

- Neighbourhood Plan upgrade independent examination completed
 - Independent Examiners report and recommendations accepted by the Parish Council and HBBC Planning. Final edits to NP document done and the document checked to ensure it meets Accessibility requirements prior to the new plan being 'made' by HBBC.
 - The new Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan was then believed to be complete and due to be MADE by HBBC and published on their website along with the official notification of the 'making'.
 - However, this position has just changed as HBBC have now informed us of a late, additional Accessibility requirement regarding ALT text. Disappointingly, this was not highlighted by HBBC 3-4 months ago when the Submission version went through similar checks before being published on their website for consultation.
 - This will require some extra attention to address which will most likely result in the 'making' of the NP being delayed a further couple of weeks.
 - Over the past 21 months, the project has entailed developing and including a comprehensive design guide along with other NP updates which did not alter the basis of the NP, and taking it through all the mandatory steps prior to 'Making' including Pre-Submission, Submission consultations and Independent Examination
 - This has been another sterling effort by the NP SG who should be warmly congratulated for their commitment in time, expertise, determination and dedication in seeing a difficult upgrade project through to a successful conclusion to the benefit of the whole Sheepy Parish!

- Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation by HBBC.
 - No further updates

FINANCE

- NP upgrade project - On budget

NEXT STEPS

- Tidy up outstanding non-urgent, legacy actions with the steering group
- Monitor progress of the HBBC Local Plan and any potential impact for the NP or Parish

John Ward - Chair, Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group