

## **Rye Neighbourhood Plan Review – 2023 to 2024**

### **The Consultation Statement (21 Jul 25)**

The Review process has followed the recommended sequence by Locality<sup>1</sup>: site allocation reassessment; consultation; evidence review; policy review and finally a plan edit.

There have been periodic consultations with Rother Planning Officers; five meetings of the Steering Group; discussion at the fortnightly Rye Planning and Townscape meetings; a full site reassessment, an open day consultation, discussion at two Annual Town Meetings, several articles in Rye News and pieces on social media.

Paper on affordable housing	May 2022	Briefing paper for Rye P&T
Meeting between Rye and Rother Planners	Jan 2023	Meeting between RTC and RDC Planning Strategy (including the Cabinet Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader), 27 January 2023 to discuss strategic planning matters
Regular Rye P&T Meetings	From Feb 2023 to date.	HELAA and the Rye Site Reassessment Regular RNP updates
March 2022  7 March 2023  6 March 2024	Annual Town Meetings	Discussion of need for RNP review  Update on the Review of the RNP at Tilling Green Community Centre Planning issues. 200 attended  Update on the RNP at the Rye Community Centre


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<sup>1</sup> <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/how-to-implement-monitor-and-review-your-made-neighbourhood-plan/>



July 2021	Rye News: Article on Housing	Spotlight on housing: lack of affordable housing; Rye's strategic gap
July 2022	Rye News: Article on Neighbourhood Planning	Summary of work underway : RNP review; Rother Local Plan; HELAA emerging government policy
July 2023	Rye News: Article - working for a more sustainable Rye	Summary of presentation on sustainability in context of RNP given to the Rye Sustainability Forum on 14 May <a href="https://www.ryenews.org.uk/people/community/working-for-a-more-sustainable-rye">https://www.ryenews.org.uk/people/community/working-for-a-more-sustainable-rye</a>
Feb 2024	Rye News: Article - Strategic Planning News	Summary of review; Site reassessment; <a href="https://www.ryenews.org.uk/people/community/strategic-planning-news">https://www.ryenews.org.uk/people/community/strategic-planning-news</a>
May 2024	Rye News: Article - Landslip in Military Road	Explanation of landslip risks around Rye; <a href="https://www.ryenews.org.uk/news/landslip-in-military-road">https://www.ryenews.org.uk/news/landslip-in-military-road</a>
June 2024	Rye News: Article - Planning for the Future	Rye – development constraints; Rother's Call for Sites; HELAA, infrastructure; green spaces; housing; Conclusion that the RNP would benefit from a "light touch" review; <a href="https://www.ryenews.org.uk/news/planning-for-the-future-4">https://www.ryenews.org.uk/news/planning-for-the-future-4</a>
Sep 24	Informal consultation with Rother Planners.	Comments and advice incorporated into this draft  Representations incorporated into this draft as a result of copies sent to: Statutory and other identified consultees

<p>15 Oct to 26 Nov 24</p>	<p>Reg 14 Consultation</p> <p>Statutory and other consultees listed below</p>	<p>Rother DC: Ward Councillors and Strategic Planners</p> <p>ESCC : Planning and Environment,Transport and Highways, Housing, Public Health, Education, Conservation and Heritage, Flood Risk, Enterprise, Infrastructure, Rights of Way, Culture and Tourism,</p> <p>Adjacent Parishes: Camber PC, Peasmarsh PC, Udimore PC, Icklesham PC, Rye Foreign PC, Playden PC, East Guldeford PC</p> <p>Open Reach -Telephone</p> <p>SGN - Gas</p> <p>National Grid - Electric</p> <p>Southern Water (Strategic Dev – Worthing)</p> <p>Natural England (SM-NE Consultations)</p> <p>Historic England (London and SE)</p> <p>KSL Planning for the Environment Agency</p> <p>Planning SSD Environment Agency</p> <p>Network Rail</p> <p>SE Rail</p> <p>Marine Management Organisation</p> <p>National Highways (Guildford)</p> <p>Historic England</p> <p>Rye Medical Centre</p> <p>Sussex Partnership NHS</p> <p>Rye Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Local Developers: Martello, Decimus and Plutus</p>
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Nov – Dec 24	<p>Reg 14 notifications on social media (Facebook) and Rye TC Website</p> <p>Rye News</p> <p>Rye “Fixtures” (goes to all households and businesses)</p> <p>Rye TC meetings (Full Council and P&amp;T)</p> <p>“Hard copy” in Rye llbrary.</p>	
24 Jan – 7 Mar 25	<p>Submission Consultation (Regulation 16)</p> <p>Rother District Council carried out the Regulation 16 Consultation for the Submission Neighbourhood Plan Review.</p>	<p><a href="#">Rye Review – Regulation 16 summary of representations (pdf)</a></p>
14 Jan 25	<p>Rye Town Council submitted the Rye Neighbourhood Plan Review to Rother District Council (Regulation 15)</p>	<p>RNP Reviewed Black Ink (21 Jul 25)</p> <p>RNP Reviewed Red Ink (21 Jul 25)</p> <p>RNP Reg 14 Representations (21 Jul 25)</p> <p>RNP Consultation Document (21 Jul 25)</p> <p>RNP Statement of Modifications (21 Jul 25)</p>

