

Battle Neighbourhood Plan back on track

Thank you “citizens” of Battle for your patience over the past 3 months - the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are back on track in formulating solutions to some of the issues that we all face in our community. Battle is an historic town and its geographical situation (that made it important to our monarchs in the past), presents a challenge, not only in increasing the housing stock without having a detrimental affect on its unique and significant character but also with raising its profile as, for example, a hub for business.

The Steering Group is made up entirely of volunteers from the area and they have to fit this activity around work and family commitments - this is not their full time employment - which can present the team with short term difficulties to resolve. Therefore, like all the other smaller towns and villages in the area who have embarked on this course of action, we needed to appoint a consultant to help us through the multitude of tasks set out in the government papers on Local Plans. The major obstacle holding us back has now been overcome and we have appointed Donna Moles from Moles Consultancy to support us through the detailed legal requirements needed to comply with the legislation.

We are also very pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant to complete this piece of work. Our district council, understanding the problems that faced us, have granted us some additional time to complete the paper. So thank you once again for your patience and please bear with us. Any enquiries you have submitted to us are being read and considered. We will answer them as promptly as we can, but our main focus must be on getting the Plan finished.

Please remember though that all the minutes of our monthly meetings are available for you to view online at the Battle Town Council website.