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Dear Resident

Updating the Arundel Neighbourhood Plan

In 2023 we will be updating the Arundel Neighbourhood Plan, primarily to reflect some changes in law and government policy which have been introduced since 2018.

We are forming a Steering Group to work on this project and invite residents who are interested in taking part to join this group which will meet on a number of occasions during the first half of 2023.

If you are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please contact me at Arundel Town Hall (see contact details below).

The Arundel Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans play an important part in determining whether planning applications should be approved or refused by Planning Authorities - which in our case are Arun District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

Arundel was one of the first towns in England to produce a Neighbourhood Plan in 2012/13. This plan was extensively reviewed in 2018/19, identifying land that could be developed for housing-including low-cost housing-in the period up to 2031. This plan was approved in referendum in 2019.

Why Update the Neighbourhood Plan Now?

Neighbourhood Plans need to be updated periodically, to ensure that they remain effective protection against unwanted planning applications.

Our update of the 2023 Neighbourhood Plan is not expected to result in any material changes to the existing plan. In particular we do not expect to be identifying any more land for housing in the town than was identified in 2019. However, there are a number of changes to government policy that we will want to reflect in the Neighbourhood Plan 3. If the changes are not material the Examiner may conclude that a referendum on the changes is not required.

The Role of the Steering Group

The Steering Group will review the Policies in the existing Arundel Neighbourhood Plan and any implications for those policies which arise from the evolution of the National Planning Policy Framework since 2018, changes to Permitted Development Rights and new legislation like the Environment Act 2021. It will also consider whether additional policies should be introduced to reflect the Climate Change Emergency which the Town Council declared in 2021.

It is envisaged that the Steering Group will meet on about 6 occasions in the first half of the year, at locations in the town. It is possible that some members of the group will be asked to lead sub-groups looking in depth at certain areas of the plan that are being updated.

Yours sincerely,

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