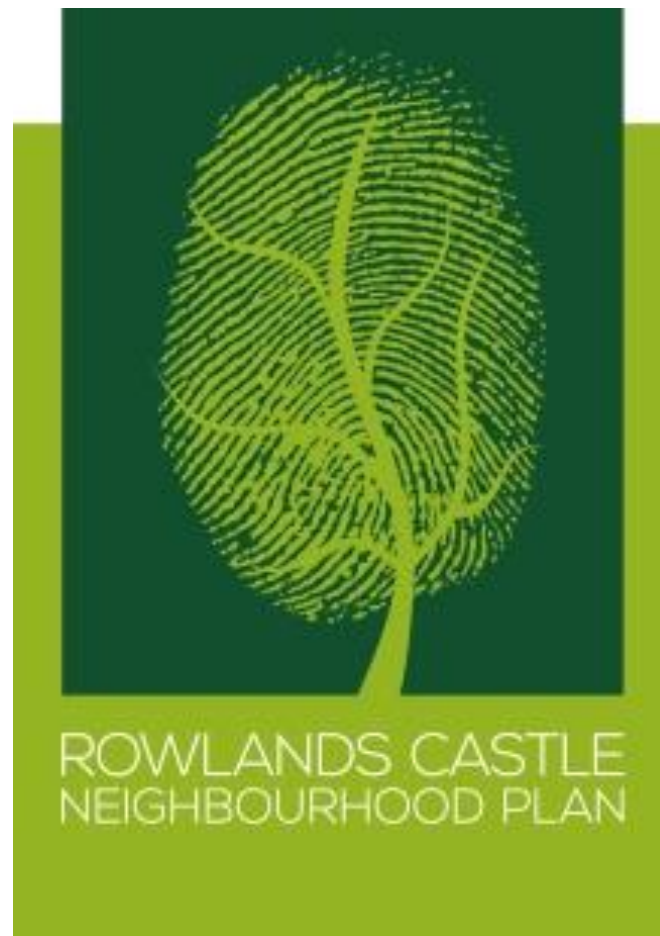


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PREFACE

This document includes the **[CONSULTATION STATEMENT](#)** and also identifies the **[CONSULTATION EVIDENCE DOCUMENTS](#)** which provide evidence of the consultations carried out in support of the Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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The Agendas and Minutes of Meetings of the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group can be found [here](#)

Reports to Rowlands Castle Parish Council by the Chairman of Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group can be found [here](#)

A brief history of the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan can be found [here](#)

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CONSULTATION STATEMENT

Introduction

- A. In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015, Part 3 'Neighbourhood development plans', Section 15 (2), this Consultation Statement:
- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - (b) explains how they were consulted;
 - (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- B. This Statement shows the consultations that took place at the following stages in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan:
1. Consultations leading to the decision to proceed with a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan
 2. Consultations before Regulation 14

3. Regulation 14 Consultation

Italicised text denotes a reference to the Consultations Evidence Documents section of this report.

1. Consultations leading to the decision to proceed with a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 Consultations about the potential for a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan

See '[Consultations about the potential for a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan](#)'

Rowlands Castle Parish Council wrote an article in the Winter 2016 edition of the parish magazine indicating they were considering whether to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, explaining the purpose of the Plan, inviting comments from residents and asking if they would like to get involved.

During December 2016, members of Rowlands Parish Council delivered a leaflet to every house in the Parish announcing that there would be public consultation to assess the level of support there would be for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Information about a possible Neighbourhood Plan was published on the Rowlands Castle Parish Council website which provided a response form, and was also posted to the Parish Council Facebook page.

East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) Community Forum was held in the Rowlands Castle Parish Hall on 31st January 2017 and the main topic on the agenda was 'Neighbourhood Planning'. The meeting was advertised on posters around the village, and it was attended by District Councillors, Parish Councillors and residents.

The public consultation was from 6th February 2017 to 23rd March 2017 – a period of just over 6 weeks.

During this Consultation Period, Parish Councillors spoke about Neighbourhood Planning at meetings of parish organisations including: Rowlands Castle Women's Institute, Rowlands Castle Association and the U3A.

A public exhibition was held in the Parish Hall in February 2017 and it was addressed by the Chairman of the Parish Council. The EHDC Head of Planning, and the South Downs National Park Community Officer also addressed the meeting and took questions. Display Boards about Neighbourhood Planning were positioned around the meeting room. Ninety-eight residents attended and they were each asked to complete a form indicating whether or not they would support development of a Neighbourhood Plan and if they would help with its preparation.

A report on the Consultation demonstrated that there was overwhelming support for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, with 107 of the 110 respondents being in favour.

1.2 Decision to proceed with a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan – 23rd March 2017

See '[Decision to proceed with a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan – 23rd March 2017](#)'

At an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 23rd March 2017, it was resolved to proceed with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Rowlands Castle Parish, and to seek designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area from East Hants District Council (EHDC) and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).

2. Consultations before Regulation 14

See '[Consultations before Regulation 14](#)'

2.1 Neighbourhood Area Designation by EHDC and SDNPA – April 2017

See '[Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Area Designation confirmation by EHDC and the SDNPA – April 2017](#)'

In April 2017, both EHDC and the SDNPA confirmed the designation of the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Area. This is the area of the civil parish of Rowlands Castle and includes the hamlets of Finchdean and Idsworth.

2.2 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group formation

See '[Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group formation](#)'

Draft Terms of Reference of what was then referred to as a 'Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee' (NPSC) had been agreed in principle by Rowlands Castle Parish Council at its meeting on 8th May 2017, and they were subject to approval by the NPSC at its inaugural meeting.

A Neighbourhood Plan public meeting was held in the Parish Hall on 15th May 2017 and the purpose of the meeting was to establish the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. Members of the Committee were appointed, but there have since been some changes. At its meeting on 2nd October 2017, the Parish Council approved the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

2.3 Determination of policies

At its meeting on [5th September 2017](#), the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group set up the following [Working Groups](#) and defined their roles:

- Communications
- Spatial Strategy
- Development Needs
- Environment and Landscape
- Community Facilities and Infrastructure

A [Draft Vision Statement](#) was prepared during and after the Steering Group meeting on [5th September 2017](#) and this was finalised at its meeting on [16th January 2018](#)

Drafts of the following 15 policies prepared by the Working Groups were presented to the Steering Group meeting on [7th August 2018](#) (see Annex 1)

- Settlement Policy Boundary
- Protected Gaps/Coalescence
- Residential Development in the Countryside
- Allocation of land for Housing
- Design and Development Characteristics
- Affordable Housing
- Over 55's Housing
- Rural Exception sites
- Small scale development in the Settlement Policy Boundary
- Business provision
- Flooding
- Community Facilities
- Local Green Spaces and Open Spaces
- Landscape and views
- Historic Environment

As the project progressed, these 15 were reduced into the 11 policies in the current Neighbourhood Plan on which subsequent consultations have taken place. Several policies were removed after the consultation with EHDC referred to in the next section. Because of their advice that the Neighbourhood Plan should not allocate sites for development, and the results of the **2.8 Rowlands Castle Housing Needs Survey (October and November 2018)** , the following policies were removed:

- Settlement Policy Boundary
- Residential Development in the Countryside
- Allocation of land for Housing
- Rural Exception Sites
- Affordable Housing
- Business Provision
- Small scale development in the Settlement Policy Boundary

As a result of subsequent consultations, the following policies were added, the wording of all policies was amended and some were re-named:

- Rowlands Castle Village Centre
- Parking
- Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding Access

2.4 Consultation by EHDC on the allocation of sites for housing in the emerging EHDC Local Plan

At a meeting on 7th August 2018 of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and officers from EHDC and the SDNPA it was stated that in their then emerging Local Plan (2017-2036), EHDC would keep strong control of “strategic” matters, of which housing allocation would be the key (and possible only) one. They would be identifying sites for development, but they would not allocate numbers to those areas. Both authorities indicated that, because of the risks of not achieving their overall housing requirement, they would not allow individual NPs to allocate their own sites in case they failed to meet their allocation. Significant risks would be involved if NPs decided to challenge EHDC/SDNPA allocated sites and select their own. Both the authorities and NP sites would go to examination in public and the risk was that **all** sites would be accepted.

See fourth bulleted point in minutes of meeting at [7th August 2018](#)

To assist with their emerging Local Plan (2017-2036) EHDC held a workshop for representatives of Rowlands Castle, Clanfield and Horndean Parishes in 2018, and several members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group attended. At the workshop, EHDC Planning Policy Officers presented maps showing areas in the three parishes which had been offered for development during the preceding ‘Call for Sites’. Ten parcels of land in the parish of Rowlands Castle had been offered. The Rowlands Castle representatives were asked to give their order of preference for development of these sites, and they also informed the EHDC of factors and constraints (e.g. access) that should be considered when allocating sites in the Local Plan.

EHDC published a ‘Land Availability Assessment’ (LAA) in December 2018 which evaluated these ten sites and categorised six of them as ‘developable’ and four as ‘undevelopable’. See LAA pages 611 to 641.

The EHDC draft Local Plan (2017-2036) (Regulation 18) was submitted for consultation during February and March 2019. This allocated three of the ‘developable’ sites:

- Site SA39 – 50 dwellings – timeframe: 2033/34 – 2035/36

- Site SA40 – 50 to 60 dwellings – timeframe: 2034/35 – 2035/36
- Site SA41– 100 to 115 dwellings – timeframe: 2033/34 – 2035/36

These were the first three in the order of preference given by representatives of Rowlands Castle.

These are listed on page 132 of the EHDC draft Local Plan, and this also refers to Site SA38 (for 106 dwellings) which had already been granted planning permission, and which has since been developed.

Part of Site SA33 (Land East of Horndean) is within the Rowlands Castle Parish and that part would provide between 100 and 150 dwellings. This site was granted Outline Planning permission (EHDC Reference 55562/005) on 23rd December 2021.

It is because sites within the Rowlands Castle Parish ('Neighbourhood Area') for between 300 and 425 dwellings have been allocated for development, or have already been given planning permission, that the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any sites for housing development.

