

Ledbury Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021-2031

Plan revision - 1st Public consultation Issues and options questionnaire May – July 2021

The currently adopted Ledbury Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) does not contain policies upon several important matters, particularly a settlement boundary. Ledbury Town Council is undertaking a limited revision of its NDP to address these matters.

An accompanying leaflet sets out the main issues that the NDP proposes to cover. If not delivered with this questionnaire, contact the Clerk at clerk@ledburytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01531 632306 for a leaflet to be posted to you. Depending on the easing of lockdown restrictions, you may also be able to collect a copy - and questionnaires for other household members if you need them - from the office; please call to check.

This questionnaire seeks your views about proposed key issue revisions to the NDP before the Town Council draws up a new version of the plan. You will need the leaflet with its information on the options, including maps, to help you answer the questions.

If you can, please complete this questionnaire online by midnight Friday 16th July following this link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LedburyNDP_Issues_Options. If you prefer to complete it in writing, please answer the questions below and return to Ledbury Town Council by Friday 16th July using one of the options given at the end of this questionnaire.

If you need more space for your comments please continue onto a separate sheet.

1. Defining a Settlement Boundary (see leaflet Figures 1, 2 & 3)

Question 1a: Which of the settlement boundary options do you prefer? (*Please RANK options in order of preference: 1 for most preferred, 2 for second choice, 3 for least preferred*).

Option A (Figure 1): No settlement boundary.	3
Option B (Figure 2): Settlement boundary including existing and all currently approved permitted developments.	1
Option C (Figure 3): As Option B plus protection for the Riverside Park and areas for recreation and employment south west of Little Marcle Road. This is the option recommended by Ledbury Town Council, Herefordshire Council and our professional consultants.	2

Question 1b: Do you have any suggestions of other areas to be added within the boundary and why? Please enter your suggestions below.

2. Employment and Recreation (see leaflet Figure 3)

Question 2a: Do you agree that providing land to expand provision for sport is a high priority for this update? (*Please tick one answer choice*).

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Question 2b: To get support from Sport England, any new football facility needs to be combined to provide for both adult and junior football so they can benefit from shared facilities. Do you agree that this should be on the indicated site off Little Marcle Road? (*See Figure 3*) (*Please tick one answer*).

Agree ☒ No Opinion ☐ Disagree ☐

Question 2c: Are there other recreational or leisure needs for which land should be identified? *(Please write your comments in the box below.)*

Question 2d: Given that Ledbury is required by the Core Strategy to provide 12 hectares (approx. 30 acres) of new employment land to the south of Little Marcle Road, would you agree that:

i) More than one site should be considered to meet this requirement? *(Please tick one answer choice.)*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

ii) Land by the Full Pitcher roundabout and adjacent to the new housing development (Hawk Rise) should be considered for employment restricted to uses suitable near to a residential area? *(Please tick one answer choice.)*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

iii) Smaller areas elsewhere on the edge of the town should be identified to accommodate new or expanded businesses? *(Please tick one answer choice.)*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

3. Land North of the Viaduct and Railway Line

Question 3a: Should the option to create a vehicular access off the Hereford Road to the viaduct housing development be preserved for the future? *(Please tick one answer choice.)*

Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Question 3b: Do you support the provision of ground level eastbound platform access, improved platform services and additional car parking at the railway station? *(Please tick one answer choice.)*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Please add any comments you have here.

4. Supporting the Town Centre (see leaflet Figures 4 & 5)

Question 4a: Which areas do you think should be added to the currently defined town centre (shown in red on map Figure 4 in the leaflet). *(Please tick your selection(s) and add any suggestions you may have about areas to be added in the box)*

Only Red ☐ and + Blue ☐ and + Green ☒ and + Purple ☐ No opinion ☐

Comment/other areas which you think should be included in the town centre and why:

*Provision of other sites will always
need architectural
consideration*

Question 4b: Given the changes in retail type definitions, do you agree that, in planning terms, there should be no differentiation between primary and secondary shop frontages and that shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, financial and professional services, and hot food takeaways should be allowed within this combined frontage? (See leaflet Figure 5) *(Please tick one answer choice).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Question 4c: Should we propose a co-ordinated approach to the regeneration of Lawnside and Market Street to benefit the town centre, its conservation area and community services? *(Please tick one answer).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Question 4d: Should the NDP promote the retention of health facilities in the town centre if it is at all possible? *(Please tick one answer choice).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

5. Green Infrastructure (see leaflet Figures 6, 7 & 8)

Question 5a: Do you agree with the following proposals:

i) That the new and extended corridors and enhancement zones identified in Figure 7 should be added to the existing green infrastructure identified in the Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Report (Figure 6) *(Please tick one answer choice).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

ii) That within those areas green infrastructure should be protected, enhanced and extended where possible? *(Please tick one answer choice.)*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Question 5b: Do you agree that all green and open spaces shown in Figure 8 should generally be afforded protection as contributing to green infrastructure within and surrounding the town? Can you suggest any additional green spaces? *(Please tick one answer and write suggestions in the box below).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Comment/other possible green spaces:

Question 5c: Do you agree that allotments and/or community gardens should be encouraged? Can you suggest a suitable location for them? *(Please tick one answer and write suggestions in the box below).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☐ No opinion ☒ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree ☐

Comment/other possible locations for allotments or community gardens:

Question 5d: Can you suggest footpaths, cycleways or other connections that could be improved or created to benefit residents and give access to green space and wildlife? *(Please write your comments in the box below).*

Question 5e: Do you think more or improved children's play areas are needed and if so, where? *(Please write your comments in the box below, including what type of play area is needed e.g. open space, play equipment and for what age range.)*

6. Design and the Environment

Question 6a: Do you agree that that the NDP should include policies covering as wide a range of design matters as possible? *(Please tick one answer choice).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

Question 6b: Do you agree that the NDP should include policies to support sustainable development to mitigate the climate and ecological emergency? *(Please tick one answer choice).*

Strongly agree ☐ Agree ☒ No opinion ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly disagree ☐

7. Other Matters

Question 7a: Bearing in mind that this is an NDP revision, do you have any other comments on the specific topics covered above or any other issues you wish to raise? *(Please comment in the box below).*

Question 7b: Please write your postcode in the box below. (This does not identify any individual, but is simply to help us analyse the degree of response by post code and if they are relatively equally spread across all Ledbury parish post codes; it helps us to see which areas of the Parish have responded and where greater engagement needs to take place).

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It is preferred, if you can, that you complete these questions online by midnight Friday 16th July using the link on page 1. Otherwise please return your completed questionnaire to the Ledbury Town Council Offices by Friday 16th July by any of the following options:

Simply fold and insert the questionnaire into an envelope and post in any letterbox (no stamp needed) to: Freepost LTC NDP
or: Deliver by hand to the Ledbury Town Council Offices (letter box Church Lane).