

ALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet, which has been produced by the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Alton Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in February 2016 and is now almost 5 years old.

Alton Town Council made a decision in October 2020 to update this plan to ensure it remains current and really importantly, ensures Alton remains protected from inappropriate speculative development.

To do this simply, the update to the plan (technically referred to as a “modification”) is only concerned with looking at site allocations for housing. This means removing any site from the original plan where all the houses have now been built and replacing them with sites which are likely to be built.

This demonstrates to both planners and developers that our housing allocations are up to date and therefore enables us to robustly defend any inappropriate speculative development which comes forward.

The modification to the Alton Neighbourhood Plan is subject to public consultation (called a Regulation 14) and as such we are asking you for your comments on our proposal. The consultation has to be worded and carried out in a certain way in accordance with set regulations, but please don't be put off by the (quite) dry wording overleaf. Please do respond.

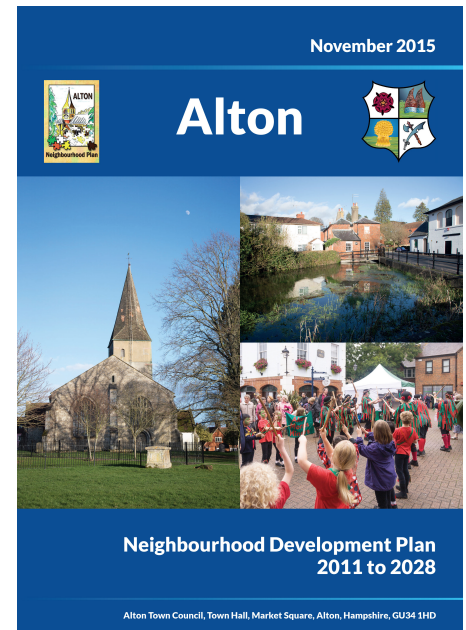
The consultation will run for the next 6 weeks and once everyone's comments have been received, we review the proposal, make any alterations and then submit a final version to East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) as they are the Local Planning Authority.

EHDC will then also carry out a further consultation and review before submitting our modified plan to an appointed external examiner for approval. At this stage it is anticipated that our modified plan will be approved this autumn.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this. The formal wording and details on how to respond are overleaf.

Alton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

15th February 2021



Cadnam's Farm



The Regulation 14 process states that the Town Council must publicise the following details of the consultation (in bold text is the Town Council response to each requirement).

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan or modification proposal; **To undertake a modification of the existing Alton Neighbourhood Plan, but only reviewing the Housing Allocation policies contained within the plan.**

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan or modification proposal may be inspected; **The Modification Proposal can be found at www.alton.gov.uk by following the link from 16 February 2021. Paper copies can also be found at the Town Hall and the Library (please check opening times during Covid-19 restrictions). Alternatively, you can call the Town Hall on 01420 83986 providing your contact details and postal address and a copy will be sent to you via Royal Mail.**

(iii) details of how to make representations; **you can respond to the consultation via the online-survey link on our website at www.alton.gov.uk Alternatively you can respond by e-mail to planning@alton.gov.uk. Please write the words "ANP modification Regulation 14 response" in the subject field. You can also respond by post, sending your comments to Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton GU34 1HD. Again, please write "ANP modification Regulation 14 response" on the back of the envelope.**

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised; and in relation to a modification proposal, a statement setting out whether or not the qualifying body consider that the modifications contained in the modification proposal are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the modification proposal would modify, giving reasons for why the qualifying body is of this opinion. **The reasons that the qualifying body considers that the Modification Proposal does not change the nature of the plan can be found in the Modification Statement which is published alongside the Modification Proposal at www.alton.gov.uk and is also available by post or in the Town Hall. Representations on either the Statement or Proposal should be received by the closing date of Tuesday 30th March at 5pm.**