2.5 Consultations with EHDC and SDNPA

See [**'APPENDIX B – MEETINGS WITH EHDC AND SDNPA BEFORE REGULATION 14'**](#)

Following formation of the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), meetings were held with EHDC and SDNPA in July and October 2017 to establish working links, and the assistance and advice available from the two authorities. Subsequent meetings were held in February and August 2018 to seek guidance and the timing of proceeding with the NP was discussed. The NPSG was represented at a Land Availability Assessment Workshop in October 2018 to review and advise on new housing development sites in RC Parish being considered for inclusion in the EHDC LP. The NPSG was also represented at an EHDC Local Plan (LP) briefing in January 2019, and at an LP Consultation event in Rowlands Castle in February 2019. A further EHDC/SDNPA meeting was held in April 2019 and there was some email correspondence to raise queries about NP content and evidence. At another such meeting in August 2020 EHDC again drew attention to their LP programme and links with the NP programme, and SDNPA gave an update on availability of their planning documents and information. Subsequent meetings were held in May 2021, and in February and September 2022 to discuss the draft RCNP content. The comments raised by the two authorities mainly concerned inclusion of further evidence to support the policies 1. Gaps Between Settlements, 2. Landscape Character and Views, 3. Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces, and 4. Historic Environment, and some clarification of wording in other policies. These comments were considered by the NPSG, and the draft NP was amended accordingly. EHDC was consulted on establishing the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA), and in May 2022 produced a Screening Determination that these were not required for the RCNP.

2.6 Comments on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan received from EHDC

See [**'Comments on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan received from EHDC'**](#)

At various stages EHDC suggested aligning production of the RCNP with the programme for producing the EHDC LP. Having started the plan, RCNPSG preferred to proceed with its production, accepting that a review might be necessary following adoption of the EHDC LP. The RCNPSG continued to liaise with EHDC and to monitor and take account of development of the emerging LP. EHDC raised a number of detailed comments on policies as above, and covered consistency with the EHDC/SDNPA Joint Core Strategy, provision of further evidence and clarification of the text for some policies, e.g., reference to Class E provisions in Policy 7, RC Village Centre. These were considered, discussed with EHDC as

necessary, and the NP amended. EHDC also provided advice and assistance with land ownership, Non-Designated Heritage Assets, and provision of maps.

2.7 Comments on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan received from SDNPA

See '[Comments on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan received from SDNPA](#)'

SDNPA raised inclusion of views aspects in Policy 1 and specific comments on evidence for identified Local Green Spaces in Policy 3, as well as suggesting improvements to the clarity, consistency and presentation of the NP content. Again, all these comments were considered, discussed with SDNPA, and the NP updated with amendments.

2.8 Rowlands Castle Housing Needs Survey (October and November 2018)

See '[Rowlands Castle Housing Needs Survey \(2018\)](#)'

A questionnaire was distributed to the 1,376 households in the Rowlands Castle Parish and 376 responses were received. The survey was also publicised on the Rowlands Castle Parish Council Facebook page on

[15th October 2018](#) and on [8th December 2018](#)

The survey indicates that over the next 15 years there will be a significant supply of 4+ Bed Large Houses and a shortage of Flats/Apartments, 1-2 Bed Houses, Bungalows and Sheltered/Retirement Accommodation.

There is limited land available for new development within the Rowlands Castle Village settlement boundary to satisfy the demand for 1-2 bed units suitable for over 55s.

There could however be available a significant number of larger units that could be converted or redeveloped into several 1-2 bed units that could satisfy the demand.

A policy that encouraged the redevelopment or adaption of larger units would deal with both the surplus of larger units and provide the smaller units suitable for over 55s in locations that would enable them to continue their life in the village.

2.9 Consultation with Rowlands Castle Historical Society

See '[Consultation with Rowlands Castle Historical Society](#)'

In June 2019 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group met a representative of the [Rowlands Castle Historical Society](#) to review the historical information provided by the Society and identify what should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. It had previously been agreed that a policy on the Historical Environment was necessary in the Neighbourhood Plan, but the content still had to be decided, based on issues specific to Rowlands Castle that were not already covered in the EHDC or SDNPA Local Plans.

Listed buildings did not need to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan as they are already protected by existing legislation.

The Historical Society had prepared a document listing 'Non-designated Heritage Assets' which are much valued by residents and particularly reflect the character and history of the village, and it was agreed that these should form the basis for inclusion in in Neighbourhood Plan Policy 4 (Non-designated Heritage Assets).

2.10 Consultation on residents' favourite views around the Parish

See '[Consultation on residents' favourite views around the Parish](#)'

and [APPENDIX A – RESPONSES TO ROWLANDS CASTLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ONLINE SURVEY BEFORE](#)

REGULATION 14

To inform Neighbourhood Plan Policy 2 (Landscape Character and Views), the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group obtained residents input on two occasions. In the first residents were invited to nominate their favourite views, together with the reason for liking the particular view, via the Rowlands Castle 'Grapevine' (an e-mail distribution list which reaches about 900 recipients) on [23rd September 2020](#), with nominations open from 23rd September 2020 to 30th October 2020. The second consultation was via the [2.11 Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan On-line Survey \(3rd June 2021 to 30th July 2021\)](#) in which residents were asked 'What views do you like in Rowlands Castle Parish' (question 4). Details of the view selection methodology are available in the [Rowlands Castle Locally Significant Views Report](#).

In broad terms the proposed views were screened using the following criteria, (1) They should be visible from a location accessible to the public, (2) They should show locally important features or illustrate how the landscape informs local character and (3) They should be of high visual amenity.

Views meeting all three of the above criteria were scored using the following characteristics (i) Shows a key landmark or historic features, (ii) Illustrates a particular landscape feature, (iii) Shows a feature that informs the character of the local residential centres, (iv) Is a noted viewpoint and/or has high visual amenity and (v) Is considered important by residents. Views scoring two or more were included in Policy 2.

2.11 Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan On-line Survey (3rd June 2021 to 30th July 2021)

This consultation was publicised by Grapevine (the e-mail distribution system which reaches about 900 people in the Parish) and by posts to the Rowlands Castle Parish Council Facebook page on [9th June 2021](#) and on [21st June 2021](#). It took the form of an on-line 'Survey Monkey' questionnaire which was accessible from the Rowlands Castle Parish Council web site. Here is a link to the questionnaire:

[Survey Questionnaire](#)

For the responses to the Survey see '[APPENDIX A – RESPONSES TO ROWLANDS CASTLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ONLINE SURVEY BEFORE](#)

REGULATION 14'

2.12 Strategic Environmental Assessment/ Habitats Regulation Assessment

See '[APPENDIX E - STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / HABITATS REGULATION ASSESSMENT'](#)

In October 2021 Rowlands Castle Parish Council asked EHDC to screen the neighbourhood plan under the SEA and the HRA Regulations. In April 2022, following receipt of the comments of the three consultation bodies (Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England), EHDC replied that the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment of the Rowlands Castle neighbourhood plan are not required as the plan is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental effects.

2.13 Consultations with land owners (Policies 1 and 3)

See '[Consultation with land owners \(Policies 1 and 3\)](#)

Between January and March 2022 letters were sent to owners of the following:

- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) – 11 owners
- Local Green Space (Policy 3) – 5 owners which excludes Rowlands Castle Parish Council which owns 5 other of these Spaces and to whom no letter was sent

- Protected Open Space (Policy 3) – 6 owners which excludes Rowlands Castle Parish Council which owns 4 other of these Spaces and to whom no letter was sent
- Local Green Space and Protected Open Space (Policy 3) – 1 owner
- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) and a Local Green Space – 1 owner

The letters informed these 24 owners of land which is designated in these policies, and invited them to submit comments.

Here is a summary of the six responses received. None of these land owners objected to their land being designated as a 'Local Green Space' or 'Protected Open Space'

- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) – 11 owners
 - Responses from two owners were received:
 - Southern Co-op confirmed ownership of the land, acknowledged the Strategic Gap and confirmed they have no plans to develop on this site and that it will remain as woodland.
 - The agent for the owner of one area of land (known as 'Comley Bottom') in the 'Gap' confirmed ownership by his client. He described this area as 'permanent pasture with an overstorey of Poplar in part' and noted that unlike other 'gap land' which is designated as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland, this area is not so designated, and wondered if it should be excluded from the 'gap'.
- Local Green Space (Policy 3) – 5 owners
 - Responses from three owners were received:
 - The agent for the owner of the land to the west of Bridleway 24 replied that his client would not object to the Oaklands Woodland SINC ref. EH/0247 being designated as a 'Local Green Space' and/or a 'Protected Open Space' in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
 - The agent for the owner of the land to the east of Bridleway 24 stated that this area is already substantially covered with trees which were planted by his clients in about 2009/2010. He stated that they have no objections to the proposal of the Neighbourhood Plan to create a "Local Green Space" here. It is not an area of land where they have any development proposals.
 - Hampshire County Council did not object to the Land between Church on the Green and Redhill Road being designated as a Local Green Space.
- Protected Open Space (Policy 3) – 6 owners
 - Only one response was received and that was by a telephone call to the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 17th February 2022. That call was from the agent acting for the Management Company of the estate containing Protected Open Spaces on Woodlands Avenue and he stated that he had no objection to these designations. The agent also sent a Conveyance plan for the estate which shows these Spaces.
- Local Green Space and Protected Open Space (Policy 3) - 1 owner
 - No response was received from this owner (East Hampshire District Council)
- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) and a Local Green Space - 1 owner
 - No response was received from this owner (Portsmouth City Council)

Details of the comments made by each of these consultees, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan are shown in 'Part 2 – Landowners' of this [Report](#)

2.14 Consultations with owners of non-designated Heritage Assets (Policy 4)

See '[Consultation with owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets \(Policy 4\)](#)'

In February 2022, 23 letters were sent to owners of the assets listed in the Table for Policy 4 in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Responses were received from 6 of the owners. Only one objected, and following discussion, and with the owner's agreement, part of their property was removed from the policy. Other responses were supportive of the Policy, and sought further information which was provided.

Details of the comments made by each of these owners, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan are shown in 'Part 3 – Non designated Heritage Assets' of this [Report](#)

2.15 Consultations with Rowlands Castle Parish businesses

See [Consultations with Rowlands Castle Parish organisations and businesses](#)

Interviews of 15 businesses (13 in the Rowlands Castle ward, and 2 in the Finchdean ward) were conducted by members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group between January 2021 and March 2022. Before each interview, an invitation was sent to the representatives of the businesses, explaining why the Neighbourhood Plan was needed, and giving the objectives of each of the policies. A questionnaire containing 8 questions was also sent to each business. Comments on each of policies were also obtained during these consultations.

