan document.

3. Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 document

JH advised that the draft document had been updated with members comments and was now ready to be sent to TWBC if members were happy with it.

TWBC will be asked to screen it to see if a Strategic Environmental Assessment was required – JH thought it unlikely. They would also be asked for any comments on the plan.

Members raised the following:

- Still concerned about TWBC plan to put the sports hub on the Capel end of Badsell Road rather than at Eastlands where the NP group have identified as a preferred location. JH advised that they had discussed this with TWBC and agreed to disagree. The preferred location for the hub would remain in the plan document. The TWBC Local Plan was unlikely to be adopted before January 2023. If the NP passes inspection it will be adopted sooner, and could make a case to influence the Local Plan.
It is likely that there will be a statement of common ground between the NP and TWBC.
- It is likely that Redrow/Persimmon will be putting in their application for 1200 houses to the east of Paddock Wood shortly. The land is neither AONB or green belt and it could be decided before the Local Plan is approved
- Was there any requirement for further amendments to the document before submission? All alterations have been done for now – although TWBC may have comments before the regulation 14 consultation.
- Further clarity has been added to the growth around Capel,
- It would be helpful to work with Capel and TW would be willing to act as a liaison between the two groups.
- A walking and cycling map was needed – CW would send one. JT had spoken to the U3A walking group.
- The examples of housing were Scandinavian – JH advised that these showed best practices not necessarily in the UK
- How would the public transport be funded? There will be developer contributions and KCC were bidding for funding from Government funds
- Little for young people to do in the plan – a youth hub is in the list of projects but it could be expanded to add an “aspirational” box. JH will add

Next Steps

JH will send the document and design codes to TWBC and ask for the SEA screening process to be completed.

The regulation 14 consultation should start in the New Year. It was agreed that copies of the plan should be sent to the borough and town councillors.

Whilst the SEA is carried out material can start to be prepared for the Reg 14 consultation.

A decision will need to be made as to whether the consultation should have a live drop-in session.

As it is long document a summary will be produced.

4 Any Other Information

The update will be put on the website and the old documents taken down.

DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING: The next scheduled meeting is on 15th December 2021, but will be subject to confirmation.

Dates of future Steering Group 19th January. 16th February, 16th March

The meeting closed at 8 pm. Jon Herbert was thanked for the work he had done on the project.