

Ledbury NDP Steering Group (SG) agenda and actions

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<p>Meeting 18 – Friday 29th January 2021 Present: PH; NF; AL</p>	
<p>1) Recreation Sites Considered PH outlined the different sites considered for football facilities in the past and the associated issues. List of sites to be forwarded to BB is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Viaduct Site</u>. Football pitches were put forward when this site was first considered, but they were not in the planning application. Phillip is not sure why not. Sport England and the FA support a combined provision for the Swifts (juniors) and Ledbury Town FC (seniors) and maybe this wasn't possible. However, the site may still be an option, depending on the Inquiry outcome. ii). <u>Gladman Site</u> - Dymock Road. This was rejected on landscape and access grounds, as detailed in Karl Brace's email. Further, it would only have been for Swifts and would therefore not have been approved by Sport England. iii). <u>Leadington Site</u> (SW of Ledbury). Site of new cricket club and grounds. This has capacity, but dips away and would require costly landscaping to be suitable for football pitches; access could also be a problem. It has been ruled out. iv) <u>South of Hereford Road</u> (near Riverside Park). Swifts looked at this land, which is flat. It may not be large enough and would have difficult access via a track to a neighbouring farm (Wall Hills). v). <u>Field west of Home Base roundabout</u> (Leadon Way). This land would probably be big enough, but access (currently via a gate and footbridge over the Leadon) would have to be improved. It might also spoil the Riverside Park. <p><u>Other issues:</u> Phillip also explained the complex issues which have so far taken 8 years to resolve. The Swifts use the Rugby Club grounds but pay heavily. Ledbury Town have their own ground behind the Full Pitcher, but the old pavilion, lighting etc. need replacing on another site. The owner, Property Solutions, is obliged, and trying to get this done, but both clubs have to be supported in their needs and Herefordshire Council has to come together with all these bodies to get an agreed plan to put to Sport England. The best option is the proposed site south of Little Marcle Road.</p>	<p>AL</p>

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<p><u>Provision for Other Sports</u> Other sports also have to be considered or enabled including hockey, disabled riding, basketball, badminton etc. There is a need to talk to John Masefield about out of hours use of their sports hall.</p>	
<p>2. CT's Work PH wants to make clear that there is no more than £10,000 in the budget. LTC is having to increase the precept, but in order to keep this to a minimum, AP is suggesting taking out the LTC £10,000 for the NDP to put into reserves. Consultants will probably receive more via the £5,000 contingency, including MB who will be asked to analyse the consultation results. SG discussed the further work required by CT on biodiversity. There may be people involved in Sustainable Ledbury or the Climate Change WP who could help in future, but it was agreed to ask CT to cover the current work because of shortage of time.</p>	PH
<p>3. Communications and Consultation Plan PH has revised this, adapted from the last C & C plan, and included MB's suggestions. AL thought this was a good start. SG agreed that all consultations should be put into a spreadsheet, distinguishing between priority consultees and advising consultees. The Word table started by NF could be basis for this spreadsheet; it should enable filter by different categories and take account of GDPR requirements. PH and NF to work on this document. <u>Evidence Base Consultation List</u> (C & C Plan pages 6 & 7) Businesses and other organisations already consulted were noted. Those remaining include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Pugh's and John Goodwin</u>. To be sent modified letter to businesses offering Zoom or telephone meeting. ii) <u>Mr Alistair Young</u>. To be invited to discuss letting him know what we are doing on recreation and employment. Land proposed is not just for football, but other sports and small business units. iii) <u>Sports Federation</u>. PH is aware of time pressures but contact with this organisation has to be left for a couple of weeks, because of personal circumstances involved. iv) <u>Tri-Services</u>. To be sent general consultation letter. v) <u>Other Groups/Organisations</u>. (C&C Plan pages 6 & 7) To be sent general consultation letter (not already sent letter in October 2019). These are: Community Voluntary Action Ledbury (CVA); Ledbury Rugby Football Club; Ledbury Walking Group; Ledbury Ramblers; Ledbury Harriers Running Club; Hellens; Eastnor Castle; Weston Cider; Ledbury Air Corps. 	<p>NF & PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH?</p> <p>PH?</p>

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vi) <u>Other Priority Consultees are:</u>	
<u>John Masefield</u> – re. out of hours use of sports hall	PH
<u>Charles Masefield</u> – re. Masefield Meadows; Anne Crane to be asked to contact (using consultee template)	NF
<u>Canal Trust</u> - to be contacted by NF	NF
List of community groups contacted in October 2019 and redrafted consultation letter to be sent by AL	AL
4. Next SG Meetings	
Thursday, 4 th February 10.30 am (if necessary)	
Tuesday, 9 th February 2 pm (with BB)	