The following table summarises the key issues and other matters raised during discussion of the questionnaire and shows how they are, or are not, addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan:

Issue	Comments
Parking:	
Additional Parking for customers and staff required near the village centre	This issue is addressed in Policy 8 (Parking) paragraph 2 which states: 'Additional car parking provision to serve the village centre and railway station will be encouraged provided it is appropriately located having regard to the character of the area'.
Car parks in business premises and the surgery are used by people who are not customers or patients.	
Delivery vehicles can sometimes experience difficulties in finding a parking space.	
Parking restrictions (e.g. 30 minutes waiting time) are not sufficiently enforced.	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan

Flooding:	
This are occasional occurrences of flooding in Finchdean, outside the village surgery, and at the junction of Bowes Hill and The Green	This issue is addressed in Policy 9 (Flood risk and groundwater management) addresses this issue.
Speeding:	
This is dangerous and can also prevent motorists from seeing certain business premises	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan
Electric vehicle charging points:	
More are required around the village	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan but will be recorded in the Community Aspirations report.
Insufficient properties for residents wishing to downsize:	
	This has been addressed in Policy 6.
Need for more visible business signage and posters:	
	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The placement of advertisements is controlled by the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations. Special consideration would have to be taken because most of the businesses are in the Rowlands Castle Conservation Area.
Bank:	
Whilst the Post Office is very helpful, it would be good to have a bank in the village again because the business has to go weekly to a bank in Havant since the Lloyds branch in the village closed.	This matter cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan but it will be recorded in the Community Aspirations report.
Business Premises in Finchdean:	
The owner of a business in Finchdean would like to have a larger site for the business	No available land could be identified in the Parish to accommodate this requirement.

All of the businesses made favourable and no un-favourable comments for the eleven Neighbourhood Plan policies and did not suggest that there should be any other policies.

2.16 Consultations with Rowlands Castle Parish organisations

See '[Consultations with Rowlands Castle Parish organisations and businesses](#)'

Interviews of six organisations (U3A, WI, Rowlands Castle Association, Tennis Club, Golf Club, Castle United Football Club), in the parish were conducted by members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group between January 2021 and March 2022. Before each interview, an invitation was sent to the representatives of the organisation, explaining why the Neighbourhood Plan was needed, and giving the objectives of each of the policies. A questionnaire containing nine questions was also sent to each organisation.

The following table summarises the key issues raised during discussion of the questionnaire and shows how they are, or are not, addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan:

Issue	Comments
Parking:	
Insufficient parking space in the centre of the village	This issue is addressed in Policy 8 (Parking) paragraph 2
Parking required in Links Close	This issue is addressed in Policy 8 (Parking) paragraph 3
Sites for additional parking could be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the station area • Land adjacent to the telephone exchange at the corner of Bowes Hill and the road leading to the railway station • Land adjoining the Parish Hall between it and the entrance to the Golf Club, with access off Links Lane • Land at the junction of Woodberry Lane and Finchdean Road • A plot of land to the south of Woodberry Lane at its junction with Glendale 	These sites cannot be referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan because they have not been offered by the owners. They are included in the 'Community Aspirations' report.
Parking spaces for disabled persons should be provided near the village shops and the surgery	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan, but in Spring 2022, three such spaces were marked out on the roadway.
Signage to the parking area in the recreation ground should be provided.	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan, but the Parish Council is already arranging for this.
Because of parking problems, it has become much too regular that tradesmen are parking on the Rowlands Castle Village Green to deliver their heavy goods because they could not find another space.	The Neighbourhood Plan cannot directly address the issue of vehicles parking on the Village Green.
The 'new' developments in the Parish do not have enough space for car parking so cars are parked on pavements. This is particularly the case on the new development on Bailey Road.	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan. New developments have to comply with the EHDC and SDNPA Residential Vehicle Parking Standards.
Traffic (speeding, volume, safety and management):	
Too many drivers and HGV trucks use the roads through the village as a 'rat run'. They should take alternative routes and avoid the village.	These issues cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan, but they will be included in the 'Community Aspirations' report.
Designated crossing points should be installed at a number of locations in the village.	
Concerns about the existing traffic issues, and that any further housing development would exacerbate these issues	
At each entry point to Rowlands Castle, there should be sited a white gate by the side of the road as already exists on Finchdean Rd	
Impose a 20mph speed limit on roads close to dwellings and the village primary school	
Implement measures to reduce speed of vehicles approaching Bowes Hill from Woodhouse Lane	

<p>There are particular problems for cars trying to turn right onto Manor Lodge Road. from Castle Road. and Mallard Road, especially at rush hours These problems will worsen as a result of the Land East of Horndean and Havant Thicket Reservoir developments. The installation of part-time traffic lights at the end of Castle Rd would ameliorate this problem and provide a downstream effect aid to the problem for Mallard Road</p>	
<p>Sports Facilities:</p>	
<p>The following should be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A running track around the recreation ground • Illumination of tennis court in the recreation ground • A hard playing surface for hockey, skate-boarding and rugby • A tennis wall near the tennis court in the recreation ground • A Green Bowls club 	<p>These suggestions cannot be included in the Neighbourhood Plan, but they will be included in the 'Community Aspirations' report.</p>
<p>Affordable Housing:</p>	
<p>There is some need for affordable housing for younger people some of whom cannot afford to move back into RC village.</p>	<p>The Rowlands Castle Housing Needs Survey 2018 was sent to all the residents in the Parish and no real affordable requirement was identified. Affordable housing has however been made available as part of existing recent residential development in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was advised by EHDC to not allocate any sites for development, and there is a strong indication that more sites for development in the Parish will be allocated in an emerging Local Plan and it is expected that these will have to include affordable housing. Outline Planning Permission has been given for the Land East of Horndean development which includes about 150 dwellings in the Rowlands Castle Parish. The current EHDC Local Plan would require 40% of these to be affordable.</p>
<p>More affordable housing for the over 60s is required within walking distance of the village centre</p>	<p>The Rowlands Castle Housing Needs Survey 2018 was sent to all the residents in the Parish and no real affordable requirement was identified although Policy 6 provides the opportunity for more housing suitable for over 50's be provided.</p>

Future Building Developments:	
There has already been much new building development and any extra planned should be reduced to a minimum.	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood plan
Shared mini-bus:	
A shared mini-bus for use by the community should be provided	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood plan. It will be included in the Community Aspirations report.

All of the organisations made favourable and no un-favourable comments for the eleven Neighbourhood Plan policies and did not suggest that there should be any other policies.

2.17 Rowlands Castle Village Fair exhibitions – 2017 2018, 2019 and 2021

See ‘ [Rowlands Castle Village Fair exhibitions – 2017 and 2021](#) ’

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had a stall at the July 2017, 2018, 2019 and September 2021 village fairs with Group members present between 10am and 5pm. A village fair was not held in 2020. At the first two fairs the displays described the benefits of having a Plan, what it can and cannot do, and invited questions and engagement. At the 2019 fair visitors could see progress being made and make comments. For the 2021 fair copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan, were available and visitors could discuss it with members of the Group, and comment on aspects of the Parish important to them. Much interest was shown at all the fairs, and there was general support for the proposed content.

Topics visitors raised included:

- The importance of community life.
- The Village Green.
- The Recreation Ground.
- Facilities in the Village Centre were highly valued as was the surrounding countryside and the rural nature of the Parish.
- Concern was often raised about insufficient parking in the centre,
- Concern about the large amount of recent new housing development in RC village and the increased traffic this was generating.
- There was a strong desire to maintain the distinct character of the settlements, well separated from neighbouring settlements.
- There was interest in maintaining heritage assets,
- Concern about flooding in the Parish.

2.18 Informing residents of progress of the Neighbourhood Plan

The residents of Rowlands Castle have been kept informed since Winter 2016 of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, by articles published in the Rowlands Castle ‘Village and Valley’ magazine which is published three times a year, and in the local free newspaper ‘The Border Times’.

See ‘ [Articles in Rowlands Castle ‘Village and Valley’ Magazine](#) , and ‘ [Article in ‘The Border Times’ local newspaper](#) ’

Presentations about the Neighbourhood Plan were also given at Rowlands Castle Annual Parish meetings.

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Presentations to Rowlands Castle Annual Parish Meetings

2.19 Decision to proceed to Regulation 14 – 7th March 2022

On 7th March 2022, Rowlands Castle Parish Council agreed that the draft Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to Public Consultation (Regulation 14). See Item 4 in the minutes at:

[Rowlands Castle Parish Council's agreement to proceed to Reg 14](#)

3. Regulation 14 Consultation

See '[Regulation 14 Consultation](#)'

3.1 Decision on date of Public Consultation – 17th June 2022 to 14th August 2022

See '[Decision on date of Public Consultation](#)'

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group decided that the Public Consultation would take place from 17th June 2022 to 14th August 2022, a period of 8 weeks, and that the Public Exhibition would be held on 23rd and 24th July 2022 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

3.2 Regulation 14 Questionnaire

[Questionnaire for Regulation 14 Consultation June 2022](#) was prepared for members of the public to record their comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The comments made by each of these consultees, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan have been grouped into the following parts:

1. Statutory Consultees
2. Landowners
3. Owners of Non-designated historical assets
4. Individuals living in the Parish
5. Individuals living outside the Parish
6. Organisations
7. Local or other Businesses
8. General Comments
9. Further Policies

These comments made to each of these parts are shown in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#) and further information is included in sections 3.6 to 3.14 below.

3.3 Publicity for Regulation 14 Public Consultation

See '[Publicity for Regulation 14 Public Consultation](#)' and '[APPENDIX D – SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLICITY OF THE REGULATION 14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION](#)'

This Consultation was widely publicised throughout the parish in ways including the following:

- A 'flyer' was delivered by hand by volunteers to all dwellings (approximately 1,500) in the parish.
- Printed copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan (including the Settlement Character Assessment) were made available for browsing in the Bumblebee Café (adjoining the village green), The George at Finchdean, Church on The Green and St John's Church Centre and St. John's Church. Printed questionnaires were also available at these locations.

