

Rye Neighbourhood Plan - Summary for the Referendum

Since 2013, Rye Town Council has directed the making of the Rye Neighbourhood Plan¹ that reflects wide and intensive consultation with those who live, work, or study in Rye. The Plan has been examined by an External Examiner who has decided that the Plan is sound and does not contravene planning policies. The next stage is to put the Plan to the Rye constituency for a yes/no Referendum. If a majority agree, the Plan will become statutory and sit alongside other planning policies to form the development plan for Rye.

The value of having a plan is that all planners and developers must consult it as a vision for how Rye develops to 2028. It enables the Community to:

- *Have more say and control over the where and what of future development*
- *Ensure that the most valued space is protected*
- *Manage change and ensure that it benefits the community*
- *Influence the design of new buildings or alterations*
- *Retain more of the money collected from developers' contributions (Community Infrastructure Levy) for local projects*

The Plan – details on www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk OR <http://www.rother.gov.uk/Rye-Neighbourhood-Plan> seeks to achieve: '**a thriving town for the 21st Century**', by setting out:

Housing (Policies H1 to H8): To allocate several larger (mostly brownfield) sites to accommodate up to 160 new homes to 2028

Quality Design (Policy D1): To support imaginative, high quality design

Flood Risk (Policy F1): With about 40% of Rye defended from flood risk by tidal walls a detailed assessment has been completed to justify the wider sustainability benefits of future development

Enterprise (Policies B1 to B3): To encourage development in three zones: the core business area of the Town Centre; in micro commerce around the Citadel; and in the maritime industry

Traffic (Policies T1 to T2): To encourage sustainable transport including cycling and to tackle parking issues.

Infrastructure (Policy I1): To identify and protect important community facilities.

Environment: Natural and Historic (Policies E1 to E4): To protect the strategic gap and green spaces including the two statutory allotments; to support renewable and low carbon energy.

Community Aspirations (CA1 to CA20): To document all the important considerations raised during the consultation process that fall outside of the planning system

¹ www.ryeneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

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