

Planning & Transport Action Plan 2023-2024

Objectives from Council's 4-year Plan:

Housing and Planning

1. We will monitor the use of and review the Battle Civil Parish Neighbourhood Plan for any amendments for recommendation to Rother District Council.
2. We will open talks with developers to obtain good facilities for residents e.g. pedestrian access from Blackfriars to the railway station.
3. We will take into account the Council's Neighbourhood Plan, Heritage Charter, sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when considering all documents submitted with planning applications for land in the Council's area.

Highways and Transport

1. We will continue to work towards the aspiration for reclassification of the A2100 to a C road between High Street roundabout and Queensway in order to reduce usage by HGVs and through traffic which have a major impact on pollution and congestion in the town.
2. We will seek locations appropriate for a speed limit of 20mph.
3. We will review operational use of overflow car park.
4. We will meet with transportation partners and respond to their effect on the Battle Civil Parish and surrounding villages.
5. We will support green transport initiatives.

Terms of Reference Objectives:

1. To ensure that the views of the Council on planning matters are effectively and fully expressed to the District and other Councils.
2. To develop policy and make recommendations to Council in relation to parking, public transport, highways and footpaths in the Battle area and to liaise with other Authorities having responsibilities in these fields.
3. As far as is reasonable and lawful to take into account the views of residents on matters for which the Committee is responsible.
4. To ensure that the Battle CP Neighbourhood Plan policies are applied when considering planning applications.

General

Specific Objective	Action to be taken	Frequency	Last Actioned
Identify training needs and seek information/courses.	Ascertain training needs of Committee members	Ongoing	
Ensure that the public can see transparency in deliberations	At each meeting, members invited to declare any interest which might unduly influence discussions	Ongoing	
Review activity for 4-year plan	Submit recommendations to Full Council	4 years	Completed
Review priorities	Review Action Plan	May	
Ensure the efficient and cost-effective use of resources	Make annual budget recommendations to F&GP	October	Completed for 2024-25 @ October 2023 meeting

Planning

Specific Objective	Action to be taken	Frequency	Last Actions
Express views on planning matters for which there IS POLICY to District and other Councils, effectively and fully, in good time and in a clear manner	Ensure compliance with Battle CP Neighbourhood Plan, Council's Heritage Charter, High Weald Housing Design Guide and Battle CP Design Guidelines on all planning applications. Quote policy references, where possible	Ongoing	
Express views on planning matters for which there IS NO POLICY to District and other Councils, effectively and fully, in good time and in a clear manner	Encourage car charging points; consider sustainability and environmental impact; consider Dark Skies	Ongoing	
As far as is reasonable and lawful, to take into account the views of	As far as is reasonable and lawful, to take into account the views of residents on matters for which the Committee is responsible	Ongoing	

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Consider new plans or policies that may affect the parish. For example, ESCC Structure Plan, RDC Local Plan, Waste Local Plan, Minerals Local Plan, Regional planning guidance, Highways and Transport plans and other consultation documents	Consider plans and polices, reporting to relevant authorities	Ongoing	
Consider planning applications outside the parish, as required	Report to the relevant planning authorities	Ongoing	
Monitor activity within the parish and inform RDC of suspected breaches of planning control	Report suspected breaches of planning control	Ongoing	
Engage with developers of large sites within the parish	Open talks with developers in order to obtain good facilities for residents within developments	Ongoing	

Transport

Specific Objective	Action to be taken	Frequency	Last Actions
Consider transport schemes, both local and regional/national which will affect the parish and surrounding villages	Review documentation, Respond to consultations in good time Meet with partners where appropriate Consider accessibility and efficiency of schemes	Ongoing	
Develop policy in relation to parking, public transport, highways and footpaths in the parish area	Make recommendations to Council and/or relevant authorities	Ongoing	
Support green transport initiatives	Supporting BTC's climate emergency declaration	Ongoing	
Obtain and understanding of relevant forthcoming schemes	Receive documentation and arrange meetings with transportation partners to gain an understanding of future plans Discuss and respond to consultations in good time	Ongoing	

Infrastructure

Specific Objective	Action to be taken	Frequency	Last Actions
Draft a spending programme for CIL monies for agreement by F&GP	Draft a spending programme for CIL monies for agreement by F&GP	November	Deferred to Dec meeting Completed
Take responsibility for over-flow car park	Ensure that repairs and maintenance are carried out. Consider operational use, review costs, and consider recommendations to F&GP	Ongoing	
Seek to obtain grants, income and to recover costs wherever possible to use on footpath maintenance	Undertake a bi-annual review for possible sources of income	March / September	March 2023
Maintain and repair bus shelters for which the Council is responsible	Review and monitor condition. Schedule of works for grounds staff. Budget for materials	Ongoing October	Completed
Maintain a safe all-weather footpath system around the parish that is well signposted	a) Discuss and agree actions in response to reports from Footpath Advisor b) Consider need for BTC staff or ESCC to undertake work on footpaths c) Undertake regular familiarisation walks	Ongoing	
Review a full assessment of footpaths on a 2 year rolling basis	Review reports from Footpaths Advisor	24 months	April 2024

NP IMR

Specific Objective	Action to be taken	Frequency	Last Actions
Implement, Monitor and Review Neighbourhood Plan	Agree NP IMR membership Review NP IMR Terms of Reference Receive minutes from NP IMR meetings Receive quarterly reports from NP IMR Consider recommendations: a) IMR to P&T; b) P&T to Full Council; c) Full Council to RDC	May May Ongoing 3 months Ongoing	May 2023 May 2023

Projects

Specific Objective	Action to be taken	Frequency	Last Actions
Seek locations appropriate for a speed limit of 20mph		Ongoing	
Seek to delivery footway extension at Harrier Lane to FP667b at Marley Lane	Submit application for feasibility study Consider results of feasibility study Work with ESCC to provide safe walking route Investigate possible sources of funding		Completed