

# Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan

2019 - 2031

## **Consultation Statement**



### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement has been prepared by Aldingbourne Parish Council ("the Parish Council") to accompany its submission to the local planning authority, Arun District Council (ADC), of the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019 ("the Neighbourhood Plan") under Regulations 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations").
- 1.2. The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Parish Council, a qualifying body, for the Neighbourhood Area covering the whole of the Parish of Felpham, as designated by the Local Plan Sub- Committee of Arun District Council on 7 November 2013.
- 1.3. The legal basis of the Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, which requires that a consultation statement should:
  - 1.3.1. Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan
  - 1.3.2. Explain how they were consulted
  - 1.3.3. Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
  - 1.3.4. Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan

### 2. Background

- 2.1. The original Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan (referred to hereafter as the Plan)was 'made' by Arun District Council on the 8th September 2016 following a Referendum at which 93.48% of residents voted in favour.
- 2.2. The Plan has provided a vision for the future of the parish, and set out clear policies, principles and objectives to realise those visions. The policies accorded with higher level planning policy principally the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Arun District Council Local Plan 2003 as well as the Draft Arun District Local Plan 2011-2031, as required by the Localism Act.

- 2.3. Since the completion of the Plan, which was one of the first in the country, a lot has changed both in national policy terms and at a local level with the Arun District Local Plan which has now been adopted.
- 2.4. The adoption of the Arun District Local Plan 2018 required a review and where appropriate amendment of the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan to ensure the two documents are in alignment and reflect the new policies.

## 3. Process

- 3.1. In 2019 Aldingbourne Parish Council agreed that the Plan should be reviewed and where necessary, amended.
- 3.2. It was agreed that a group comprising of Councillors and lay people should be formed to review the Plan and report back to Full Council.
- 3.3. In September 2017 ADC published a paper setting out the initial proposal for considering the housing numbers to be allocated. Three methods were identified:
  - 3.3.1. Option 1 housing numbers identified following the original method.
  - 3.3.2. Option 2 housing numbers identified based on perceived sustainability of the settlements in Aldingbourne's case 70 dwellings.
  - 3.3.3. Option 3 percentage distribution based on deliverable HELAA sites.

# 3.4. An amended draft Plan was submitted to the NP Committees on the 19th November 2018 and approved to go forward to Full Council for approval and adoption.

- 3.5. It was envisaged that consolation with the public would commence on the 1st April 2020, however the national Covid lockdown made this impossible. In August 2020 the Parish Council determined that as the proposed housing sites were well understood by residents, the site at Wings having been part of the previous Plan consultation, and the site at Lees Yard having been the subject of two planning applications, that the public consultations would be carried through the following mediums:
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Parish Council web site
  - Parish Council Noticeboards
- 3.6. It was further agreed that the public would also have the opportunity to comment and have input at the Full Council meeting on the 6th October 2020.



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1st September to 6th October 2020

Help to shape the future of Aldingbourne. Please have your say on the amended Plan.

Available online at:

www.aldingbourne-pc.gov.uk



Image 1 NP Poster

3.7. The Plan was advertised for 6 weeks in accordance with the Regulations. The period ran from the 1st September 2020 to 6th October 2020.

#### Press Release

In 2016 the residents of Aldingbourne voted at Referendum to make the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan part of the development plan for the area. Since that time the Plan has been used by Arun District Council when considering planning applications in Aldingbourne.

The time has come to review and update the Plan to bring it into line with the newly adopted Arun District Local Plan.

Residents of Aldingbourne are being asked to review the revised Plan and to show their support for it and to make suggestions about further policies.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Martin Beaton said "we really want to hear from residents about the changes we are proposing to the Neighbourhood Plan. Please get involved and have your say."

The Plan survey period runs for the whole of September and culminates with a public Q and A at the Full Council meeting on the 6th October 2020. The Plan can be found online at <u>www.aldingbourne-pc.gov.uk</u> or by asking any Parish Councillor.

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Image 2 - Press release published in the Bognor Observer

### The Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan

The Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Plan was adopted as planning policy by Arun District Council in 2016 following a Referendum of residents.

### The Plan in 2020

Arun District Council has adopted its Local Plan 2018 and expects parishes to update their neighbourhood plans to find more land for housing up to 2031.

Aldingbourne has been given an allocation of a minimum of 70 homes to find through the NP process.

We are seeking your views on the amendments we are proposing. We want to know what is missing, what issues are important to you and whether you feel you can support the revised Plan.

There are some new policies, policies which have changed very little and some that have no changes. We have identified this against each policy. There are two sites identified to provide for the housing allocation.

A consultation under Reg 14 will run from the 1st September 2020 and end on the 6th October 2020.

Residents and anyone with an interest should make their comments to <u>aldingbournenp@gmail.com</u>

Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan 2019 - 2031

Appendix A - Site Assessment Report 2019

Appendix B - Consultation Statement (to be completed prior to Reg15 submission)

Appendix C - Basic Conditions Statement

Appendix D - <u>SEA Scoping Report</u>

Appendix E - <u>SEA Report</u>

Appendix F - Habitats Regulations Assessment

Appendix G - <u>Bats in Aldingbourne</u>

Image 3 - Website advertisement

#### To be continued after the Reg14 consultation