

A meeting was held at TVBC offices on Tuesday 5th August to explain the way ahead for the Borough Plan.

Borough Council Maureen Flood hosted the event.

There is already a Borough Plan in which the number of new houses to be built was 524 per year.

Along came a new government and now this has gone up to 934 per year.

The new plan is based over 17 years with a total of 15878 houses to be built.

We do not have long to object to this plan and I urge everyone to go online and register their views as soon as possible as the closing date is the 5th September.

Our borough council has to put across its findings as soon as possible, there will be the next stage regulation 19 in the spring- summer of 2026.

It will be a very long process as after each stage it will go to a one year hearing session, then a 1 year at planning inspection. Whatever the outcome of these events the council cannot refuse.

Each plan needs to be objected to by all residents upon presentation.

The settlement selection sites will be looked at in relation to roads, amenities, traffic, schools, doctors.

We will also have to highlight the infrastructure such as roads, water, electricity, sewage, doctors, schools and environmental concerns.

Parish councils will have to highlight what is needed within their parish to make it work, and investigate if levies from the new buildings could help in other ways to pay for improvements.