- Printed copies were also available in the Parish Office.
- A banner (approximately 1 metre high and 3 metres wide) was attached to the wall along the southern boundary of Rowlands Castle village green.
- The Rowlands Castle Parish Council web site home page gave a very prominent link to the Neighbourhood Plan web page which gave full details of the Consultation including links to the Neighbourhood Plan, Settlement Character Assessment, Evidence and Consultation Documents, and the Questionnaire, and addresses (e-mail and postal) of where completed questionnaires could be sent, and dates of the Public Exhibition.
- Social media was also used. This included Facebook and the Rowlands Castle 'Grapevine' an e-mail distribution list which reaches about 900 recipients. The 'Public Consultation' was announced on these media on 17th June 2022 and reminders were also published via these media on 15th, 22nd and 23rd July, and 4th, 10th and 13th August.

A summarised version of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies (29 pages) was published to the Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan web page on 4th August and this was publicised via social media on 4th August. This was in response to comments by residents that the complete Neighbourhood Plan (50 pages) took too long to review. Before publishing this summarised version, advice was sought from our Planning Consultant.

3.4 Rowlands Castle Village Fair Neighbourhood Plan exhibition – 2nd July 2022

See '[Rowlands Castle Village Fair exhibition](#)'

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had a stall at the village fair (from 10am to 4pm) where visitors could see copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and its supporting documents, discuss it with members of the Group, and complete printed copies of the questionnaire. This was during the Regulation 14 Public Consultation period.

Topics raised by visitors included:

- The importance of maintaining the rural identity and sense of place of Rowlands Castle through separation from neighbouring settlements.
- The value placed on protecting the Conservation Area, and the Village Green in particular.
- Support for maintaining the Recreation Ground and other local green spaces and open spaces.
- Appreciation of the facilities available in the village centre but the pressure on parking near the centre.
- The need for residents to downsize to retirement property.
- There was much interest in the role and influence of a NP, and in the Settlement Character Assessment produced in support of the Plan.
- Deep appreciation of the landscape, character and views of the countryside within the Parish and the recreation it affords.

3.5 Public Exhibition – 23rd and 24th July 2022

See '[Public Exhibition](#)'

Having been widely publicised by flyers delivered to each household in the Parish, on posters, on the RC Parish website and via social media, the Public Exhibition was held in the large room at the Parish Hall from 10am to 4pm on 23rd and 24th July 2022. Posters containing copies of each policy and maps were displayed around the room, and printed copies of the Neighbourhood Plan (including the Settlement Character Assessment), Parish Plan, Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment were available to attendees. Printed copies of the consultation questionnaire were also available for attendees to complete and submit while at the exhibition or later.

Two representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and one Parish Councillor were present throughout the exhibition to answer any questions raised by attendees. The Exhibition was attended by over one hundred people some of whom submitted completed questionnaires while at the Exhibition. Others took questionnaires away to complete.

The topics raised by attendees during discussions with Steering Group representatives and Parish Councillors, included:

- The importance of maintaining separation between Havant/Emsworth and Rowlands Castle.
- The value placed on protecting open spaces and local green spaces,
- The pressure on parking near the RC village centre,
- The need for residents to downsize to retirement property.
- Flooding issues were raised, as was the aspiration to establish a Heritage Centre.
- Inclusion of Heritage Assets was discussed.

Overall, there was much interest in the role and influence of a NP, and specific interest in the impact and consistency of some of the wording.

3.6 Consultation with Statutory Consultees

See '[Consultations with Statutory Consultees](#)' and

APPENDIX [C – STATUTORY CONSULTTEES FOR REGULATION 14](#)

In June and July 2022, before the start of the Public Consultation, letters were sent to the 42 Statutory Consultees. The letters gave full details of the Public Consultation, i.e. dates of consultation, dates of public exhibition, address of web site which provided links to the Neighbourhood Plan and Questionnaire, and address to which responses could be submitted.

Responses were received from 12 of these consultees, and replies were sent to each of these. Of those that replied, only the following suggested changes to the Neighbourhood Plan:

- East Hampshire District Council
- South Downs National Park Authority
- Historic England
- Rowlands Castle Heritage Centre
- St. John the Baptist Church, Rowlands Castle
- Portsmouth Water

The responses from EHDC and SDNPA were discussed at a meeting with EHDC and SDNPA and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in September 2022. The Steering Group met Portsmouth Water on 24th November to discuss Portsmouth Water's response. The comments made by each of these consultees, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan are shown in 'Part 1 – Statutory Consultees' in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#)

3.7 Consultation with land owners (Policies 1 and 3)

See '[Consultation with land owners \(Policies 1 and 3\)](#)'

In June and July 2022, before the start of the Public Consultation, letters were sent to the same owners referred to earlier of the following land, that had been sent letters between January and March 2022, before the decision to proceed to the Regulation 14 consultation:

- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) – 11 owners
- Local Green Space (Policy 3) – 5 owners which excludes Rowlands Castle Parish Council which owns 5 other of these Spaces and to whom no letter was sent

- Protected Open Space (Policy 3) – 6 owners which excludes Rowlands Castle Parish Council which owns 4 other of these Spaces and to whom no letter was sent
- Local Green Space and Protected Open Space (Policy 3) – 1 owner
- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) and a Local Green Space – 1 owner

The letters informed the owners in which of these policies their land or property was designated, and gave full details of the Public Consultation, i.e. dates of consultation, dates of public exhibition, address of web site which provided links to the Neighbourhood Plan and Questionnaire, and address to which responses could be submitted.

No replies to the Regulation 14 Consultation were received from owners of the following:

- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1)
- Protected Open Space (Policy 3)
- Local Green Space and Protected Open Space (Policy 3)
- Land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) and a Local Green Space (Policy 3)

The only response to the Regulation 14 Consultation received was from the agent acting for one of the owners of land designated as a 'Local Green Space (Policy 3). See [Response from owner of land in a Local Green Space](#) and [Questionnaire Response to landowner](#).

The landowner did not disagree with any of the policies, and no changes to the policies are required.

Comments made by Landowners before the start of the Regulation 14 Consultation, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan are contained in 'Part 2 – Landowners' of [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#)

3.8 Consultation with owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets (Policy 4)

See ['Consultation with owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets \(Policy 4\)](#)

In June 2022, before the start of the Public Consultation, further letters were sent to owners of properties included in the Policy 4 Table, that had been sent letters in February 2022 (prior to the decision to proceed to the Regulation 14 consultation).

The letters gave full details of the Public Consultation, i.e. dates of consultation, dates of public exhibition, address of web site which provided links to the Neighbourhood Plan and Questionnaire, and address to which responses could be submitted.

The only response received to the Regulation 14 Consultation was an email objecting to inclusion of one property in the Policy Table. An email reply was sent giving further information about the NP. A member of the NPSG visited the owners of the property to discuss this further and the owners sent the NPSG an e-mail on 7th December 2022 confirming their agreement to the property being retained in Policy 4.

Comments made by owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets before the start of the Regulation 14 Consultation, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan are contained in 'Part 3 - Non-designated Heritage Assets' of [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#)

3.9 Consultation with individuals living in the Parish

'Part 4 – Individuals living in the Parish' in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#) contains the comments made by each of these individuals, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

120 individuals submitted comments, and the list below shows the proportion of the individuals who supported each policy:

- Policy 1 – 98.35%
- Policy 2 – 99.17%
- Policy 3 – 98.35%
- Policy 4 – 98.35%
- Policy 5 – 99.17%
- Policy 6 – 99.17%
- Policy 7 – 99.17%
- Policy 8 – 96.69%
- Policy 9 – 99.17%
- Policy 10 -98.35%
- Policy 11 -99.17%

3.10 Consultation with individuals living outside the Parish

'Part 5 – Individuals living outside the Parish' in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#) contains the comments made by each of the three individuals, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The list below shows the number of these who supported each policy:

- Policy 1 - 3
- Policy 2 - 3
- Policy 3 - 3
- Policy 4 - 3
- Policy 5 – 3
- Policy 6 - 2
- Policy 7- 2
- Policy 8 - 2
- Policy 9 - 2
- Policy 10 - 2
- Policy 11- 2

3.11 Consultation with organisations

'Part 6 – Organisations' in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#) contains comments made by the three organisations who submitted comments, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

3.12 Consultation with local or other businesses

No comments were received from Local or other businesses.

3.13 General comments made during Regulation 14 Consultation

'Part 8 – General Comments' in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#) contains the general comments made, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

3.14 Further Policies suggested during Regulation 14 Consultation

'Part 9 – Further Policies' in [Regulation 14 Consultation Responses](#) contains the suggestions made, the response by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and any changes proposed to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

3.15 Changes made to Neighbourhood Plan as a result of the Regulation 14 Consultation

This section summarises the changes made to the Neighbourhood Plan for each of the Policies and other sections.

- **Introduction, Vision & Objectives**

Following receipt of comments from East Hampshire District Council and from the South Downs National Park Authority during the Regulation 14 Consultation, the Introduction has been amended to expand the Strategy section. This includes taking account of the Purposes and Duty of the National Park. Other amendments to sections in the Introduction have been included to clarify the status of the various plans mentioned, including that the Neighbourhood Plan is currently in draft form and will only come into effect when finally adopted. The Vision remains unchanged, a minor amendment has been made to one of the Objectives to provide a more positive stance.

- **Policy 1 – Gaps between Settlements**

This policy has been amended as follows in response to comments from EHDC and SDNPA:

- Some of the justification for the Gap which is included in the 'Gaps between Settlements Evidence Paper' has been added to the Policy Objectives' section.
- A Policy Objective to protect important landscape and ecological features of the land between Rowlands Castle and Havant has been added.
 - The Policy has been amended to refer to prevention of coalescence, and the need to protect the landscape and ecological features.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes

- **Policy 2 – Landscape Character and Views**

Policy changes were made in response to comments from East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority, both with regards to the inclusion of Ecological Network Opportunity Areas (ENOAs) and associated mapping within the policy. Both felt that more justification was needed with the SDNPA suggesting that a biodiversity policy would be a better location for ENOA's if it was felt that inclusion was necessary. The ENOA's had been included at an early stage in the policy drafting and, on review, it was felt that continued inclusion was no longer justified and reference to them has been deleted from the policy. One organisation – BJC Planning – questioned the location of View B2; the location was correct but the view title has been amended to remove possible confusion as to location.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes.

