

PROGRESS

- Submission Consultation completed on schedule, 21st January 2022. A small number of comments received; waiting on HBBC to collate them and share with us.
- Independent Examiner agreed with SG and appointed by HBBC. The examiner is the same we had for the previous Neighbourhood Plan examination back in 2019
- Examination targeting completion before the end of February 2023
- Disappointing lack of response and support from HBBC to the suggestions discussed in the Zoom call before Christmas between HBBC Planning Policy, Sheepy Parish Council chair, Sheepy NP SG chair and Councillor Morrell, as to how to remove the gap between the NP and the Local Plan updates. It transpires that HBBC did not consult the Planning Inspectorate as agreed re our suggested way forward; this being only discovered from later emails!
- Local plan: See reports elsewhere

FINANCE

- NP upgrade project - On budget
- Depending on the approach and the outcome of NP examination, additional funding may need to be requested from the PC.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with HBBC and the appointed examiner to achieve a successful conclusion to the Examination phase of the NP update project
- Monitor progress through Examination to completion.
- Work to avoid any delays post Submission Consultation, that may arise re HBBC's Planning Policy resource shortages and also around their Local Plan activities.
- Review as a steering group, the feedback from the NP Submission Consultation and propose to the next PC meeting, a way forward with any additional costs being identified and recognising the Local Plan status and the pending Regulation 19 consultation.

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