

More steady progress this month:

- Regulation 14 consultation is completed and the final changes made to the Plan so its almost ready for Regulation 16 submission to West Berks.
- Key changes to the plan were not that many: Emphasis on the plan being for the parish, not just the town, housing mix as Hungerford Housing Needs surveys rather than West Berks average, a separate cycle route plan and more emphasis on cycle routes. The housing allocations are unchanged. A query raised about a footpath from the rear of Cotterall Close site to the cemetery, but consider good to retain this.
- Appointed our consultant to continue work but via Land Use Planning consultancy.
- Produced a short report on the proposed Local Green Spaces.
- Looking like a mid 2025 date for adoption, see draft programme below.
- The emerging West Berks Local Plan is not proposing changes in Hungerford and is expected to be adopted later this year. It is helpful to us that we adopt our plan after this so our plan is binding on the area.
- Key next actions are:
 - Complete the report of Consultation, for entire Neighbourhood Plan process which started in January 2018 as 'Hungerford 2036'. Here we are over six years later, with an end date of 2041!!
 - Forward the Neighbourhood Plan and reports to consultants to finalise for Regulation 16
 - Submit to West Berks for Reg 16 Consultation with associated support documents.
 - Regulation 16 Consultation by WBC. Any responses would be considered by the Inspector.

Neighbourhood Plan Programme			DRAFT																										
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Ref:	Activity	No of Weeks	Start date	End date	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun						
1	Review by Cttee & Council Consultations	14 weeks	18/09/23	08/01/24																									
2	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	8 weeks	11/12/23	16/02/24																									
3	Publish Draft for Consultation (Rule 14)	6 weeks	16/02/24	29/03/24																									
4	Update Plan following consultation	16 weeks	04/04/24	31/08/24																									
5	Submit to WBC prepare for Reg 16 Consult	8 weeks	01/08/24	15/10/24																									
6	2nd Consultation (Reg 16) (carried out by WBC)	6 weeks	15/10/24	30/11/24																									
7	Finalise Plan and prepare for Examination	8 weeks	01/12/24	31/01/25																									
8	Examination	1 week	01/02/25	07/02/25																									
9	Inspectors Report Preparation	7 weeks	08/02/25	28/02/25																									
10	Moifications	2 weeks	01/03/25	30/03/25																									
11	Prepare and carry out Referendum	8 weeks	01/04/25	30/05/25																									
12	NP comes into force	2 weeks	01/06/25	30/06/25																									
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