



Bramber Neighbourhood Plan

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An update from the Steering Group August 2019

Since we started our Neighbourhood Plan activities in January 2018 the volunteers involved have continued to provide the necessary effort to reach a stage where we have produced a draft Neighbourhood Plan document and on behalf of the Parish I would like to thank them all for devoting so much of their time to it. The Steering Group has met over 20 times during this period and the individual Focus Groups have had many additional meetings. Our draft Plan has been approved by the Parish Council, statutory consultations have been carried out and we have now asked Horsham District Council (HDC) for their comments.

We have reached a stage where the draft plan will be made available to all interested parties for consultation and feedback and we will be doing this once initial comments have been received from HDC. It is a six week consultation period and we hope to begin it during the second half of September. In Neighbourhood Plan terminology this stage is:-

Pre-submission Regulation 14 (Consultation)

The draft plan will be made available to people who live, work or run businesses in the area. Additionally, we will be holding 2 public events where the Plan and Policies will be explained and feedback from attendees invited. The events will be held at the Bramber & Beeding Village Hall on –

Saturday 28th September 10.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 2nd October 7.00pm - 9.30pm

In addition to the full draft we will be producing a summary explaining the main conclusions and associated policies we are recommending for Bramber. Further details on accessing the Plan will be available nearer the beginning of the six week period.

Any comments received by the end of the consultation period will be considered by the Steering Group/Parish Council and decisions made over whether or not to amend the Plan in response to each representation. The decisions and rationale behind them will be made available to all consultees.

After any amendments have been made the final version of the Plan will be sent to Horsham District Council who are then responsible for taking it forward. They will publicize the Plan (regulation 16) and arrange for independent examination.

The examiner will consider whether the neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements. If successful at the examination stage, with modifications if necessary, then the local authority will arrange for a neighbourhood plan referendum. If there is a majority yes vote, then the neighbourhood plan is made and becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

Meeting minutes and relevant documentation can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Bramber Parish website at www.bramber.org.uk

Roger Potter - Chairman Bramber Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - *August 2019*