

Planning Update

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Battle Neighbourhood Plan
Your monthly update

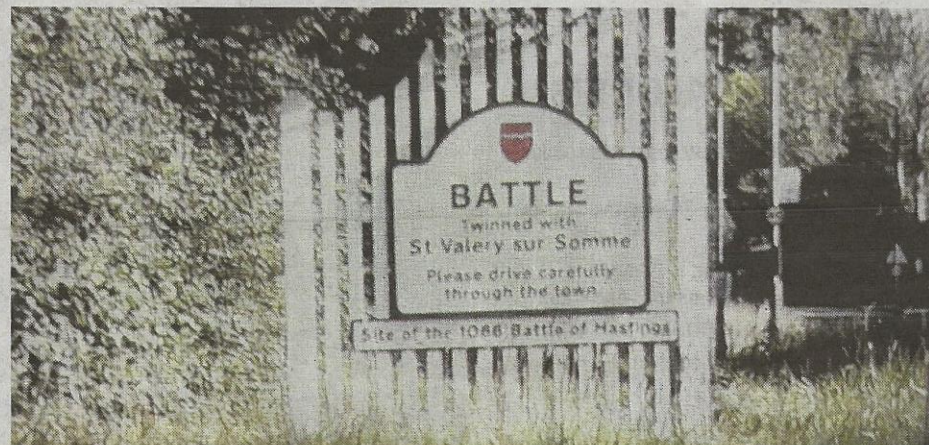
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My last article was unfortunately one month premature, but the baby will survive! It hardly seems possible that it has taken over five years for the Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, initially inaugurated by Battle Town Council in July 2015 to reach this stage.

Last month, we anticipated that the Plan would be adopted by Battle Town Council at their October meeting. However, at the very last minute there had to be some minor corrections, and further documentation which prevented that formal adoption.

Finally, at the last full council meeting, on Tuesday, November 17, the Plan was presented to Battle Town Council, and formally adopted by them.

Our mission has been now successfully accomplished, and with a final "ping", all was transmitted via modern technology on Thursday, November 19 to Rother District Council. They will then carry out their own consultation, for a period of eight weeks. The Steering Group hopes that as many of



you as possible will look at the Plan, and make their own favourable comments.

A grand total of eleven compressed zip files was sent to Rother District Council. These are: Battle Design Guideline (Annexe I - sixty pages), the Character Appraisal (Annexe ii - thirty seven pages), the Basic Conditions Statement (twenty two pages), the Consultation Statement (one hundred and eight three pages).

This was followed by four Appendices: i- Communications Strategy, ii- Questionnaires and surveys, iii- Photos of Consultation events, iv- Resources and Literature.

Then the actual Regulation 15 submission, which has ninety eight pages, the Strategic Environmental Assessment (forty pages) and finally an index of all the above.

These are the formal documents that have now been presented to Rother District Council, and all can be accessed through our website: www.battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk. The site is a very comprehensive site, containing current and archive material, spanning the lifetime of the plan.

When the idea of starting a Neighbourhood Plan in 2015 was first mooted, I don't imagine that any of those members, or indeed any of the steering group members, realised what a complex and lengthy process this would become, as more and more Government legislation was introduced.

However, for the time being, the Steering Group can take a well earned break. But, rest assured, this will be followed by more work to catch our breath. For myself, I have now been co-opted back onto Battle Town Council: I just couldn't keep away.

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