

Opinion

Planning Update

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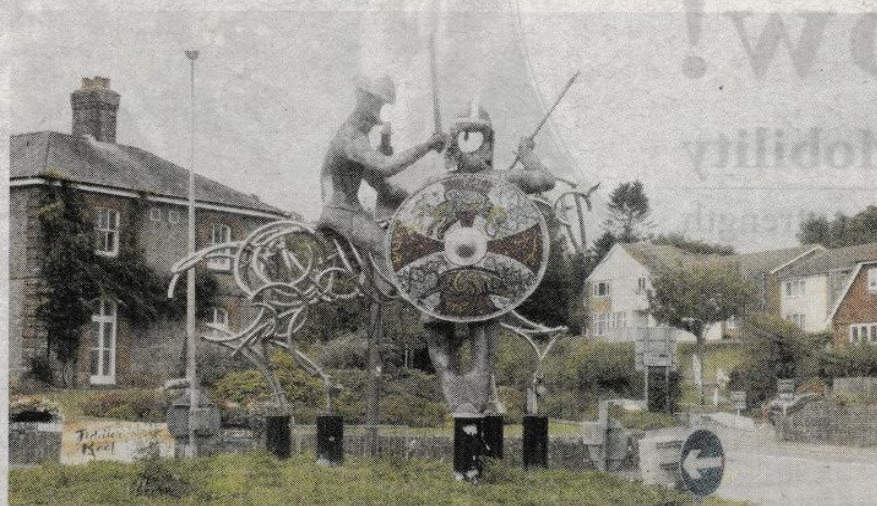
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By the time this article appears in print, the Rother District Council Public Consultation on the Battle Neighbourhood Plan will be coming to an end. The deadline for comments is Friday, January 29, at 4.30pm. Please do comment favourably, as adoption of this plan protects the parish of Battle for the present and the future.

You will find a link to the comments on our website battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk Click on the tab for "RDC Consultation", and the link is then in the first paragraph. This takes you to the RDC site, where an on-line, or printable comment form can be found.

In the interim, Rother District Council Cabinet have recently met, with this Neighbourhood Plan on the agenda. Fortunately, it was approved, with support from councillors, in particular Cllr Susan Prochak, the deputy leader who wrote "You and your team were deservedly congratulated on getting to this point. Those of us who have been through this process know how much time, effort and dedication it takes. So I add my congratulations to you and those hard



working residents who made it finally happen."

I should also add that Councillor Jonathan Vine-Hall, (lead member on strategy and planning for RDC, and chair of the planning committee) as well as

the Neighbourhood Plan champion for parishes within Rother) has given us much appreciated support. Finally, I need to thank the Steering Group members, who have put an incredible amount of time on the Plan to bring it to Battle Town Council

for adoption.

And we could not have come this far without the help of our professional consultant. We have a grant for these services, so there is no cost to Battle Town Council.

It has been long-drawn out process, and not yet finalised. After the RDC consultation has finished, the documents, and comments will be handed over to the independent examiner. He has already been chosen, as he has experience of this area, AONBs and towns of historical importance. So, I hope this bodes well for us!

As stated many times, this is not just about the additional dwellings that have been wished upon the town: it's aim is to ensure that those aspects of the surroundings and environment that contribute to the lives of all those who live in this attractive part of East Sussex are preserved.

In future articles I aim to focus on other aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan. So, watch this space, our facebook page, and our email: enquiries@battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk.