



Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan

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Report of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Since the last Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) report to the Parish Council (PC) on 7 March, the NPSG has updated the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policies further, and prepared for the Regulation 14 Public Consultation activities.

The SG gave a presentation on the Plan to the well-attended Annual Parish Meeting on 25 April 2022. This generated much interest and a number of questions.

Following advice from the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England, EHDC has confirmed that there is no need for Strategic Environmental and Habitats Regulations Assessments for the RCNP.

Some minor amendments have been made to the draft NP as a result of responses received to letters sent to owners of specific land and properties mentioned in the draft Plan. Also, as a result of further comments received from EHDC and our NP consultant. The latest version of the draft NP is now ready to go to Public Consultation, and this version is being provided to the PC. All amendments made to the previous version provided to the PC are considered mostly to be minor presentational and descriptive changes, with no major additions or deletions to the policies. Significant work has been carried out to develop the supporting Evidence and Consultation documents.

The NP area of the PC website has been developed for online access to the NP and supporting documents. It is now proposed to carry out an eight-week consultation over the period 17 June to 14 August, again manning a stall at the Village Fair on 2 July, with open days being held in the Parish Hall on 23 and 24 July. Hard copies of the NP will be available at locations in the Parish, and residents will be invited to complete a questionnaire. A flyer advertising the consultation is due to be delivered to all residences by the start date.

Having previously agreed to the Public Consultation, the PC is requested to endorse the SG proceeding with holding the Regulation 14 Public Consultation on the basis described above.

Preparations have been significant and we continue to be very grateful for the ongoing sterling support of Gill Whatley in particular, and of Lisa Walker, which all continues to be vital in organising activities and in developing the NP.

Ian Young
Chairman RCNPSG