

Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report for Parish Council 23rd November 2017

Steering Group and meetings

Since the last Parish Council meeting we have had two meetings of the Steering Group, on 16th October and 20th November.

Finance

The first invoice from our consultants Kirkwells has been paid out of the grant.

Housing Target

We asked Steph Kitto (Hereford Council liaison officer) for clarification of the housing target numbers for the designated area. Allensmore is in the Ross-on-Wye rural Housing Market Area (HMA). The Core Strategy sets out that this HMA has a 14% indicative housing growth target over the plan period up to 2031. This equates to 32 additional homes in Allensmore parish as a whole. As of October 2017, Steph confirmed to us by email that 5 of these have been completed and 15 committed and reiterated that **the housing growth target for the NDP is therefore to support at least 12 appropriate additional homes by 2031.**

Issues and Options Document

Following the September meeting, Steering Group members shared out the drafting of the Issues and Options document. Following a quick review of each section, it was all sent off to Kirkwells who put the pieces together into a first draft.

We had a big debate about whether to draw out and include settlement boundaries in the document. We all agreed with Kirkwell's advice that we should. The first proposal of the boundaries was drawn following a walk around the settlements: we decided that Steering Group members would not review the area in which they lived themselves.

At the last meeting on 20th November, we reviewed the draft document and the initial settlement boundary proposals. Some adjustments were made and the document is now being amended further.

Our current plan is to complete this document in December, ready for the first consultation with everyone in the area in January. This is a little later than originally planned due to both the amount of work involved and the decision to defer consultation until after Christmas.

Nick Chapman, 23th November 2017