



Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan

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Brief report to be given by RCNPSG Chairman to RCPC meeting on 4th December 2018 NPSG Progress

1. Since the last report in September, the Steering Group has continued to meet monthly and meetings up to 3 months ahead are planned
2. The revised RCNPSG ToR (the details and background of which was raised at the RCPC meeting in September) was agreed at the PC meeting on 2nd October.
3. The (initial) list of Working Groups, to explore the elements of the Neighbourhood Plan, so far identified, plus the general scope of each of the Groups has been agreed by the SG and circulated.
4. The Communications Strategy, and indeed the other WG strategies, will be kept under regular review – particularly following a workshop to be held on 5th December – see below.
5. Has the PC seen the RCNP Logo - promised at last meeting? This is our letterhead.
6. The post of Finance Officer has still not been filled and the Steering Group is accordingly also one member short of full complement (10).
7. Four people have so far offered firm support to the Steering Group and have been allocated roles on the working Groups. A further three have expressed an interest in helping – but with no firm commitment yet.
8. Two SG members (Bill Wilson and David Hooper) attended a CPRE Neighbourhood Planning conference, in Winchester on 5th October and papers were circulated to the SG.
9. A meeting between EHDC and some members of the SG (Bill Wilson, Chris White and David Hooper) was held on 6th October to discuss possible implications of the Govt's housing white paper on Local Plan revision timings.
10. In October, the RCA magazine published a (SG) article explaining briefly about the work to develop the Neighbourhood Plan, the Working Groups and, importantly, seeking help
11. At the next SG meeting (a ½ day workshop on 5th December) the direction of the NP's development will be explored - based on the "Vision" that was drafted in November and the priorities for achieving this. The outcome of this workshop will be briefly outlined in the next report.

12. The draft NP Vision (to be reviewed and challenged on 5th December) is:

“To make the parish of Rowlands Castle an attractive community for people of all ages, whilst maintaining a sense of its separate identity by retaining its character and distinctiveness”

We will do this by:

- **ensuring that the character of the Parish is maintained; and**
- **that change is carefully managed**

The overall goal will be to:

improve the Parish as a community where most residents are very satisfied to live

David Holt

Chairman of Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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