- **Policy 3 – Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces**

In response to comments from the South Downs National Park Authority, the following changes were made:

- The 'Policy Objectives' section was updated to explain the reasons for designating some spaces as 'Local Green', and others as 'Protected Open'.
- To provide further justification for the Local Green Space identified as 'Wooded Area along the western and eastern sides of Shipwrights Way/Staunton Way (HCC Bridleway 24) (from Whichers Gate Road to The Drift)', the table 'Compliance of Local Green Space designations with NPPF (2021) Paragraph 102' was amended to show that this area is bounded by a SINC and Ancient Woodland, that it is designated as 'Priority Habitat Inventory – Deciduous Woodland (England)', and that it is an (Ecological) 'Network Opportunity Area'.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes.

- **Policy 4 – Historic Environment – Non-designated Heritage**

Minor policy changes were made in response to comments from Historic England to include reference to the Local Landscape Character Assessment (2012) and to clarify that both designated and non-designated heritage assets were to be conserved and enhanced. Representatives of St John's church made several comments (i) including a photograph of the church would be desirable and (ii) that it would be desirable to add reference to the Commonwealth War Graves and graves of relatives of Jane Austen in the church graveyard. These have been done. One resident suggested that the nature of some of the heritage assets could be better defined. Though only a single comment the descriptions have been clarified as far as is reasonably possible.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes.

- **Policy 5 – Design and Local Character**

Both East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority noted that the policy scope implied by the title and by the policy text were somewhat different with the title suggesting a narrower 'housing only' scope while the text suggested the policy would cover all development design. The SDNPA suggested removing 'Housing' from the title, the EHDC suggested narrowing the scope of the policies. It was considered that removing 'Housing' from the policy title better matched the policy intent and this has been done.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes.

- **Policy 6 – Over 55's housing**

The extent of the Settlement Policy Boundary was clarified by referring to Map 16 defining the area concerned.

- **Policy 7 – Rowlands Castle Village Centre**

The wording of the policy was expanded to clarify that it could not control permitted changes of use such as under the new Use Class Order effective 1st September 2020. It was also modified so that it applied to all developments.

The requirements as to design were removed as this is already controlled by Policy 5.

- **Policy 8 – Parking**

The South Downs Parking Supplementary Planning Document is included in the relationship to other policies section.

- **Policy 9 – Flood Risk and Groundwater Management**

Southern Water requested that the policy include a provision preventing the connection of surface water drainage into the foul or combined sewer network; this was added to the policy.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes.

- **Policy 10 – Community and Sports Facilities**

In response to comments made by individuals living in the Parish, the following changes were made:

- Paragraph 1 of the policy states 'will be supported subject to amenity conditions being satisfied' instead of 'will be supported'.
- The condition 'or is no longer viable' has been added to paragraph 2 of the policy
- In the Table listing the facilities, now refers to built structures on the Recreation Ground instead of the Recreation Ground as a whole. This is to avoid a possible conflict with the Recreation Ground being designated as a 'Local Green Space' in Policy 3.
- Paragraph 3 has been added and it refers to the Settlement Character Assessment and Village Design Statement.

No comments on this policy were made by East Hants District Council or the South Downs National Park Authority.

- **Policy 11 – Walking, Cycling and Horse-Riding Access**

In response to comments from the South Downs National Park authority, the following changes were made:

- The word 'promote' was removed from Criterion 2 of the policy.
- The term 'where appropriate' was added to Criterion 3 of the policy.

No other comments were considered to require policy changes.

- **Implementation, Monitoring and Review**

Amendments have been included to qualify the status of the East Hampshire Local Plan, and to clarify that the Aspirations Appendix 1 section has been removed.

- **Appendices**

The Aspirations Appendix 1 section has been removed, and instead a separate Community Aspirations report has been prepared. No changes have been made to the other Appendices which are reference documents covering specific features and characteristics of Rowlands Castle Parish to be given due consideration as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Summary and Conclusions

- a. The Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan has been subject to extensive consultation with individual residents, organisations, businesses, landowners and

property owners in the Parish and statutory consultees since the first consultation in winter 2016 about the potential development of a Neighbourhood Plan, until the end of the Regulation 14 public consultation August 2022.

- b. There have been five consultations (Potential for development of a Neighbourhood Plan (2016), Housing Needs survey (2018), Residents' favourite views (2020), on-line Survey (2021), and the Regulation 14 public consultation (2022)) with the entire parish of Rowlands Castle. These were publicised by delivering flyers to all of the 1,500 dwellings in the parish, and also to businesses, using the village 'Grapevine' e-mail distribution system which reaches 900 subscribers, posts to the Rowlands Castle Facebook page, and the Parish Council website. Posters and banners were also displayed in the centre of the village.
- c. Public Exhibitions for the Neighbourhood Plan were held in the Parish Hall in February 2017 to assist with assessing the potential for developing a Neighbourhood Plan, and also in July 2022 during the Regulation 14 Public Consultation.
- d. Consultations with 6 Parish organisations and 15 businesses in the Parish were conducted by face-to-face meetings or by video-conferences during the pandemic.
- e. Letters were sent to the 24 owners of land in the 'gap' between Rowlands Castle and Havant, and Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces, several months before the start of the Regulation 14 Public Consultation, and again at the start of the Regulation 14 consultation. Replies were sent to each of those owners who had responded. Similarly, letters were sent on both occasions to the 23 owners of properties categorised as 'Non-Designated Heritage Assets'.
- f. Letters were sent to 43 Statutory Consultees informing them of the Regulation 14 consultation. Replies were sent to those who had responded with comments and suggestions, and where appropriate these were reflected in the policies.
- g. Before the start of the Regulation 14 Consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group attended 8 meetings with officers from East Hants District Council (EHDC) and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). In addition, EHDC sent the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 3 written comments on the Plan, and SDNPA sent two. After the Regulation 14 consultation a further meeting was held EHDC and SDNPA to discuss their written responses.
- h. Residents of the parish were kept informed of the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan by articles in the 18 quarterly editions of the Village and Valley magazine since winter 2016, and presentations to Annual Parish Meetings. The Parish Council was also kept informed and 18 reports were submitted to the Parish Council meetings, and published on the Parish Council web site.
- i. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had a stall at the five annual Village Fairs since 2016, at which they explained the Neighbourhood Plan to visitors, answered questions and noted comments for further consideration.

- j. The agendas and minutes of the 56 meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group since July 2017 were regularly published on the Rowlands Castle Parish Council web site.
- k. All consultations sought the views of the consultees of each of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, and confirmed that the policies supported the needs of the parish, and also informed the detailed content of the policies.
- l. The 'Consultation Evidence Documents' section of this report provides links to approximately 220 documents providing evidence of the level of consultation carried out during the preparation of this Neighbourhood Plan.
- m. This level of consultation and the details included in this 'Consultation Statement' demonstrate compliance with Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2015, Part 3 'Neighbourhood development plans', Section 15 (2).

CONSULTATION EVIDENCE DOCUMENTS

1. Consultations leading to the decision to proceed with a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Consultations about the potential for a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan

[Village Magazine Article - Winter 2016](#)

[Leaflet on the potential for a Neighbourhood Plan – December 2016](#)

[Poster for Community Forum about potential Neighbourhood Plan - January 2017](#)

[Display Boards for Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition in February 2017](#)

[Rowlands Castle Parish Council Chairman's Welcoming Address to Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition in February 2017](#)

[Results from Consultation on potential development of a Neighbourhood Plan in March 2017](#)

Decision to proceed with a Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan – 23rd March 2017

[Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting re Potential Neighbourhood Plan on 23rd March 2017](#)

2. Consultations before Regulation 14

Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Area Designation confirmation by EHDC and the SDNPA – April 2017

[Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Area Designation Confirmation by EHDC](#)

[Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Area Designation Confirmation by SDNPA](#)

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group formation

[Minutes of Parish Council meeting at which draft Terms of Reference were approved](#)
(see page 3)

[Notes of Public Meeting on 15th May 2017](#)

[Minutes of Parish Council meeting at which final Version of Terms of Reference were approved](#)
(see page 3)

[Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Terms of Reference](#)

The members of the Steering Group as at July 2022 are:

Frank Ball (Parish Councillor)	Lawrence Pinkney
Eddy Barringer	Ian Young (Chairman)
David Holt	Chris White
Geoff Jacobs	Bill Wilson (Parish Councillor)

Gill Whatley is the Group's Administrative Assistant and Administration Co-ordinator.

Consultation by EHDC on the allocation of sites for housing in the emerging EHDC Local Plan

[7th August 2018](#)

[EHDC Land Availability Assessment \(LAA\) December 2018](#)

[EHDC Draft Local Plan - 2017-2036 - Regulation 18](#)

Rowlands Castle Housing Needs Survey (2018)

- [Survey Questionnaire](#)

This questionnaire was distributed to the 1,376 households in the Rowlands Castle Parish and 376 responses were received.

- [Summary of responses to survey](#)

Consultation with Rowlands Castle Historical Society

[Rowlands Castle Parish History](#)

[Rowlands Castle Historical Society - Historical Assets](#)

[Rowlands Castle - Non-designated Heritage Assets](#)

[Minutes of Meeting between Steering Group and Rowlands Castle Historical Society - 6th June 2019](#)

Consultation on residents' favourite views around the Parish

[Rowlands Castle Residents' Favourite Views](#)

[Rowlands Castle Locally Significant Views Report](#)

Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan On-line Survey (3rd June 2021 to 30th July 2021)
[Survey Questionnaire](#)

Presentations to Rowlands Castle Annual Parish Meetings

[April 2019](#)

[April 2022](#)

Consultation with land owners (Policies 1 and 3)

Letters to owners of land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) and Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces (Policy 3):

- [Letter to owners of land in the 'Gap' - Policy 1 \(Gaps between Settlements\)](#)

The Land Registry was asked to undertake an Index Map search of the area included in the 'gap' as shown in Map 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan. This provided the numbers of 17 Title Registers within the 'gap'. All of these Title Registers were obtained and the 12 different owners were identified. The above link is to the general format of the letters which were sent to 11 owners of only land in the gap, between January and March 2022.

The following were the only two responses received:

[Response from Southern Co-op 11th February 2022](#)

[Response from Agent for one of the owners of land in the gap](#)

[Attachment to response from this Agent](#)

- [Letter to owner of land in the 'gap' and a Local Green Space](#)

This letter was sent to Portsmouth City Council which is one of the 12 owners of land in the gap and which also owns a Local Green Space.

No response was received.

- [Letter to owners of land in Local Green Spaces](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the owners of Local Green Spaces.

