

Neighbourhood Plans Update

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Report of: Planning Policy Specialist

Purpose: For information

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Wards affected: All

Executive summary:

This report is to update Committee Members on the progress to date with Neighbourhood Plans in Tandridge.

This report supports the Council's priority of:

- Creating the homes, infrastructure and environment we need
- Supporting economic recovery in Tandridge
- Becoming a greener, more sustainable District

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Recommendation to Committee:

That progress on Neighbourhood Plans be noted.

Introduction

1. Officers are working with the various Neighbourhood Plan groups around the District. This report summarises the latest state of play for each area where a neighbourhood plan has been started.

Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan

2. Officers are finalising the Regulation 15 Assessment of this plan. Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) screening was undertaken in 2020 and concluded that the next HRA stage – Appropriate Assessment was not necessary. A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was not considered necessary for this plan in 2022.

Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan

3. Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan is currently at Regulation 14 – the formal round of consultation organised by the Parish Council. The consultation period started on 17 May and ends on 28 June 2023. Screening in 2019 concluded that HRA Appropriate Assessment is not necessary. An SEA is necessary and has been undertaken.

Burstow Neighbourhood Plan

4. Regulation 14 for Burstow Neighbourhood Plan took place during February-March 2023. The Parish Council are awaiting Council Officer's comments on their latest draft. This plan needs screening for HRA and SEA.

Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan

5. Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan was made in June 2021. This plan is being regularly monitored. Support has been received from AECOM to review the Neighbourhood Plan. A Housing Needs Assessment is underway and Officers at Tandridge have been providing information for this.

Warlingham Neighbourhood Plan

6. Work on Warlingham Neighbourhood Plan is being restarted. It is at an early stage – the area has yet to be designated. A meeting with Anna Cronin (external consultant) is being set up to brief the group on the plan making process.

Godstone Neighbourhood Plan

7. Godstone has shown renewed interest in completing a neighbourhood plan but nothing has been formally confirmed.

Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan

8. Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan was previously halted. Officers are not aware of any further developments.

Woldingham and Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plans

9. Woldingham and Limpsfield have made (adopted) Neighbourhood Plans. Officers are not aware of any further developments, i.e. any immediate plans for review.

Key implications

Comments of the Chief Finance Officer

Alongside officer time, there may be a modest requirement for external support with elements of the work. This will be managed through regular budget monitoring. As such, the Section 151 Officer supports the report.

Comments of the Head of Legal Services

Neighbourhood Development Plans are prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The statutory duty is primarily set out within para 12 (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – as applied to Neighbourhood Plans by section 33C of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Neighbourhood plans, once formally adopted, carries the same legal status as a District Local Plan (and other documents that form part of the statutory 'development plan') and therefore becomes a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Applications for planning permission would therefore be determined in accordance with the development plan (including any Neighbourhood Plan), unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

Equality

There are no equalities implications as a result of this report.

Climate change

There are no significant environmental / sustainability implications associated with this report.

Appendices

None

Background papers

None

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