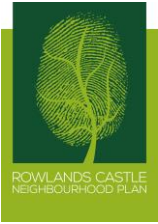


# Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan

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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 13 June, the Regulation 14 Public Consultation activities have been completed successfully. This included a stall at the Village Fair on 2 July and Open Days in the Parish Hall on 23 and 24 July during the consultation period 17 June to 14 August. The support of Parish Councillors for all NP activities, and for the Open Days in particular is much appreciated.

As part of the consultation, letters were sent to statutory consultees, and to specific landowners and property owners in the Parish. The SG has considered all the responses received and replies have been sent. A total of 124 completed Questionnaires was received from residents and other consultees, and all comments have been logged and considered. The SG is now completing amendment of the draft NP to take account of the comments received. The SG's responses to all questionnaire comments raised will be made available in the NP area of the PC website, when finalised. The well-developed website NP area remains online for access to the NP and supporting documents.

The next stage of the NP process, known as Regulation 15 involves sending the draft NP with all supporting documentation to EHDC and SDNPA for their scrutiny before a further Public Consultation in accordance with Regulation 16. The SG has continued to work with both authorities, addressing their comments on the draft document. This has included holding a further meeting with them in September and separately raising various issues with them for clarification.

Significant other documentation being prepared for Regulation 15 includes a Basic Conditions Statement and a Consultation Statement. The former describes how the content of the NP complies with national planning policy. The latter details persons and bodies consulted and how, and summarises the main issues and concerns raised and how they have been addressed. It is intended to submit all Regulation 15 documentation to our consultant, John Slater Planning, for review before seeking the PC's endorsement for proceeding with Regulation 15.

Preparations for the Public Consultation were significant and there has been a high level of follow-up administrative effort. 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.

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