

Romsey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report 16 July 2025.

The steering group has now met properly on three occasions. At the last meeting on 25th of June we agreed:

To try and undertake school pupils consultations before break up for the summer.

That we would work towards consultations in the wider community from September onwards.

It seems sensible to form subgroups who could look at some subjects in detail away from the committee meetings. These are:

- a. Land use and Development (housing & commercial)
- b. Green spaces and their protection
- c. Building / Development Design Standards
- d. Transport and active travel (walking & cycling)

Currently four schools have been visited, three primary and one secondary. The engagements have produced some interesting ideas and observations by the pupils.

The next two months will primarily be working towards the wider consultations at community centers. In addition we may wish to meet with groups such as disability and youth.

It has been emphasised right from the start that our own views are secondary to the views of the community. How they see Romsey and what they think needs doing to improve it, forms a major part of the work of the steering group.

The core of the Steering Group is four councillors, seven individuals from outside, and the Chief Officer. One member of the TVBC Community Planning Team sometimes attends to give advice and is available between meetings for this as well.

Cllr John Critchley

Chair of the Steering Group.