

## Rye Neighbourhood Plan – Summary

Rye is an ancient town of national historic importance and high architectural value. It is positioned on a rocky sandstone outcrop at the eastern end of Sussex close to the Kent border. It has been described as “rising like a jewel” from the surrounding Romney Marsh.



Since 2012, as permitted by the Localism Act 2011 and approved by Rother District Council, (Rother DC) Rye has been working to produce a Neighbourhood (Development) Plan [NP] or “The Plan”. Rye Town Council has led the development of the Rye NP, working through an appointed Steering Group, a mix of councillors and selected citizens. The Plan reflects wide and intensive consultation with those who live, work, or study in Rye and with adjacent Parishes. The Rye Neighbourhood Plan seeks to...

<b>INFLUENCE future housing development by identifying suitable sites</b>
<b>PROTECT Rye’s character; ENSURE the quality of new homes by design</b>
<b>REDUCE flood risk</b>
<b>SUPPORT business development</b>
<b>REDUCE traffic congestion</b>
<b>ENCOURAGE infrastructure: education, medical, community, sport and leisure</b>
<b>ENCOURAGE protection of the environment</b>

The Rye NP becomes a **LEGALLY BINDING** document when and if it passes a referendum. It would influence new development and becomes as important as documents created by the Local Authority. The Rye NP sits alongside the Rother District Council Core Strategy and the saved policies of the 2006 Local Plan and together form the Development Plan for Rye.

The Plan appears as a standing item of business on the Rye Town Council Planning and Townscape Meeting, which meets fortnightly. We have reached the stage of refining the papers before submission for checking by Rother DC. The story of the Plan is on the website and elaborated by up to date information on Facebook.

[www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/ryenplan/>

The plan will meet its objectives through the following **MAIN POLICIES**.

### **1.Housing :**

- Build 80% of the **160 dwellings**, required to 2028, on *Freda Gardham School site, Tilling Green school site, Valley Park, Winchelsea Rd/Rock Channel.*
- Build the balance on small scale opportunity sites.

### **2. Quality Design:**

- Insist on imaginative, high quality design.
- Keep control of the Conservation Area; protect the unique character of Rye.
- Ensure that the *design considerations* of the Neighbourhood Plan apply to all development.

### **3. Reduce Flood Risk:**

- Take a risk-based approach to all new development.
- Prohibit development on unprotected flood plain.
- Prevent any disruption of water courses and sewers.

### **4. Business; Enterprise and Employment:**

- Encourage development in four zones: the core business area of the Town Centre; in micro commerce around the Citadel; in the maritime/fishing industry; in Rye Harbour.
- Encourage a second supermarket and fuel station.
- Promote tourism and facilities by ensuring excellent “reasons to visit”.

### **5.Traffic Management:**

- Ensure measures compromise between pedestrian priority and “free for all”.
- Call for a holistic, overall parking study.
- Improve external links to/from Rye, including the fast Javelin service stopping at Rye.

### **6. Infrastructure:**

- Encourage centres in the west and central parts of Rye with services for all age-groups.
- Encourage cultural centres for art, heritage, film, food, and sports
- Encourage improvements for education in the Grove Street/Love Lane quarter covering early years to age19.
- Encourage improvements to local medical facilities. .

### **7. Environment; Green Spaces and Energy:**

- Conserve green infrastructure and spaces in Rye; connect them to the town centre.
- Promote planting of greenery that can withstand harsh weather.
- Encourage sustainability of new construction.
- Encourage energy conservation measures.
- Consider land stability issues which result from water and coastal erosion.

### **8. Aspirations:**

- Encourage those policies important to the Community, which have spatial impacts but being beyond the gift or resources of Rye, require partnership action.