



Ford Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan 2024-2041
Consultation Statement



1. Introduction

1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to meet the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Ford Neighbourhood Development Plan.

1.2 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. Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
2. Explain how they were consulted;
3. Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
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 Ford Neighbourhood Plan (referred to hereafter as the Plan) was 'made' by Arun District Council on the 9th January 2019 following a Referendum at which 75.72% of residents voted in favour.

3. Revising the Neighbourhood Plan

3.1 Following a report into the implications of revising the Plan the Council determined at its November 2021 meeting to go ahead with work to review the NP.

3.2 The initial proposal was to review the existing policies and agree which if any were to be saved. The Council agreed to form a small group of Councillors to work on the project and to add the topic as a standing item on all agendas.

4. Reviewing and revising the draft S106 Agreement

4.1 Throughout the process of updating the NP there were ongoing discussions with ADC about the lack of S106 monies being allocated to Ford, Climping and Yapton PCs.

4.2 In Nov 22 a meeting was held with representatives of the three parishes and Officers from ADC to try to stop money from the development being allocated to

projects in Angering. ADC stated that the funding for the major project in Angmering was always planned to be funded through such developments.

4.3 Throughout the three year long process to agree the S106 the PC and the Ford CLT worked to proof read and amend numerous version of the S106. A solicitor was employed to ensure that the S106 Agreement enshrined the provision of community facilities on the site.

5. Regulation 14 Consultation

5.1 In June 2023 the Council resolved to submit the revised Plan at Reg14. All Councillors had reviewed the Plan and amendments had been included.

5.2 The consultation ran from 31st July 2023 to the 22nd September 2023.

5.3 Posters were displayed around the Parish on Parish Notice Boards. (See Reg 14 Communications Plan (attached) for copies of documents).

5.4 The website provided full details of the consultation documents and provided a form for completion with comments.

5.5 An open event on the 19th September ran from 7pm to 7.30pm ahead of the Council meeting. This event displayed the key policies and invited comments and suggestions from residents. Those who attended asked about timescales, effects on the water table and noise pollution during construction.

5.6 List of consultees:

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5.7 There were responses from 10 consultees which can be viewed in the online database.

6.0 Design Code

6.1 It is a requirement of the Outline Planning permission that a Design Code is agreed in consultation with residents. The PC determined in November 23 that they would hold off submission at Reg15 until the work on the Design Code was completed.

6.2 In March 2024 the PC and Ford CLT were invited to take part in discussion with the developers of the site, Vistry Homes, to bring about the Design Code. It was agreed that meetings would be scheduled regularly to ensure that the residents had an opportunity to have their say.

7.0 Reg 15 Submission

7.1 At its meeting on the 15th July 2024 the Parish Council resolved to submit the Plan at Reg15.