

Planning Update

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Battle Neighbourhood Plan
Your monthly update

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By the time this article appears in print, residents will have received their voting papers from Rother District Council, for the referendum on the Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan. This will take place on Thursday 16th September in person at a polling station, or with the option of postal voting. It is organised by Rother District Council, under the same rules as elections.

But, before this, I thought it was time to go back to basics.

The Localism Act of 2011 introduced several new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new developments, including the preparation of a "Neighbourhood Plan" for their area.

This gives communities power to develop a vision for their neighbourhood, including where new homes may be built, what they should look like and what infrastructure could be provided.

All of this comes under the umbrella of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was revised in February 2019.

All Neighbourhood Plans must be in

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16th SEPTEMBER 2021

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Referendum

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general conformity with the strategic policies for the area, which is generally taken to be a Council's Core Strategy or equivalent Local Plan, as well as the NPPF. Rother District Council's Core Strategy was adopted in September 2014.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the residents of Battle town, Netherfield and Telham to have a say in the future of the parish, and at the same time protect its heritage, the local green spaces, A historic buildings and ensure that new buildings

do not stand out like a sore thumb. A "made" Plan has legal force, which cannot be ignored when planning applications are approved by RDC.

Neither can the Battle CP Design Guidelines be ignored when planning applications are made. Along with the High Weald Housing Design Guide, new buildings must reflect the local vernacular architecture.

Within the Plan are many Policies, which have differing categories, all of which will be used by RDC in determining whether a planning application meets the criteria for acceptance.

These are: Housing and Development (HD), Infrastructure (IN), Environment (EN), and Economy and Tourism ((ET). In total there are twenty distinctive local policies for the future development of the parish.

The plan can be see on our website: www.battleneighbourhoodplan.co.uk or as a printed copy at the temporary BTC offices at The Old Court House in North Trade Road, by prior arrangement.

So, please do vote at the referendum!