



Houghton Regis Neighbourhood Plan – January 2019

The Town Council are, very shortly, looking to approve its draft Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to hear a presentation on the plan please come along to the meeting being held on the 21st January 2019, at 7pm, here at the Council offices.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been developed by the Steering Group drawn from the local community and councillors, with input from residents. Questionnaires were circulated to each household and a number of topic groups discussed local issues and concerns. The Neighbourhood Plan is a document with policies shaping land-use proposals and decisions, and if, after an Examination and Referendum it is adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council, would be used in the determination of planning applications.

The tone and content of the Plan is up-beat, the Steering group's aspirations are to shape the area so that residents enjoy the opportunities for forward-looking education, employment, shopping, services and entertainment.

Houghton Regis Neighbourhood Plan covers the whole parish from Sewell to the Woodside Link and is set in the context of major growth in the parish already approved at Houghton Regis North and the draft Central Bedfordshire Local Plan, which proposes further growth in various locations including north of Luton and the Marston Moretaine former brickfields.

Should the draft plan be approved at the meeting on the 21st January, the next stage will be for the Town Council to embark on a period of engagement and consultation involving residents and stakeholders.

Please do keep visiting this page and keeping an eye out for publicity material and social media posts inviting you to participate.