

# Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Report for Parish Council 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

### **Steering Group and meetings**

Since the last Parish Council meeting, we have had two meetings of the Steering Group; on 15<sup>th</sup> October, three members of the public attended whilst on 19<sup>th</sup> November no members of the public joined us. Our consultant Louise Kirkup came to the November meeting.

Michael Owens has resigned from the Steering Group. We thank him for his valuable contribution and support in helping us make progress with the development plan.

### **Finance**

No expenditure in this period except for meeting room hire.

### **Call for Sites**

The "Site Assessment Report" produced by Aecom has now been published on the Allensmore website and the site owners as well as everybody on the email contact list have been informed. The report identified 7 'appropriate' sites out of the 23 that were submitted, enough to deliver our target. The steering group have had 2 working party meetings to discuss the report and its findings (those members with a vested interest in sites did not participate in discussions about them). The working party recommended acceptance of the report in full to the whole Steering Group who agreed this at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The report was forwarded to Louise Kirkup to be incorporated into the next draft version of the Neighbourhood Development Plan that will go forward for consultation.

### **Amendments to the draft report**

These were discussed at length at the November Steering Group meeting with Louise Kirkup. The steering group were concerned that the report uses a standard methodology for calculating 'indicative housing capacity' of each site which assumes a density of 30 dwellings per hectare. Whilst these figures are considered to be 'low density' in rural areas, this is not in keeping with our existing local character and is highly unlikely to be viable in the context of our limited infrastructure and lack of services. It would also be contrary to the feedback from the previous consultations. However, as a national standard, we intend to keep the standard (notional) formula in the report, but supplement it by working out existing densities of Allensmore, Cobhall Common, Winnal and Winnal Common for comparison and likely recommendation in our housing policy. We expect that using existing local densities, the 7 recommended sites will still have the capacity to fulfil our target for additional dwellings.

We expect to have the final version of the NDP document complete for ratification at the next Steering Group meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will then ask for Parish Council approval to go to a public consultation of the document in January 2019.

### **Next meetings**

The next steering group meetings are scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> December and 21<sup>st</sup> January.

## **Parish Council actions**

1. The Steering Group will be asking the Parish Council to agree in principle to approve draft NDP consultation documents before the next scheduled Parish Council meeting. Documents will be circulated by email for approval.
2. The Parish Council are requested to consider setting up a Working Party to deal with matters that have arisen from the NDP process but that are not necessarily within the NDP remit. These matters will be detailed in Appendix 4 of the NDP document and include items such as:
  - a. Proposed Highway and transport actions
    - i. Reducing the risk of traffic accidents on the A465.
    - ii. Reducing the risk of traffic accident and improving the experience of all users on all lanes in the parish.
    - iii. Footpaths and cycleways along the A465.
  - b. Community activities
    - i. Possible Neighbourhood Watch scheme
    - ii. Tackling litter
    - iii. Local history

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