

Ledbury Neighbourhood Development Plan 2019/20 Landuse Focus Groups

Draft Terms of Reference

The aim of the work is not to produce a new Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) but to amend the adopted plan. Existing policies in the plan will be the starting point for the work of Action Groups whose first question should be: 'is this policy adequate?' and if the answer is no, 'what is missing?' 'will it serve the future growth of the town?'. In answering these questions the Examiner's report on the adopted NDP will be useful as will the consultation responses to the first and second drafts of the adopted NDP.

Action Groups will:

- Revisit the adopted NDP and assess whether the existing policies will meet Ledbury's future needs. Reference the Examiners' report, the Herefordshire Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework .
- If necessary re-assess what the need is in Ledbury in their focus area- using: existing research and studies; work undertaken for the previous NDP including consultation feedback; new consultations with the public, community organisations and businesses.
- Identify gaps in the research/evidence base (see above) and conduct studies/consultation to fill the gaps.
- Develop proposals and test these through public consultation.
- Eventually identify suitable physical sites for development using the Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment Study and test these with the public.
- Report back to the NDP Working Party at regular intervals on progress.
- Be supported by planning and landscape consultants.
- Through the NDP Working Party communicate with Herefordshire Council (HC), Neighbourhood Planning Team, in particular to check emerging ideas against the work HC are doing to revise the Herefordshire Core Strategy.
- Work to the project plan and consultation timeline.