

RNP - PUBLIC CONSULTATIVE EVENTS IN JANUARY 2016

These notes record the results of the recent consultative events.

What: Two events (16 and 23 January) were planned and publicised widely – in the Press, on social media, by announcement at Rye TC meetings and by poster around Rye - to allow the public to consider the progress of the RNP and make comments. A handout was drafted as a summary and some 300 were distributed at the events.

How: At each event a summary of the proposed development and key emerging findings was displayed on charts to allow scrutiny. Members of the RNPSG were on hand to provide explanation of the emerging RNP and to handle queries.

What Result: Some 230 people were reached. From numerous conversations, around 50 comments were recorded and are listed below. These will now be considered and reflected in the draft RNP as necessary.

RNP - 16 January 2016 - Tilling Green Centre (Coincided with Recycle Swap Shop)

(150 attended; 30 comments received; 6 conversations to be followed up)

Consultation

- Why no young people involved?
- Several considered TG proposal involved poor consultation.
- Consider open event/s in pubs?

Development

- Rock Channel South and East side: Why is encroachment tolerated?
- Winchelsea Rd "Gateway": Needs sorting; poor image for those entering Rye from West.
- Rock Channel: Two against housing proposal; should be for more business (maritime) development
- Belle Vue: Was flood risk assessed? Has it been mitigated?
- Tilling Green Proposal:
 - o Some opposition to development; use Freda Gardham?
 - o Height of flats
 - o Size of centre
 - o Flood risk mitigation
- Freda Gardham:
 - o Several unclear about the proposal.
 - o Several asked about the flood risk mitigation: Eastern Rother Tidal Walls scheme

- Valley Park: several against extension, particularly to the West. Many do not want to see another development in Rye of the size of Valley Park; prefer dispersed development.
- Environment Agency Estate:
 - o Why such poor management?
 - o Why not better river walkways?
- River Tillingham and Waterways: clear rubbish under Ferry Road and rail bridge. Several for dredging of the lower Tillingham.
- 2nd Supermarket: several asked - do we really need another?
- Town Cleanliness: Town Steward has helped but several said that needs more effort; in particular, signage needs review and improvements.
- Rope Walk: Allow vehicles to enter Station Car Park from Rope Walk.

Cycle Ways: Improve cycle ways across Rye.

Education Quarter: Several for new academy in Lower School Site.

High Street: Several support “pedestrianisation” or timed street closures.

Strand

- Need improvements to the Strand location: shared space; bridge over channel .
- Cafe on Strand (Opposite entrance to Strand Parkway) is noisy, smelly and lowers tone: why no enforcement?

Infrastructure

- Concern about cuts to staff of Children’s Centre
- Concern about shift to volunteers; need enough to staff Centre
- For location of health visitors in Centre
- Several suggested that play parks need to be upgraded; need facilities for older children such as “zip” wires.

Conversations to be followed up

- With Proprietor of River Brede Moorings about Rock Channel and Strand.

RNP - 23 January 2016 – Community Comments in St Mary’s Centre

(Around 80 attended; 20 comments left)

Consultation: Many welcomed the events but some asked why so few Councillors were in attendance at the 2nd event?

Rye: leave alone: I like it how it is!

RNP V7 Master Plan: needs finalising.

Parking

- Several see need for overall review and arrangements improved
- Several support need for better enforcement.
- Several suggest need for “park and ride”, perhaps using Gibbet Marsh.

High Street

- Several support timed street closures.
- High St parking needs further review and improvement to make safer for pedestrians.

Development

- Need more homes for older people: open market and affordable.
- Tower Street Site: what plans; should be housing?
- Tilling Green Proposal:
 - o Insufficient parking places.
 - o Flood risk remains concern.
 - o Should be homes for older people.
- Citadel:
 - o Should be one way to protect cobbles and pavements.
 - o Cobbles need protection.
 - o Access to Citadel should be controlled.
- Dead Mans Lane:
 - o Incorporate into one way (northbound) “bypass” from Tillingham Ave, Love Lane to Dead Mans Lane.
 - o Leave as is.
- Rock Channel: Against any marina proposals for Rock Channel; unsuitable for major river development.

Education Quarter

- Why move School to Lower School Site when there are access issues?
- Why have to buy back land as it was in public ownership?
- But; several support Academy “vision” as outlined.

Green Spaces

- Preserve green spaces.
- Need more planting across Rye.
- Keep main allotments.

Flood Risk and Sewerage

- Several suggested that the Rye sewerage system needs improving.

Infrastructure

- Will capacities for surgeries and schools cope with development?

- If second supermarket on Freda Gardham; where would ARRCC and arts community go? Need plan.

Cycle Ways

- Improve ways across Rye.
- Improve riverside access and foot/cycle ways.

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