

Neighbourhood Plan update 24th July 2019

The future of Neighbourhood Planning

There have been some significant changes in the approach to neighbourhood planning with the Local Plan Review outlining various options for parishes to consider relative to each individual plan stage and progress.

Some of these changes include an increased burden on neighbourhood planning groups to provide evidence and navigate the revised process. Local Authorities are also required to set out housing requirements in their Local Plans for designated neighbourhood plan areas which take account of the future development strategy for the District.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping local communities influence the local plan of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

From our community we have developed our vision for Steyning. This vision is not solely focused around housing with considerable work already done to important areas such as our environment, infrastructure, green spaces, biodiversity etc.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Steyning (known as the Steyning Community Plan) is considered at an advanced stage of plan preparation with an expectation of our plan being 'made' by the summer of 2020. To assist in meeting this requirement, SPC have been in discussion with HDC to avoid the risk of the Neighbourhood Plan being overtaken by their forthcoming local plan review at the end of Autumn 2019.

Steyning Community Plan next steps

An updated timeline excluding the Housing Needs Assessment has been discussed at the Neighbourhood Plan Workshop on 17 July 2019 with the following key dates and milestones to be achieved over the next few months and includes.

- All documents ready for Reg. 14 Consultation. 2nd August 19.
- Full council meeting sign-off for Reg. 14 Consultation Statement. 12th August 19
- Documentation updated and ready for submission. 15th November 19
- Full council meeting to sign-off plan for submission 25th November 19
- Reg. 15 Submission to HDC – 30th November 19

A timetable for the production of the Steyning Community Plan was presented at a Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July to show the need for the plan to be submitted to Horsham District Council under Regulation 15 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) by 30th November 2019.

To meet these critical dates required by HDC and progress the NP further, the council has been advised to consider excluding the Housing Allocations and the Site Assessment elements of the plan.

This option remains hard to achieve as it still relies on the hard work of volunteers with the support of the Parish Council but allows Steyning to influence future policies on climate change, infrastructure and designated Local Green Spaces for the future. The Parish

Council would also receive an increased % CIL from when the plan is made and should generally be supported locally by residents and businesses alike.

We will continue to work closely with the Local Authorities to clarify the requirements of the NPPF and negotiate policies which share our vision of the SCP.

Further details will be provided leading up to the Reg.15 submission date with any further comments to be address to hello@steypingcommunityplan.com