



Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Neighbourhood Plan ?

It allows us to have input into how we, as residents and businesses, want to see our village evolve. Once in place, it will give the community access to a larger portion of funds as a result of having a Neighbourhood Plan in place in the area. This will allow us to fund or contribute towards the infrastructure projects set out in the policies.

What are the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan?

Through a Neighbourhood Plan, communities can influence the outcome of planning applications, give input on the design of new buildings in the area and determine what their priorities are for infrastructure contributions.

Who are we?

The Virginia Water Neighbourhood Forum (VWNF) was formed in 2019 after Runnymede Borough Council approved the Constitution. VWNF comprises over 150 residents plus 6 Steering Committee members who are dedicated to delivering a community plan that protects and enhances our village.

Can the proposals in the draft Neighbourhood Plan be altered?

Yes. This is the first public consultation on the draft Plan. We are interested in hearing your views as to how and what changes you wish to make to its contents.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. As we are now in the Regulation 14 consultation stage, the deadline for receiving your comments is by **Friday, 22nd March 2024 (5pm)**.

What is the Regulation 14 stage?

Regulation 14 requires the draft Neighbourhood Plan to be the subject of a public consultation, run by the VWNF. The next stage after this (once the feedback received has been taken into account and the relevant changes arising from this have been put in place) is what is known as a Regulation 16 consultation, which is run by the Council. You will be able to submit further comments on the revised draft of the Plan at this stage. Following this, the Plan will be submitted for independent examination.

Is there a summary document of the proposed Policies?

Yes there is. This can be found on our website here:- <https://virginiawaterplan.org/policy-summary1.html>. A printed copy is also available in the Virginia Water Library. We have also explained our Policies and provided links to the evidence based studies, reports and maps in the Survey (the link is provided in the covering letter).

Can I find a printed copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Summary in the village?

Yes you can. We have provided a full printed copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Executive Summary for public reference in the Virginia Water Library along with a notepad should you wish to give us feedback. A copy of these documents can also be viewed in the Runnymede Borough Council offices.

