

Allensmore Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report for Parish Council 21st September 2018

Steering Group and meetings

Since the last Parish Council meeting we have had one meeting of the Steering Group, on 20th August where one member of the public attended. The scheduled meeting in September was cancelled as the Aecom site assessment report had not been received in time and 3 members of the Steering Group were unable to attend anyway.

Jim and Louise Hamilton have resigned from the Steering Group due to increased commitments. We thank them for their contribution and wish Jim well as this year's president of Hereford Lions Club.

Finance

No expenditure in this period except for meeting room hire.

Call for Sites

Independent site assessors Aecom visited Allensmore on 15th August and after an initial organisational meeting with Tony Cramp and I, visited all 23 sites; I accompanied them during the morning session. The first draft of their "Site Assessment Report" was received last Friday (14th September) and a "working party" consisting of 5 members of the Steering Group met informally on Monday 17th September to begin looking at the report. A number of typological and factual corrections have been sent back to them to correct.

The report assesses each site against their standard criteria, and, taking into account other factors such as our draft policies and planning application history, recommends whether they should be allocated in the NDP or not. Although there is still much debate to be had by the Steering Group before we publish it, the draft report appears to recommend sufficient sites to reach our target.

The Steering Group will be seeking advice from our consultants at Herefordshire Council and at Kirkwells before deciding the next steps, but we expect to publish Aecom's report without comment prior to the discussion at the next Steering Group meeting.

Next meetings

The next steering group meetings are scheduled for 15th October and 19th November.

Nick Chapman, 21st September 2018