

Planning Update

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Battle Neighbourhood Plan
Your monthly update

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At long last, we have now reached one of the most important stages in the preparation of the Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which has been in preparation since 2015.

Residents were informed by post earlier in the year of this next stage.

By the time this article appears in print, the completed pre submission plan (for regulation 14) will have been on display in various locations throughout the civil parish of Battle, from 20th January until 1st March.

There is also full information on our website "battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk", including the Green Spaces, Heritage listing and others, along with an electronic feedback form.

Documents, including copies of the draft policies, the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA), maps will be on display at a number of locations, which are: The Almonry, Battle Library, the Memorial Hall, Netherfield Village shop, and the Black Horse pub at Telham.

In addition, there are "drop in" sessions on Saturday 1st February at the Almonry from 10am to mid-day, in the Netherfield shop on the same day from 1pm to 3pm. Additionally, on Thursday 13th February, the Netherfield session will be from 3pm to 5pm, then at the Almonry from 6pm to 8pm. Please do come along and speak to members of the Steering group.

There will be feedback forms for residents to make their comments. These we aim to collect on a weekly basis. After the end of the consultation period, the completed results will be analysed. This will be using the physical written forms, as well as those submitted on-line.

If the plan needs to be modified as a result, this we will do. This (revised) plan will then be sent to Rother District Council, and if approved, will be sent to the Planning Inspector, who may, even then, ask for further changes (but we hope not).

The final revised plan will then be subject to a referendum, conducted just like an election, by Rother District Council and at no cost to Battle Town Council.

Please do vote "YES" as this means

Battle Town Council will receive a boost to 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy, paid by developers to RDC, instead of only 15% without a Plan. This money **MUST** be used to improve infrastructure which many residents have already identified as being so necessary and important for the future of the community.

In the meantime, please do follow us on Facebook at; facebook.com/battleneighbourhoodplan.

