

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 2023 |
| 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 |
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| 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; | May May Ongoing 3 months Ongoing | May 2023 May 2023 Completed Mar 2024 |

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| | c) Full Council to RDC | | |
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Projects

| Specific Objective | Action to be taken | Frequency | Last Actions |
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| 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 |