

Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report for Parish Council 24th May 2018

Steering Group and meetings

Since the last Parish Council meeting we have had two meetings of the Steering Group, on 16th April and 21st May. Six members of the public attended the April meeting.

No changes to the Steering Group.

Finance

The application for the grant of £3,645 to cover the next 12 months has been accepted and payment expected this week. This will cover the costs of Kirkwells, our NDP consultant for the next stages and also cover some of the printing and other costs we expect to incur. This should take us almost up to completion of the NDP project.

A further application was made to AECOM to cover the costs of independent technical assessments on the 'Call for Sites' submissions received.

Call for Sites

Call for Sites submissions closed on April 8th. We received 18 submissions by the closing date.

At the April meeting of the steering group, 6 local residents attended and requested information about the sites submitted. The steering group felt that further advice would be necessary before details of the submitted sites are released. Sites will ultimately be published within the Preferred Options Document together with the independent technical assessments and ratings later this year. The advice from both Kirkwells and Steph Kitto, our Herefordshire Council liaison officer, was that we could publish an overview, but should not divulge personal information. A map has now been published on the NDP website showing approximate positions, sizes and shapes of the plots, with the caveat that some of the sites may turn out to be unsuitable, and it is likely that not all will be required for the NDP to meet the Herefordshire Council's growth target of 12 or more new houses by the end of the plan period in 2031.

We have subsequently received a further 2 submissions covering 5 plots. Further advice has been sought as to whether we should accept these after the closing date, and again we were advised it is at our discretion. We have decided that as the AECOM independent assessments have not started yet, we can accept them as long as AECOM can include them in the current application. We have received a verbal response that this will be acceptable but await a written confirmation from AECOM. Once this is received, the published map will be refreshed, and a progress report sent out for residents.

GDPR

The steering group have adopted a privacy policy to cover personal information collected during the project (copy attached).

Next tasks

Refining the Preferred Options document

Call for sites independent technical assessments, and merging results into the Preferred Options document

Nick Chapman, 24th May 2018