THE ROAD TO A MADE PLAN

Where are we going next?

The steps from the evidence gathered so far to a Neighbourhood Plan that residents vote on

✓ Done so far

7
topic papers written: the evidence base you can read on the website and on the posters here today

236
replies to the residents' survey on what matters most in the village

281
replies to the independent Housing Needs Survey (RACE, August 2026)

2
consultations held on Local Green Spaces and Key Views, now closed and being analysed

9
character assessments of the hamlets, describing what makes each one distinctive

1
Call for Sites launched, inviting landowners to put forward land for assessment

? Consultation stays at the heart of it

Ask us
We can arrange drop-in sessions for anyone who has questions or would like to understand more. Talk to a committee member today.

Come to a meeting
Local Development Committee meetings are public. They are advertised in advance on the Parish Council website.

Read and reply
The Neighbourhood Plan pages of the website are kept up to date, with the evidence and answers to many questions. Tell us directly if you have a query or feedback.

→ The next steps

1 Finish gathering the evidence — UNDER WAY NOW

- **Local Green Spaces and Key Views:** write up what residents told us and decide which to put forward for protection.
- **Character assessment and design guidance:** describe what makes each part of the village look and feel the way it does, so new building has to respect it.
- **Call for Sites, site assessment and site allocation:** invite landowners to put forward sites, assess every one against the same criteria, and decide which (if any) the Plan should allocate for the homes it must find.

2 Write the draft plan

Using the evidence, the Local Development Committee drafts the Neighbourhood Plan: policies for development and land use across the parish, covering housing, the environment, heritage, services, transport and infrastructure.

3 Consult on the draft

Residents, landowners, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and other bodies comment on the draft. The committee revises it and submits it to the borough council, which consults again before sending it to an examiner.

4 Independent examination

An independent examiner checks that the draft plan meets the legal requirements and national planning policy, and may recommend changes before it can go to a vote.

5 Local referendum: your vote

Every resident on the electoral roll gets a vote. If more than half of those voting say yes, the plan is made.

Made
The plan becomes part of the official planning framework for East Peckham.

Binding
Every planning decision in the parish must be taken in line with it.

Yours
Written by residents, from residents' evidence, approved by residents.

Call for Sites open now. Closes Friday 20 November 2026 at 5pm. How to submit a site, the assessment criteria and why we are doing it: **eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk/ndp-call-for-sites**

Everything about the Neighbourhood Plan: **eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk**, Neighbourhood Plan pages.
Residents' drop-in, Saturday 7 November 2026, Jubilee Hall. Nothing has been decided. Residents have the final say in a referendum.

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