Rowlands Castle Parish Council owns five of the Local Green Spaces, and no letter was sent to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is represented on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, and has agreed the content of the Neighbourhood Plan. Five of the Local Green Spaces are not owned by the Parish Council, so letters were sent to each of those owners.

The following three responses were received:

[Response from one of two owners of wooded area along western and eastern sides of Shipwrights Way - 24th March 2022](#)

[Response from the other owner of the wooded area along western and eastern sides of Shipwrights Way - 11th March 2022](#)

[Hampshire County Council](#)

- [Letter to owners of land in Protected Open Spaces](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the owners of Protected Open Spaces.

The Parish Council owns four of the Protected Open Spaces, and no letter was sent to the Parish Council. The other Protected Open Spaces are owned by six other organisations and so letters were sent to each of these owners between January and March 2022. Only one response was received and that was by a telephone call to the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 17th February 2022. That call was from the agent acting for the Management Company of the estate containing Protected Open Spaces on Woodlands Avenue. The agent also sent the following Conveyance plan for the estate:

[Conveyance plan for Woodlands Avenue Estate](#)

- [Letter to owner of land in a Local Green Space and Protected Open Spaces](#)

This is the letter sent to EHDC which owns land in a Local Green Space and Protected Open Spaces.

No response was received.

Consultation with owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets (Policy 4)

[Letter to Owners of Non-Designated Heritage Assets](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the 23 owners of assets listed in the Table for Policy 4 in the Neighbourhood Plan between January and March 2022.

Consultations with Rowlands Castle Parish organisations and businesses

[Invitation sent to businesses and organisations](#)

[Questions discussed at consultations with Parish Businesses](#)

[Questions discussed at consultations with Parish Organisations](#)

[Detailed notes of consultations with Parish businesses and organisations](#)

[Details of Consultations and Feedback - 2017 to 2022](#)

[Summary of Consultations](#)

Comments on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan received from EHDC

[14th April 2021](#)

[8th June 2021](#)

[4th April 2022](#)

Comments on the emerging Neighbourhood Plan received from SDNPA

[8th April 2021](#) (Comments included in text of Plan document)

Rowlands Castle Village Fair exhibitions – 2017 and 2021

[Poster displayed at 2017 Village Fair](#)

[Comments received at 2021 Village Fair](#)

Articles in Rowlands Castle 'Village and Valley' Magazine

[2016 Winter](#)

[2017 Autumn](#)

[2018 Spring](#)

[2018 Summer](#)

[2018 Autumn](#)

[2019 Autumn](#)

[2019 Spring](#)

[2019 Summer](#)

[2020 Spring](#)

[2020 Summer](#)

[2020 Autumn](#)

[2021 Spring](#)

[2021 Summer](#)

[2021 Autumn](#)

[2022 - Spring](#)

[2022- Summer](#)

[2022 - Autumn](#)

Article in 'The Border Times' local newspaper

[2021 May](#)

Decision to proceed to Regulation 14 – 7th March 2022

[Rowlands Castle Parish Council's agreement to proceed to Reg 14](#)

(Item 4 in these minutes refers to this)

3. Regulation 14 Consultation

Decision on date of Public Consultation

[Minutes of Steering Group meeting at which dates of Public Consultation were decided](#)

Publicity for Regulation 14 Public Consultation [Consultation 'Flyer'](#)

A printed copy of this flyer was delivered to every house in the parish before the start of the Regulation 14 consultation.

[Rowlands Castle Parish Council Home page](#)
[Rowlands Castle Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan page](#)
[Banner displayed along boundary wall of Village Green](#)
[Banner displayed along boundary wall of Village Green](#)
[Summarised Draft Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan](#)

Questionnaire for Regulation 14 Consultation [Questionnaire for Regulation 14 Consultation June 2022](#)

Consultations with Statutory Consultees

Letter to Statutory Consultees [Letter to Statutory Consultees](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the Statutory Consultees listed in [APPENDIX C – STATUTORY CONSULTTEES FOR REGULATION 14](#)

Responses from Statutory Consultees

The following table shows from which Statutory Consultees responses were received (including a link to the response) and from which Consultees no response was received.

Response received and reply sent by the NP Steering Group (NPSG)	No response received
Local Planning Authorities	
East Hampshire District Council NPSG response to East Hampshire District Council	Chichester District Council
South Downs National Park Authority NPSG response to South Downs National Park Authority	Havant Borough Council
	Chichester District Neighbourhood Planning
County Councils	
West Sussex County Council No reply was sent because the consultee had no comments to make	Hampshire County Council responded only as an owner of land designated as a 'Protected Open Space', and not as a Statutory Consultee. See ' Consultation with land owners (Policies 1 and 3) '

Neighbouring Parish Councils	
	Buriton Clanfield Compton Horndean Stoughton Westbourne
Water Undertaker	
Portsmouth Water	
e-mail to EHDC re Portsmouth Water's response	
EHDC Response to this e-mail	
Portsmouth Water Ownership Map of Southleigh Forest	
Organisation to whom a licence has been granted under the Gas Act	
	Southern Gas Networks
Organisations owning electronic communications apparatus situated in the Parish	
	BT Openreach EE Virgin Media
Person to whom a licence has been granted under Electricity Act	
Scottish and Southern Electricity Network	
No reply was sent because there are no plans to change the land. SSEN would only object when their equipment is being interfered with or there is a possibility that the equipment could be blocked or damaged.	
National Grid	
No reply was sent because National Grid had identified that it has no record of assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	
Primary Care Trust	
	NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group

Sewerage undertaker	
Southern Water	
NPSG response to Southern Water	
Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or part of the neighbourhood area	
Rowlands Castle Heritage Centre	Hampshire Wildlife Trust Rowlands Castle Association Rowlands Castle Heritage Centre Rowlands castle Women's Institute Rowlands Castle History Society Rowlands Castle U3A Scouts Rowlands Castle Good Neighbours
NPSG response to Rowlands Castle Heritage Centre	
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area:	
St John the Baptist Church, Rowlands Castle	Church on the Green, Rowlands Castle St Hubert's Church, Idsworth
NPSG response to St. John the Baptist Church, Rowlands Castle	
Natural England	
Natural England	
No reply was sent because Natural England did not have any specific comments on the draft Rowlands Castle Neighbourhood Plan.	
Historic England	
Historic England	
NPSG response to Historic England	
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area	
	Coast to Capital LEP Enterprise M3 Local Business South East
Minerals and Waste Planning Authority	Hampshire County Council
English Heritage	No response received

Environment Agency	No response received
Highways Agency	No response received
Homes and Communities Agency	No response received
Marine Management Organisation	No response received
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	No response received

Consultation with land owners (Policies 1 and 3)

Letters to owners of land in the 'Gap' (Policy 1) and Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces (Policy 3):

[Letter to owners of land in the 'Gap'](#)

The above link is to the general format of the letters which were sent in June 2022 to 11 owners of only land in the gap.

No responses were received.

[Letter to owners of land in Protected Open Spaces](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the six organisations which own land in Protected Open Spaces in June 2022.

No responses were received.

[Letter to owners of land in Local Green Spaces](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the five owners of Local Green Spaces in June 2022. The following are the only two responses received:

- [**Response from agent for owner of Local Green Space in wooded area along eastern side of Shipwright's way**](#)

[Questionnaire Response to the agent](#)

- [**Response from Hampshire County Council about Local Green Space between Church on The Green and Redhill Road**](#)

[Response to Hampshire County Council](#)

[Letter to owner of land in a Local Green Space and Protected Open Spaces](#)

This is the letter sent to EHDC which owns land in a Local Green Space and Protected Open Spaces in June 2022.

No response was received.

[Letter to owner of land in the 'Gap' and a Local Green Space](#)

This letter was sent to Portsmouth City Council which owns land in the gap who also owns a Local Green Space in June 2022.

No response was received.

Consultation with owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets (Policy 4)

[Letter to owners of Non-designated Heritage Assets](#)

This is the general format and content of the letters sent to the 23 owners of assets listed in the Table for Policy 4 in the Neighbourhood Plan in June 2022.

Only one owner responded and that was by e-mail.

Rowlands Castle Village Fair exhibition – 2nd July 2022

[Display of Policies at the Village Fair](#)

Public Exhibition – 23rd and 24th July 2022

[Poster displayed at the Public Exhibition](#)

[Display of Policies at Public Exhibition](#)

APPENDIX A – RESPONSES TO ROWLANDS CASTLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ONLINE SURVEY BEFORE REGULATION 14

Questions 1 - 11: Householders in the Parish of Rowlands Castle.

1. [What do you like about Rowlands Castle Parish?](#)

There were 129 responses to this question, and here is summary of those:

- Its strong sense of identify and community spirit; Residents are passionate about looking after their village.
- Range of local shops, services and facilities; accessibility by rail.
- Open green spaces, in particular the village centre, Recreation Ground, and the approaching roads from the south, east and north with uninterrupted views across the South Downs and countryside.
- Railway Station
- Location. It is in the countryside but its easy access to Portsmouth, Chichester, London and out of town areas and things like Stansted House the South Downs.
- Village environment with plenty of lovely countryside
- Peacefulness after moving from the city. Greenery. Friendly people.
- Quiet, rural, friendly, peaceful with parks and walks on doorstep
- The Village Green
- Well maintained Village
- Golf Course
- Close proximity to South Downs National Park.

In summary, over 75% of residents valued the peaceful rural location, community spirit and unique village character. It has good rail links to towns and cities and is a beautiful environment to live in.

2. [What do you wish to protect in the Parish?](#)

There were 123 responses to this question

Two broad themes were mentioned by 25% or more of the respondents;

- Countryside, Landscape & Green Space. These terms appear to be used quite loosely with Green Space not necessarily having the same meaning as Local green Spaces in Policy 3. What is clear is that residents wish to protect the landscape

surrounding the residential centres and which is so important in maintaining the rural feel of the community and providing opportunities for leisure. There is also frequent mention of the importance of the landscape to the south of the parish in maintaining separation from Havant and preventing physical coalescence. The importance of maintaining the 'Gap' was also mentioned as a standalone theme by a number of respondents.

- Sense of Place. Typically described as protecting the 'community' or 'village feel'. This covers a range of themes. The visual aspects of the conservation centre, the rural feel of Rowlands Castle, the community facilities all get a mention. There is considerable overlap with the landscape themes and the two are often mentioned together.