Apr to May 25	Examination (Regulation 17)	<p>The examination process (Regulation 17) began in mid-April, whereby the examiner posed preliminary questions to Rother District Council (RDC), relating to whether a “Modification Statement” had been provided in the format set out in legislation. A Modification Statement sets out all the changes proposed to be made to a Neighbourhood Plan through a Plan Review. Considering legal advice, RDC determined that unfortunately, the Modification Statement had not been provided in the prescribed format. As such, Rye Town Council took to the decision to withdraw the plan from examination. The preliminary questions and RDC response can be viewed below.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Preliminary Questions from the Examiner (pdf)</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>RDC Response to Preliminary Questions (pdf)</u></a></p> <p>To proceed, it is now necessary for the Neighbourhood Plan, together with a Modification Statement, to be subject to a new round of public consultations.</p> <p>The failure to provide the required statement of modification by Rye was overlooked by RDC during the earlier public consultations; this was due to an information gap, now rectified.</p>
9 Jun to 21 Jul 25	<p>Refreshed Reg 14 Consultation</p> <p>Statutory and other consultees listed below</p>	<p><b>Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14)</b></p> <p>Following the withdrawal of the plan from examination (<i>please see below for explanation</i>), Rye Town Council has produced a Modification Statement in the</p>

		<p>prescribed format and ihas managed a new public consultation (Regulation 14) on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>This consultation was publicised on the Rye Town Council website – <a href="#">Rye Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation</a> with copies of the reviewed plan lodged in Rye Library</p> <p>Statutory Consultees were contacted directly:</p> <p>Rother DC: Ward Councillors and Strategic Planners</p> <p>ESCC : Planning and Environment,Transport and Highways, Housing, Public Health, Education, Conservation and Heritage, Flood Risk, Enterprise, Infrastructure, Rights of Way, Culture and Tourism,</p> <p>Adjacent Parishes: Camber PC, Peasmarch PC, Udimore PC, Icklesham PC, Rye Foreign PC, Playden PC, East Guldeford PC</p> <p>Open Reach -Telephone</p> <p>SGN - Gas</p> <p>National Grid - Electric</p> <p>Southern Water (Strategic Dev – Worthing)</p> <p>Natural England (SM-NE Consultations)</p> <p>Historic England (London and SE)</p> <p>KSL Planning for the Environment Agency</p> <p>Planning SSD Environment Agency</p> <p>Network Rail</p> <p>SE Rail</p> <p>Marine Management Organisation</p> <p>National Highways (Guildford)</p> <p>Historic England</p> <p>Rye Medical Centre</p> <p>Sussex Partnership NHS</p> <p>Rye Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Local Developers: Martello, Decimus and Plutus</p>
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21 Jul 25	Rye Town Council submitted the Rye Neighbourhood Plan Review to Rother District Council (Regulation 15)	RNP Black Ink Version 21 Jul 25 RNP Red Ink Version 21 Jul 25 RNP Statement of Modifications 21 Jul 25 RNP Consultation Document 21 Jul 25 RNP Reg 14 Representations 21 Jul 25
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