

# Planning Update

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Battle Neighbourhood Plan  
*Your monthly update*

## Battle Neighbourhood Plan

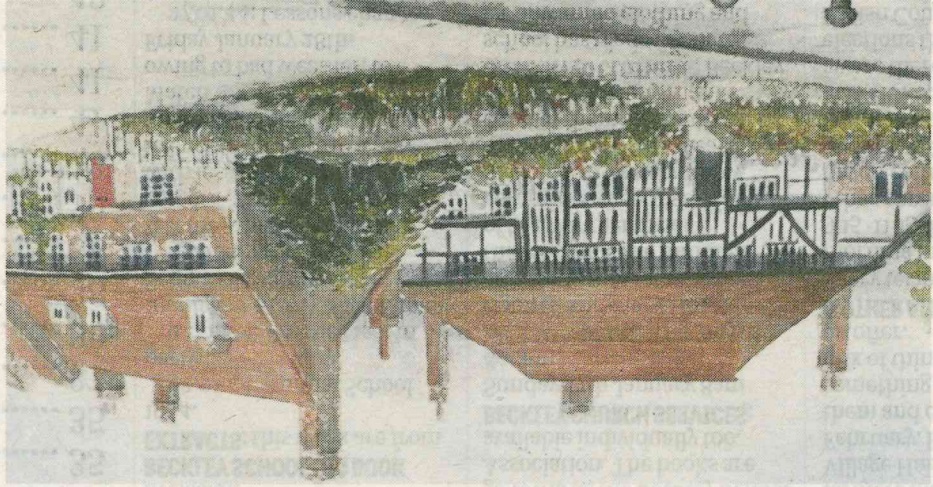
As the first article for the new year, I thought I would recap on our progress so far.

We have completed the Parish Analysis Study, the Historic Environment Report, the Character Appraisal, the Open Spaces and Trees Study, Assets of Community Value, a further call for sites, and mapping of the sites. This was done as mentioned in last month's article by AECOM. However, there are some amendments to numbers to be made, as a different system was used by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and AECOM.

Within Battle (including Telham)

AECOM considered sixty five sites, of which twelve were considered either suitable or potentially suitable for development.

Within Netherfield, thirteen sites in total were looked at. Two sites were then judged to be suitable and developable. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have examined these assessments and narrowed down the number of developable sites to eleven, of which nine are in Battle with the remaining two in



Netherfield. These draft assignments are subject to consultation with Rother District Council before publication. Further information can be found on our website: [battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk) Currently, Rother District Council will be consulting with the Steering Group on the draft Public Realm Strategic

Framework. This document was presented by our Consultant to the Rother District Council Cabinet on Monday 14 January. It was approved, (subject to standard call-in procedures) to be issued for public consultation, which will start on Thursday 24 January, closing on Friday 7 March. There is also likely to be a Strategic

Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Site Assessment documents, both of which will need to be worked up with more policy formation for the final document. For the SEA, Rother will be consulting with Natural England, English Heritage and the Environment Agency. A draft policies document has been submitted to Rother District Council, and we are awaiting their comments. There remain a number of steps before we can proceed to the first of the Regulations, in this case, Regulation 14. This must be signed off by Battle Town Council and the Steering Group prior to further consultation which takes place over a six week period. After allowing time for any interested parties to have their say, comments received will then be reviewed. There remain further Regulations to be implemented but once the Neighbourhood Plan is finished and published, a referendum will take place when everyone can have their say. It all takes time!! Please continue to look at our website or email to: [enquiries@battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)