

# Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Report for Parish Council 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Steering Group and meetings**

Since the last Parish Council meeting, we have had two meetings of the Steering Group on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. One member of the public at each meeting.

No changes to the Steering Group.

### **Finance**

There have been no outgoings since the last report.

We have reached the end of the period covered by the last application and Tony Cramp has submitted an end of grant report to the relevant funding body. The rules on returning grant monies not spent by the end of the financial year have been changed, enabling us to retain these funds into the future. However, we will need to make a further grant application to cover the rest of the project at some point.

We are within the overall budget.

### **Herefordshire Council – Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Regulation Habitats Assessment (RHA)**

I reported last time that the feedback from the January public consultation had been incorporated into the latest version of the NDP.

The NDP document was also submitted to Herefordshire Council for them to do the required Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Regulation Habitats Assessment (RHA) on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. These reports were returned to us on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019. The Steering Group reviewed them and sent back comments and queries on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and revised reports were received on 12<sup>th</sup> May. The reports show that our NDP is fully compliant with Herefordshire Council's policies and are available to view if you wish.

The NDP document was circulated to Parish Council members for approval following the initial response from Herefordshire Council as it was clear at that point that there would be no further changes. This is the reason why you have only recently received the final version.

### **NDP Regulation 14 Consultation**

The NDP document is now ready for the statutory Regulation 14 public consultation where we have to notify a number of official bodies and organisations, such as the Environment Agency, Welsh Water, Highways England, Network Rail etc. We will also be informing our Ward Member and adjoining parish councils. We inform them where they can see the plan, what the consultation dates are and how they can respond to it.

We will also be informing all the residents in our area of the same information by a leaflet drop to every residence, plus

- posters and printed copies at several agreed locations
- Email via village email list and NDP contacts list
- notification in Tracking the News
- notification in Hereford Times County Times section
- Allensmore website

There has been a small change to the document since it was issued to the Parish Council – on page 4 the paragraph about the Regulation 14 consultation has been amended following last night's Steering Group meeting as we will not be delivering copies of the response forms but making them available at the viewing points and on the website.

The NDP document is commended to the Parish Council by the Steering Group.

**Parish Council action required:**

1. Approve the "Regulation 14" version of the NDP as circulated with the slight amendment described above
2. Confirm the Regulation 14 consultation dates as Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – the period being 6 weeks and 5 days.

**Appendix 5: Non-planning matters arising from the NDP**

Separate update from Tim Hancox.

Nick Chapman, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019