

## NP Report to P & T for meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June

On 27<sup>th</sup> May, the town clerk, the steering group and Julia Edwards at RDC, received the final report from the external Examiner.

There are some minor edits, and elimination of some policies, in particular the Local Connection, Sustaining Local Retail and Encouraging Employment, and Developer Contributions.

The Battle Design Guidelines will be edited, to exclude one particular photo- it will be replaced by another. Additionally there are some minor modifications in relation to cycle and bin storage – nothing very major. We could not edit this guide prior to the referendum, as it would not be the version the public has seen in the Regulation 16 consultation.

We were disappointed that three of the four of our Green Gaps had to be removed, but there is the protection of the AONB for those particular areas.

It is now up to RDC and our consultant to integrate the findings of the examiner into the Regulation 16 submission documents, so that the final plan is then ready for the referendum, which cannot take place until RDC has confirmed it has accepted the report, and issued its Decision Statement. This process must be carried out within 5 weeks of receipt of the Examiner's report. There is then a further wait before the referendum can be organised by RDC, although this has to take place within 56 working days.