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Subject: RE: Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party

Dear Philip,

Once again, I find that the NDP meeting is scheduled for a day which I am unable to make. Please accept my apologies for the 13 May meeting. Given this – please may we arrange to meet before the 9 May to go through a number of issues which relate to the NDP update which I have been unable to bring to a group meeting yet.

Please may I also make some comment on the meeting notes from the previous meeting.

I would strongly oppose any suggestion that Foxley Tagg be used in any capacity whatsoever on the update of the Ledbury NDP. My personal experience of them was that they were incompetent and - worse than that – manipulative and partial. The feedback I have received from officers at Herefordshire Council in both the Planning Team and the NDP Team is that they were deeply unimpressed with the advice provided to us and with the (very few) interactions they had directly with FTP on Ledbury NDP matters. They deal with FTP in other capacities and hold a dim view of them generally.

Data Orchard (<http://dataorchard.co.uk/>) has previously provided sound and competent consultancy to the Ledbury Town Plan. This firm has more recently extended their service provision to support a number of NDP groups throughout Herefordshire. I would offer them as an alternative supplier if you are looking to meet the requirements of our financial regulations as regards tendering for this work.

Please can you clarify which document, relating to the settlement boundary, was introduced at the last meeting by Nichola Foorde (mentioned in minutes). Has the group read and digested the HC guidance on Settlement Boundaries?

As per the required process – please can we have the documents related to each meeting, the agendas and minutes lodged on a website – council's or NDP's, don't care – so that the public can see them. This would make a refreshing change from how the previous group operated.

I strongly recommend that the current group looks very carefully at the UDP map of Ledbury – which the previous group says it used to inform their indefensible settlement boundary. There are a number of green areas which were previously highlighted, noted and protected which have now lost their protection and have not been even discussed at any point in the work undertaken on the previous plan.

I would also draw your attention to the maps which were created at those early consultations – which are captured in the NDP evidence base. They show some interesting data preferences and trends which were never properly explored subsequently and really should be acknowledged and revisited. I doubt public opinion has changed in the intervening period.

Please can I also suggest that the group approach David Penny – Technical Director of the Canal Trust – and ask him to attend a group meeting in the very near future to discuss the Trust's plans for the overall canal project and, very specifically, their plans and timescales for the sections running through and immediately adjacent to the parish. This may well have a bearing on the future management of the riverside park and future land use options for the ex-Countrywide site, possibly also encompassing the Cheese Factory and the land adjacent to it (which is currently for sale).

A much more strategic view needs to be taken of the footpath, cycleway and bridleway networks in and adjacent to the parish, and the strategic gaps requested between Parkway and Ledbury and Ledbury and Wellington Heath.

There's likely to be an overlap between the work of the current Traffic Mgt WG and both the Public Realm Plan for Ledbury and the Strategic Transport Plan at county level which need to be taken into consideration by the NDP.

Do you have a list of issues which need to be covered under this update? If not – perhaps this would be a good starting place. It amounts to the 'gap analysis' which FTP were supposed to have done at the start of the original plan, but which they never properly did and certainly didn't evidence the 'plugging' of any gaps as a consequence of the early 'consultations' they supposedly designed and ran. Such a list would help to identify inter-relationships between topics and issues at a relatively early stage and will help to ensure the right stakeholders are brought into the discussions at each stage.

Let me know when we might be able to meet up to go through some of this stuff before 9 May.

Thanks,

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Subject: Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party

To all members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party

Please find attached the notes with agreed actions from the last NDP WP meeting together with other attachments it was agreed should be circulated.

The other attachments are:

- what I believe was the final version of the Design Guide that is referred to in the now adopted NDP
- a Herefordshire Council Employment Land Study document which was sent by Ian for intended discussion at our last meeting but was not picked up in time on the day for circulation then
- for reference, a copy of the Examiners report on the NDP from which it was amended and went to Referendum
- also for reference, a copy of the settlement boundary criteria used by the previous WP

We agreed to aim for notes within a week if possible, so apologies they are later than that, but with the election and the Easter holiday they have been delayed longer than I intended. Not Christine's fault I must say, she got them to me within the week, but it has taken me some time to check and edit them as appropriate and then dig out and check the attachments. Please advise if you have any comments or queries.

Just to confirm the next NDWP meeting will be held 13th May 2019 at 7:30pm, Committee room, Town Council Offices.

Best regards

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