



Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan

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Report of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Since the last Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report to the Parish Council meeting in December, the NPSG has continued to meet monthly, and to engage with EHDC over production of its new Local Plan. Three Parish Councillors (including the two NPSG members) and one other member of the group attended a Local Plan training event with EHDC on 14 January to receive an update on progress with production of the EHDC LP, including information on the first public consultation period, and guidance on providing comments on the draft LP.

The NPSG is preparing draft Neighbourhood Plan policies to a programme, over the coming months. It has continued to prepare information (evidence) about NP policies that could support input/comment on the EHDC LP policies, as well as informing the production of the policies for the draft RCNP. The response to the "Housing Needs" survey resulted in 376 completed questionnaires being returned from the Parish, which compares favourably to similar returns in the past. These questionnaires have been analysed, and the results discussed by the NPSG. The housing needs and supply data and other comments are now being taken into account along with evolving LP policies, in developing NP policies.

RCNPSG members participated in the EHDC Local Plan public consultation event held in the Rowlands Castle Parish Hall on Monday 25 February. The SG has provided comments on the draft LP to the Parish Council for incorporation into its response.

The Group is due to meet again on 12 March to consider further needs for evidence gathering and to progress development of the RCNP, continuing to take account of the timing of production of the South Downs NPA Local Plan and in particular the new EHDC Local Plan.

The Steering Group remains focused on producing a Rowland Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the agreed RCNP Vision: ***"To conserve and enhance the parish of Rowlands Castle as an attractive community whilst maintaining its separate identity, character and distinctiveness"***.

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