3. What do you like least in the Parish?

There were 129 responses to this question, and here is summary of those:

- Traffic. Congestion, speeding and volume of traffic, which has increased due to new housing developments. There is a severe lack of traffic management
- Housing:
 - New Housing Developments and lack of choice of homes, i.e. affordable and self-build housing.
 - The increased population has put a strain on local amenities.
 - The village will lose its feeling and status if any further development is allowed, particularly on the outskirts where there is a danger of losing the gap between us and neighbouring towns
 - infilling by building in gardens.
 - The encroachment by increased land development, increased noise by light industry in areas such as Finchdean, change of use to 'glamping' and holiday chalet lets such as at Dean Lane End; the abuse of land use by travellers, such as at Idsworth; fly tipping; increased housing development such as along Finchdean Road, near Horndean
 - Unlawful building on Comley Hill plots.
 - The continued hidden building of new houses and cutting down of historic woodlands
 - Expensive housing. unaffordability of moving home within the village.
 - Development on green field sites
 - Parish council doesn't have much say regarding building planning.
- Anti-social behaviour including dog fouling and vandalism at the Recreation Ground, and noise pollution from people leaving the pubs on the Green.
- Parking: Lack of spaces in the village centre and inconsiderate parking for long periods and on double yellow lines.
- Drainage: Several floods in Redhill Road as water backs up from village and new housing (Deerleap Lane).
- Getting more 'urban' - signage / road lines / features on the Green.
- lack of decent public transport
- very little after school activities available.
- Lack of Railway Station overspill all day parking in the village
- The IGas oil well which is polluting.
- The number of cyclists clogging up the roads. They can be very dangerous, even as a cyclist myself.
- Lack of bus connections and unreliability of the service.

- No wild flower areas visible. Saves on paying for mowing. Wild flowers encourage bees and other pollinators.
- The unwillingness for change around active travel, reliance on cars etc.
- No greengrocer and no bakery.

In excess of 60% of residents have strong concerns about the increase in traffic through the village, the speed at which it travels, and the lack of parking facilities near the main shops in the centre. Also, new development within the Parish is of great concern, causing the increase in traffic mentioned above, and strain on already overstretched amenities.

4. What views do you like in the Rowlands Castle parish?

Summary

Many responses mentioned multiple locations, many were general in nature with no locations identifiable, some were of private property or from private property and not accessible to the public and a large number mentioned Stansted House and its associated viewpoints, all of which are located in West Sussex and outside the Neighbourhood Plan area. Of the identifiable views mentioned, by far the most common view was of the Village Green, of the remainder the view along the footpath from Wellsworth lane to Finchdean Road, from Redhill Road north to the South Downs, of St Hubert's Church, along the Wellsworth/Finchdean bridle path (including Idsworth House), along the Lavant Valley from Woodberry Lane, north from Bowes Hill/Links lane and of The Avenue in Staunton Park all received multiple mentions.

There were no comments disliking any parish viewpoint and the views mentioned in the survey response support the selection of views included in Policy 5 (Landscape Character and Views). The high level of references to the (Rowlands Castle) Village Green also supports its' inclusion as a Green Space in Policy 3.

Responses by number of references

Public views within the Neighbourhood Plan are receiving multiple references were as follows. The number of references are given in brackets:

Village Green	(50)
Wellsworth Lane/Finchdean Road Footpath	(8)
Redhill Road, north to South Downs	(8)
St Hubert's Church	(7)
Wellsworth/Finchdean bridle path (including Idsworth House)	(5)
Lavant Valley from Woodberry Lane	(4)
North from Bowes Hill/Links Lane	(3)
The Avenue, Staunton Park	(3)

5. List green and open spaces you feel are important

See [‘Summary of responses to Question 5’](#)

The spaces identified fell into the following categories:

- Spaces for which Neighbourhood Plan policies would provide protection, viz:
 - Policy 1 (Gaps between Settlements)
 - Policy 3 (Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces). These responses demonstrated support for the spaces listed in this policy.

- Policy 4 (Historic Environment; Non-Designated Heritage Assets)
- Policy 10 (Community and Sports Facilities).
- Land within the South Downs National Park area of the Rowlands Castle Parish. These are large areas which would not meet the criteria required for Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces and, therefore, cannot be designated as such in the Neighbourhood Plan. These areas are subject to policies in the SDNP Local Plan.
- Listed Buildings. These are protected because of this status and so they are not referred to in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Land not in the 'gap' between Rowlands Castle and Havant (Policy 1) and which cannot be designated as 'Local Green Space' or 'Protected Open Space' for reasons including:
 - Very extensive area, although they are also SINC.
 - A country park owned by Hampshire County Council which is partly within the Rowlands Castle parish, and partly within Havant Borough
 - Part of the land is categorised as 'developable' in the EHDC Land Availability Assessment (2021)-Reference LAA/RC-001, although part is also a SINC.
 - Land consists of about 20 plots of land with Use classes of 'agricultural' or 'equestrian'. Many plots have stables, and the area is subject to Article 4 planning regulations.
 - Privately owned and would not meet criteria for Local Green Space and Open Space designation.
 - The land is not suitable for public access
- Not in the parish of Rowlands Castle and which, therefore, cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Are there planning related problems/issues in the Parish?

See: '[Summary of responses to Question 6](#)'

The issues raised in the 95 responses to this question are summarised under the following headings:

- Too much new development in the village
 - These issues cannot be directly addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan which does not allocate any sites for development. It would be for the EHDC and SDNPA Local Plans to consider this issue during their consultations, and any planning applications.
 - However, the Neighbourhood Plan has policies to protect from development the 'gap' between Rowlands Castle and Havant, Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces
- Parking
 - Policy 8 – Parking would address this issue
- Insufficient enforcement of parking regulations
 - These cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan. EHDC is responsible for enforcement of parking restrictions.
- Traffic
 - These issues cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Housing site allocation and mix

- On the advice of EHDC and SDNPA, the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any specific sites for development. The emerging EHDC and SDNPA Local Plans will allocate sites for development.
- Policy 6 (over 55s' housing) would support the development of housing for downsizers and bungalows
- Insufficient enforcement of planning regulations
 - These issues are already under consideration by the EHDC Enforcement department
- Havant Thicket Reservoir
 - The Havant Thicket Reservoir project (EHDC Planning application E51680/001) was approved by EHDC in October 2021, so the Neighbourhood Plan cannot address these issues.
- Design of Houses
 - The Neighbourhood Plan Policy 5 (Design and Local Character) addresses this topic
- Junction of Deerleap Lane and Redhill Road
 - This issue has already been resolved by reconstruction of the junction.
- Drainage
 - These issues cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Railway station
 - This issue could not be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan.

7. Do you have any specific housing needs in the Parish now or in the future?

The responses supported housing for over 55s including Bungalows close to the Village Centre and there were no dissenting comments. This demonstrates support for Policy 6 (Over 55's housing).

8. Are the gaps between Rowlands Castle and surrounding towns/settlements important?

This question received the following responses which indicate overwhelming support for Policy 1 (Gaps between Settlements):

- Strongly agree – 112 responses - 91.06%
- Agree - 7 - 5.69% -
- Neither agree nor disagree – 4 – 3.29%
- Disagree - 0
- Strongly disagree - 0

9. Do you like the Rowlands Castle village centre; do you wish to see any changes?

The responses supported the village centre as a functioning village with excellent facilities (Policy 7 – Rowlands Castle Village Centre). A desire was expressed by one party for a Bank which the policy would support. There were no dissenting comments.

10. What existing sports or recreational facilities do you like and are there any further facilities you would like to see included in the Parish?

There were 123 responses to this question and they are summarised in the following table:

Facility	Number of references in responses	Neighbourhood Plan Policy supporting this facility
Existing facilities liked		
Recreation Ground in general	23	10 – Sports and Community Facilities
Tennis courts	30	
Golf Club	17	
Football pitches	11	
Outdoor gym	8	
Cricket pitch	8	
Parish Hall	6	
Recreation Ground pavilion	2	
Table tennis table	1	
Rowlands Castle Village Green	1	3 – Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces
Existing public footpaths	12	11- Walking, Cycling and Horse-Riding Access
Existing bridleways	2	
Further facilities suggested (these are included in the 'Community Aspirations' report)		
Facilities in the recreation ground for older children e.g. adventure equipment		6
Bowling green		4
More dedicated cycle paths		3
Skateboard area		3
Yoga, Pilates, Judo, aerobic exercise classes at the Parish Hall		2
Swimming pool		2
Boules Area		2
Village cricket team		1
Running club		1
Running track		1
Bicycle loan scheme		1
Croquet green		1
Formal floral gardens		1
Tennis practice wall		1
Better cycling lanes and a safe cycling path connecting villages and Havant		1
A multi-use pitch - a small tag rugby / hockey pitch for youngsters		1
Outside Yoga and Tai Chi		1
Cycle path around the recreation ground		1
Day centre for elderly		1
Water sports on the proposed reservoir		1
Indoor table tennis		1
Community allotment		1
Basketball court		1
Netball court		1
Cinema showings in the Parish Hall		1
Footpath or bridleway to Horndean		1
Footpath map in the village		1

11. Any other observations, comments or requirements for the future of Rowlands Castle?

There were 117 responses to this question, and there is a summary of those below. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of responses for a particular comment. Here are the five most repeated comments:

- 1) Stop of Restrict further housing development (15).
 - 2) Preserve village identity and/or character (13)
 - 3) Traffic (volume/speed) (8)
 - 4) Improved public transport (4)
 - 5) Improved walking/cycling facilities (4)
- Restrict further development both in the village and on the outskirts which would mean it becoming an extension of any of the surrounding towns or villages. The distinctive character of the village comes from the population mix, school, churches and institutions as well as the buildings / land around the village itself. We need to preserve the identity and character of the village, the sense of space and greenness, the friendly and welcoming feel, and the sense of community, (15)
 - Ensure any new development has good walking/cycling access to centre and encourage participation in the village community, and provide infrastructure/amenities to cope with further increase in population.
 - Recognise that new homes are needed and plan for them in this plan. Let us share our good fortune at living here, rather than considering ourselves under threat all the time.
 - To preserve the village feeling and sense of community (13)
 - Any further housing development in the future should provide the 40% quota of affordable housing to allow younger people to buy houses in the Parish.
 - Look at traffic calming measures on main roads coming into and through the village and reducing the volume of traffic, particular in light of the Reservoir development in Havant Thicket as it is already difficult getting out of Mallard Road and Castle Road onto Manor Lodge Road. Implement 20 mph speed limit throughout with active enforcement. (8)
 - Improve public transport (4)
 - Improved walking/cycling facilities (4.)
 - Keep the communication open so any new development or projects can be review and decided upon as a community in a timely manner. Keep up the good work.
 - Encourage younger families to become more involved in the council business / meetings.
 - Improved drainage
 - Many hedges in various areas are overgrown. Whether this be private gardens or council hedges they are dangerous when not cut back regularly
 - Increase cycle lanes
 - Maintain train services
 - Create a 'local identity flag' for RC and use the Hampshire Flag on flagstaff when appropriate.
 - Avoid tributes to deceased residents on public land
 - The care that is taken by the parish council to maintain the appearance and cleanliness of the village is admirable.

