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Hailsham Enters Final Stages of Neighbourhood Plan Process

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Cllr Laxton added: "Despite the delays to progress earlier this year, I'm delighted that things are moving forward again with the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process."

"Once the referendum has taken place and you, the residents, have chosen to endorse the Plan and it is subsequently adopted by Wealden District Council, the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan must be given due weight and consideration in future planning applications."

Further information on the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, including important announcements, can be found online at www.hailshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk or www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/

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