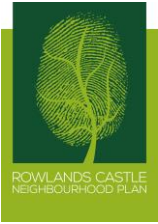


Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan

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Rowlands Castle Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th December 2023

Report of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



Since the last Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) report to the Parish Council (PC) on 2 October, a meeting of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Planning Committee held on 9 November voted unanimously to 'make' the RCNP. As a result, the Plan is now formally part of the SDNPA Local Development Plan as well as that of EHDC. This completes the final step in producing the fully made Plan now in force.

The NPSG held an anticipated final meeting on 23 November, and reviewed the process undertaken to produce the Plan. Lessons learned are being recorded in the minutes of that meeting. The SG concluded that its Terms of Reference had been met. The SG also identified further actions needed to close RCNP activities, and noted that some unused funds would be available for RCPC use as required.

Recommendations from the NPSG meeting:

1. That all significant RCNP-related documents be retained, and made available via the RCPC website.
2. That the effectiveness of RCNP policies be monitored.
3. That the need to review the RCNP in light of changes to national (NPPF) or local (EHDC and SDNPA Local Plans) planning policy developments be monitored.
4. That the NPSG be disbanded.

All relevant information on the RCNP remains available on the EHDC website (<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/elections/rowlands-castle-neighbourhood-plan-referendum>), on the SDNPA website (<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-development-plans/rowlands-castle-neighbourhood-plan/>) and on the RCPC website.

We are very appreciative of the support of the Parish Council throughout the period of producing the RCNP, and for the excellent support of Gill Whatley in particular, and of Lisa Walker, in achieving a made Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Rowlands Castle.

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