

Town Infrastructure Committee
Thursday 22 February 2024, 7pm

Item 6: update on Neighbourhood Plan

After the Abingdon Town Neighbourhood Plan's steering group's research, face-to-face engagement, and outreach via consultations (available on the town council's website), it is now in the writing up phase. Chapters include a greener Abingdon, Business and the Economy, Access and Movement, Families and Young People and the Town Centre.

Thought is now being given to how to turn all the ideas we have generated together into tangible objectives. In this the group is being helped by the district council's expert full-time team that supports the creation of neighbourhood plans.

With their expert support the steering group will develop planning policies, which set expectations for developers and planners. These will help us realise our vision for the future of the different neighbourhoods that make up our town, making it even better than it is now.

This work has so far been led by a group of lay volunteers. But, once they have completed this final phase of the work to develop the so called 'Reg 14' draft, the Neighbourhood Plan will be taken forward by the Town Council. It will arrange a formal consultation and eventually a referendum. I hope you will all take part in the next phase of the consultation to make the plan even better than it is now and support the final output in the referendum.

Simon Hills
Chair
Abingdon Town Neighbourhood Plan steering group