Again, residents are primarily concerned with the volume of traffic flowing through the village, and the impact that new housing developments are having on the infrastructure.

Questions 12-19: Young people (below Age 18) in the Parish of Rowlands Castle

12. What do you like about Rowlands Castle parish?

There were 65 responses to this question, and here is a summary of those.

- The Parish Council, which is extremely diligent and professional in its pursuit of the villagers' interests.
- The many clubs and activities available through the RC village hall and that of St John's Church.
- The still cordial, caring and neighbourly attitude in the village
- Absolutely everything that is why I have lived here for 28 years.
- The recreation ground & facilities therein
- It is well regarded and a lot of people work hard to keep it that way.
- The Green and green space and woodland.
- The peaceful, friendly & beautiful rural nature. The character of the village remains unspoilt.
- The community feel, and its proximity to the countryside and the sea.
- The railway station connecting us to larger towns and cities.
- Friendly, family oriented, community spirit, highlighted each year by the village fair and firework display as well as other themed events
- Safety and sense of village community.

Residents enjoy the friendly community spirit within the village, and the surrounding rural nature. The railway is an important asset and residents wish to retain this service.

13. What do you like least about Rowlands Castle parish?

There were 63 responses to this question, and here is a summary of those.

- Traffic, especially parking around the railway bridge and Londis shop, and speeding throughout. Lack of traffic enforcement.
- Recreation Ground play equipment is old and the existing equipment is not looked after or fixed in a timely manner when broken.
- Lack of cycle paths to enable safe cycling in the village.
- Not enough facilities or activities/entertainment for older children 10+ or teenagers.
- Anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Ground, i.e. dog fouling
- Some resistance to change, but this is also understandable when some of the proposed changes are quite extreme
- Drainage
- Speeding, scrambler bikes riding illegally up Castle Road every weekend.
- Broadband speeds
- Bad planning decisions made with regards to allowing so many houses to be built so close to all of us, losing our trees open spaces and walkways.
- Needs some younger representatives
- The house planning rules
- Threat of encroachment of other urban areas.

Volume and speed of traffic, and lack of parking within the village are the main areas of concern from residents, along with questionable planning decisions made by the local authorities which result in green spaces being lost, and unsympathetic housing developments being built.

14. Do you like the Rowlands Castle village centre; do you wish to see any changes?

There were 59 responses to this question, and here is a summary of those.

- I would like to see more interesting things like the stone snake.
- More benches
- Improved drainage
- Water fountain on The Green
- More shops
- Better parking and safer driving through Redhill Road.

100% of respondents liked the village centre, and no particular changes were identified.

15. What existing sports or recreational facilities would you like to see included in the Parish?

There were 53 responses to this question and they are summarised in the following table:

Facility	Number of references in responses	Neighbourhood Plan Policy supporting this facility
Existing facilities liked		
Tennis	7	10 – Sports and Community Facilities
Football	6	
Golf	4	
Recreation ground	3	
Cricket	1	
Outdoor gym	2	
Facilities not currently provided (these are included in the ‘Community Aspirations’ report)		
Swimming	2	
Basketball court	1	
Volleyball court	1	
More cycle paths	2	
Mountain bike park	1	
Climbing frame for older children	1	
Electric bike rental	1	
Safe place to ride bicycles	1	
Hockey training	1	
Rugby training	1	
Lacrosse training	1	
Badminton	1	
Bowling Club	1	

16. Do you wish to stay in the Parish of Rowlands Castle after you have finished your education or training?

This question received 43 responses:

- Wish to stay – 38 – 88%
- Do not wish to stay – 5 – 12%

17. If yes to question 16, do you think it will be possible to stay in the Parish of Rowlands Castle, if not, why not?

This question received 35 responses:

- Yes - 15
- Would like to, but cost of housing could prevent this – 8
- No – few job opportunities – 2
- Response not applicable – 10

18. Do you feel safe in the Parish of Rowlands Castle?

This question received 56 responses:

- Strongly agree – 30 – 54%
- Agree – 22 – 39%
- Neither agree nor disagree – 4 – 7%
- Disagree – 0 – 0%
- Strongly disagree – 0 – 0%

19. What changes would you like to see made in about your community?

This question received 45 responses and here is a summary of those:

- Reduce traffic in the village and implement traffic calming measures.
Provide noticeboards in all new Housing Developments giving details of RCPC Minutes, activities available etc to offer inclusion to new residents
Provide cycle paths & better footpaths, i.e. along Woodberry Lane, Whichers Gate Road
- More and better facilities for older children.
- More frequent bus service.
- Bins around the Parish emptied more often.

Suggestions for changes within the community focused on traffic management and the need for improved public transport and increased cycle paths.

Questions 20- 23: Businesses in the Parish of Rowlands Castle

20. What do you value and like for a business in Rowlands Castle?

There were 24 responses to this question and here is a summary of these:

- Support for specific businesses and shops – 7
- Quality of service and facilities provided by existing shops and businesses - 6

- Suggestions for additional shops – 5
- All shops - 2
- Fast broadband – 1
- Transport links – 1
- Support of and involvement in the community - 1
- Request for a creative space – 1

What facilities do you value and like in Rowlands Castle Parish?

There were 42 responses to this question, and the following table shows the facilities referred to in these responses, and the Neighbourhood Plan policy which supports each facility.

Facility	Number of references in responses	Neighbourhood Plan Policy supporting the Facility
Rowlands Castle Village Green	3	3 – Local Green Spaces and Protected Open Spaces
Pharmacy	12	7 – Rowlands Castle Village Centre
Shops in general	12	
Public Houses	10	
Surgery	8	
Grocery shop	7	
Hardware shop	7	
Post Office	5	
Cafe	3	
Veterinary Practice	2	
Hairdresser	2	
Garage	1	
Recreation Ground	7	
Rowlands Castle Golf Club	1	
St. John's CEC Primary School	1	
Churches	1	
Parish Hall	1	
Railway Station	11	No Neighbourhood Plan policy supports this because the railway station building is a Grade II listed building, and the train service is not within the permitted scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.
Defibrillators	1	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan
Activities and Classes	1	This cannot be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan

21. Do you have any specific land/property needs in the Parish now or in the future?

This question received 40 responses:

- No - 27
- Not applicable - 3

Yes - 1

- Small business premises for activities – 1
- Wish to develop a field or area of woodland into a bike park - 1
- Improved drainage – 1
- No more new housing developments - 1
- Protection of the green spaces in and around the parish – 1
- Wish for a non-estate smaller detached house in 5-10 years' time, within easy access of centre – 1
- Allocation of additional bin for houses with more than 2 adults – 1
- Ability to move to a larger home with a drive but this is unaffordable – 1
- More smaller housing - 1

22. Are there any issues over accessibility for your business?

This question received 37 responses:

- No - 17
- Not applicable - 18
- Location – 1
- Inadequate broadband speed - 1

APPENDIX B – MEETINGS WITH EHDC AND SDNPA BEFORE REGULATION 14

The following links provide notes of meetings between the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and EHDC and SDNPA officers:

[20th July 2017](#)

[6th October 2017](#)

[8th February 2018](#)

[7th August 2018](#)

[6th August 2020](#)

[19th May 2021](#)

[2nd February 2022](#)

APPENDIX C – STATUTORY CONSULTEES FOR REGULATION 14

A letter referred to above was sent to each of the following organisations before the start of the Regulation 14 consultation.

Local Planning Authorities:

- Chichester District Council
- Havant Borough Council
- East Hampshire District Council
- South Downs National Park Authority

County Councils:

- Hampshire
- West Sussex

Neighbouring Parish Councils:

- Buriton
- Clanfield
- Compton
- Horndean
- Stoughton
- Westbourne

Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area:

- St. John the Baptist Church, Rowlands Castle
- Church on the Green, Rowlands Castle
- St Hubert's Church, Idsworth

Body which represents the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area:

- Coast to Capital LEP
- Enterprise M3
- South East Partnership for South Hampshire

English Heritage

Environment Agency

The Highways Agency

Homes and Communities Agency

- Homes England

Marine Management Organisation

Minerals and Waste Planning Authority:

- Hampshire County Council
- South Downs National Park Authority

Natural England

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Organisations owning electronic communications apparatus situated in the Parish;

- BT Openreach

Person to whom a licence has been granted under Electricity Act:

- National Grid
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Network

Person to whom a licence has been granted under the Gas Act:

- Southern Gas Networks
- Scottish and Southern Electricity Network

Primary Care Trust:

- NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group

Sewerage undertaker:

- Southern Water

Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or part of the neighbourhood area;

- Hampshire Wildlife Trust
- Rowlands Castle Association
- Rowlands Castle Heritage Centre
- Rowlands castle Women's Institute
- Rowlands Castle History Society
- Rowlands Castle U3A
- Scouts
- Rowlands Castle Good Neighbours

Water undertaker;

- Portsmouth Water.

**APPENDIX D – SOCIAL MEDIA PUBLICITY OF THE REGULATION
14 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

17th June 2022 – Rowlands Castle Grapevine

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Ian Young - Chairman of the RC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group c/o Rowlands Castle Parish Council

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Reminders

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22nd and 23rd July

4th, 10th and 13th August

APPENDIX E - STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / HABITATS REGULATION ASSESSMENT

[Rowlands Castle Screening Form](#)

Section 2 ('Scope of the draft Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan') of this Screening Form, Table 2 ('Draft Screening Determination for Rowlands Castle Parish Neighbourhood Plan') and paragraph 3.2 were completed by the Parish Council.

Table 1 provides the responses from Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England

[EHDC Response](#)

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