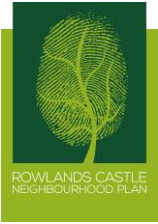


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Report of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



Since the last Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) report to the Parish Council (PC) on 7 November and verbal update on 5 December 2022, the NPSG has continued to develop NP documentation following successful completion of the Regulation 14 Public Consultation activities.

The SG has now considered all comments received, and they have been compiled together with SG responses in a Questionnaire Matrix document as part of the NP supporting evidence. This document will be made available in the NP area of the PC website. The draft NP has been amended to take account of the comments received.

Other documentation required for the next stage of the NP process, known as Regulation 15 has been completed. This includes a Basic Conditions Statement, a Consultation Statement, and an Evidence document. A Community Aspirations Report has been produced covering those comments raised during the consultations which cannot be covered in the NP. A Legal Checklist has been completed. The main documentation for submission under Regulation 15 has been reviewed by our consultant, John Slater, who is highly experienced in local planning, and also acts as an Independent Examiner of Neighbourhood Plans. He has made a few helpful minor comments and the documentation has been amended accordingly. He has advised that the documentation is fit for Regulation 15 submission.

Preparation of all this documentation has involved significant effort by SG members in order to progress to Regulation 15 as soon as possible, the short notice in provision is regretted. **The PC is requested to approve the submission of the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Development Plan documentation to EHDC (copy to SDNPA) under Regulation 15.**

We continue to be very grateful for the ongoing sterling support of Gill Whatley in particular, and of Lisa Walker, which has continued to be vital in developing the NP to a mature state.

Ian Young
Chairman RCNPSG