

**Hurst Green Parish Council
Supporting Paper**

Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of the matter to be discussed:

Neighbourhood Development Plans allow local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas, ensuring that new housing, infrastructure, and services align with local needs and preferences. In the Rother District, these plans are particularly important as they provide a framework for sustainable development while preserving the rural character of our area. Communities are empowered to influence where development should occur, what it should look like, and how it contributes to the district's future. Hurst Green has been developing its Neighbourhood Plan since 2017. A formal public consultation on the draft plan was carried out between the 27th July and the 17th September 2022.

Summary Explanation of Regulation 15

Regulation 15 is a key stage in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. It requires the submission of several documents to the local planning authority, including the Neighbourhood Plan itself, a Consultation Statement, and a Basic Conditions Statement. The Consultation Statement outlines how the local community and stakeholders have been engaged in the process, while the Basic Conditions Statement demonstrates how the plan meets statutory requirements, such as conformity with national planning policies.

Once submitted, Rother District Council will run a further formal public consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, and once complete, will also arrange for an independent examiner to examine our proposed neighbourhood plan.

Details of any considered or known options:

- To submit our neighbourhood plan to Rother District Council (known as regulation 15). Further information can be found at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/637/regulation/15>

Provide a recommendation:

Council motion *“That this Council, for reasons of progressing its neighbourhood plan and to comply with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, shall at the earliest opportunity, submit to Rother District Council the following documents and all supporting materials and evidence collected during the neighbourhood plan process: the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Consultation Statement, the Basic Condition Statement, the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), the Hurst Green Design Codes.”*