

Ledbury Town Council Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Working Party meeting of 17th February 2019 agreed that work should begin immediately on the revision of the adopted NDP to include: a settlement boundary; a policy to cover green infrastructure; a revision of the Ledbury Design Guide so as to include it as a policy in the NDP. The revision should also incorporate amended policies to cope with expected town growth in the key areas of: sporting/recreation and open space provision and additional infrastructure requirements including medical/health, education and employment facilities.

This document sets out the aims and scope of the working party.

Target date to Adoption of the revised NDP: end of February 2020.

1. Aims:

- a) To amend the Neighbourhood Development Plan:
 - to include an evidence- based settlement boundary.
 - to include the Ledbury. Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide as an intrinsic part of the document rather than, as currently, as a complementary document which has no weight in planning terms.
 - to include policies setting out the town's approach to green infrastructure.
- b) By
 - producing a robust evidence base for the proposed revisions.
 - establishing a working relationship with Herefordshire Council.
 - working in an open and transparent way.
 - promoting consultation events effectively and widely.
 - organising informative, accessible consultation events.
 - to liaise with neighbouring parishes on their NDP submissions and the Malvern Hills AONB authority, to ascertain how those areas may inter-relate with the Ledbury area NDP.
- c) To effectively and efficiently, collate evidence, gather and respond to public comment.

2. Scope of Review:

- a) To cover the whole area designated in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- b) To initiate research including reference to past reports and documentation relating to land use issues as part of the information gathering process, including information gathered by the previous Working Party.
- c) To identify the evidence needed to support the delineation of a settlement boundary
- d) To consider commissioning a Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Study based on past research and studies and the Working Party's own research and consultation
- e) To identify and consult with relevant stakeholders on proposals.

3 Communication:

- a) To keep the public and Town Council up to date with progress.
- b) To communicate regularly with the Neighbourhood Development team at Herefordshire County Council (HCC) to ensure work is 'on track' and to understand the possible impact on the NDP of the work being carried out by HCC in revising the Herefordshire Core Strategy.

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4. Conclusion:

- a) To review the whole Neighbourhood Development Plan (adopted 2018) in the light of the new content for contradictions, anomalies and omissions and make any necessary amendments including adding new policies based on the new evidence.
- b) To prepare a draft revised NDP for Regulation 14 public consultation.
- c) To collate and respond to comments from the public and stakeholders and amend the NDP accordingly.
- d) To prepare a final draft revised NDP for Regulation 16 public consultation.
- e) This stage of revision will not include revision of all policies. The Working Group will continue to work on these after the stage of work has finished and in the light of the emerging revisions to the Hereford Core Strategy.