

The RNPSG now has comments from the AIRS consultant. A summary of these is below and will be incorporated over the next week or so.

- RNP is lengthy and would benefit from some reduction. Suggest that Sections 5 - 7 become Appendices.
- Format: need page and paragraph numbering and additional referencing: I did point out that this would be done once we were content with the substance.
- Section 2: Need brief overview of vision and summary of consultation. Add list of all objectives now distributed by themes.
- Section 3: Remove character to Appendix? Supply more references. Need more explanation of areas adjacent to Parish Boundary. Consider dropping assumptions or remove to appendix.
- Section 4: (All themes: remove aspirational policies to separate section as now but do not also include them in the themes; shift reasons for policies to start of themes).
- Housing: Sharpen policies (now done in latest version on web). Suggest break out each site as separate policy. Sharpen the HNA - this has been done in latest version.
- Design: Will need to rethink this partly to consider the Rother DC comments on the proposed design statement and partly to consider the AIRS comments. Need more reference to Core Strategy design. Needs more work to reflect AECOM comments. Key question: will this be a section or an appendix? If the latter then it will need solid linkage to be part of the RNP.
- Flood Risk: consider breaking this theme down into the other themes, while explaining the flood risk context which we know is important to at least 50% of the homes (1200) in Rye
- Business: Needs more referencing.
- Traffic: need to reconsider policies to see if we wish to include any spatial. Given the latest developments we need to consider how best to handle traffic issues and the background to the present situation in Rye. Apart from policy on cycleways is there anything else in Rye's control which could go into this section? If not, suggest drop as a theme and move entirely to the aspirational section? But, if we do this what sort of signal does this send about the RNP view of traffic issues? There is much background in the RNP which would benefit whatever group takes forward the traffic issues.
- Infrastructure: Suggest move aspirational policies to the aspirational section. Suggest policies for retention of community facilities.

- Environment: Suggest more referencing. Suggest move "resist urban creep" to the housing section; reword to cover "gaps". Suggest more background for the green spaces policies and referencing to national studies. Need more on planting.

Section 5: Suggest combine all the aspirational policies in this section by drawing all references from other themes.

Section 6: Masterplan. Suggest delete as unnecessary. This has been done on latest version on web. Suggest replace with proposals summary map.

Referencing: refine throughout and in the evidence section.

Much still to do, but well within RNPSG capabilities!

In addition there are extensive comments to be considered for the draft SEA and the Design Statement.

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