

# Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Report for Parish Council 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **Steering Group and meetings**

Since the last Parish Council meeting we have had one meeting of the Steering Group, on 16<sup>th</sup> July where four members of the public attended. The scheduled meeting in June was cancelled as there was little on the agenda due to Aecom not yet engaging. This has slowed up progress a little.

No changes to the Steering Group.

### **Finance**

The application made to Aecom to cover the costs of independent technical assessments has been approved – this is in the form of a work package rather than funding to us.

### **Call for Sites**

Call for Sites submissions now stand at 23 sites and we are not accepting any more submissions at this time.

Aecom have been appointed to carry out their independent site assessments; Tony Cramp and I have had a couple of telephone conferences with them to give them background information and arrange the next actions. They have been emailed all the site submissions, maps and our draft “preferred options” document which includes our vision statement for Allensmore and our draft policies. They will be carrying out a “desk exercise” on the submissions to assess them against their standard NDP criteria, also taking into account recent planning applications made at Herefordshire Council. Two representatives from Aecom will visit us on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August for a quick walkover of each site. I intend to accompany them as a member of the steering group with no personal interest in any of the submitted sites, none of which are close to my property. I will be writing to each of the site contacts to inform them of the date and request permission to access the sites.

We anticipate that the outcome of their assessment will give us a broad red/amber/green rating plus their reasoning. No date has been given for the feedback.

In the meantime, the steering group are refining the draft policies, but do not intend to do any assessment of the submitted sites until the results of the Aecom assessment are received.

### **Next meetings**

The next steering group meetings are scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> August (just after Aecom’s visit) and 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Nick Chapman, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018