



West Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan

“Why no update for so long?”

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention several times that there has not been an update with regard to the Neighbourhood Plan since May 2017. This is not an oversight but there has been a period of time, despite the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group working hard in the back ground, that no forward steps with regard to the adoption of the Plan could be taken.

The Working Group with the community's help have settled on an arrangement for the Neighbourhood Plan that will enhance the Parish. However for this arrangement to be contained in the Neighbourhood Plan, it is necessary to have in place the appropriate evidence to support the process by which it may be realised. The Working Group have been attempting to put in place this evidence over the months since the last update occurred.

In addition Government legislation has changed. Central Government has proposed a change to the way in which Districts must calculate their housing numbers. This new method will alter Horsham's Local Plan housing numbers and has had an impact on the way that Neighbourhood Plan housing numbers are calculated which the District will allocate to us, rather than the Parish be responsible for calculating.

In the meantime we have submitted our Draft Plan to Horsham District Council for informal review subject to a change in the Housing Policy. Horsham District Council have fed back comments on the Draft Plan to the Working Group who will incorporate these changes when producing The Plan for the Regulation 14 Consultation. Regulation 14 is the six week consultation with residents and other statutory consultees and comments on the documents are invited at this time.

The progress of the Neighbourhood Plan will continue and if necessary slight changes to Policies may be required when information regarding the housing numbers becomes available.

Thank you for your patience with this difficult process.