

Ledbury NDP Steering Group (SG) agenda and actions

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Meeting 65 – Tuesday, 12th April 2022	
Present: PH; NF; AL.	
1. Notes of Meeting 63 and 64 To follow for agreement.	SG
<p>2. Analysis of Reg 14 Consultation Responses</p> <p>Survey Monkey: PH confirmed that Survey Monkey was switched off a day early, probably because MB was suffering from effects of Covid. However, MB turned it back on during the afternoon of 19th March and all emails and paper responses have been accepted from those unable to access Survey Monkey on that day. SG believes that no one who wanted to respond was unable to do so.</p> <p>BB is preparing a summary of all Reg. 14 responses received for SG to discuss. NF has already forwarded 6 to him. PH to send 5 paper response forms and all electronic ones received asap and by the end of the Easter weekend at the latest. PH also to contact BB about his email of 11.4.22 concerning 2 issues in the Ledbury Town Council Investment Plan: acquisition of employment land no longer needed by UBL and access to the employment land extension. PH reported that Rob Ewing is to have a meeting with UBL about access to the sporting area, either via the area of scrub (closest to the Little Marcle roundabout) or via the existing UBL access. PH outlined three issues which we need to look at and, where raised by Cllr Harvey, recorded on a response form:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road access to the Ross Road, an option which might help in negotiations with the landowner of the proposed playing fields. 2. Extension of the settlement boundary to include Pugh's, the cricket ground and area adjoining and north of the Ross Road. (An individual resident wishes to build a house in her garden (past the rugby club grounds on Ross Road and include this in the settlement boundary). 3. Review of energy policy and SD1.3 on sustainable design in particular. This is required in response to Bloor Homes who are going ahead with installing gas boilers, even though they will be banned by 2025. <p>PH to ask BB about expanding SD1.3 on the type of heating systems advocated to save energy.</p> <p>PH also to ask BB about revisiting the metric for measuring biodiversity net gains.</p> <p>NF to let BB know our proposed programme to have all main and controversial issues summarised for the WP in time for the meeting on 3rd May. Aim is to have a summary by 20th/21st April for SG meeting with BB if possible on 22nd April.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>SG</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>NF</p>

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<p>NF also to ask MB for her combined online and paper response form analysis in line with these timescales if possible.</p>	<p>NF</p>
<p>3. Review of Timeline Given the large number of Reg. 14 responses and unavoidable delay caused by Covid infection, SG agreed that the timeline should be extended. SB has said that we can consult during the summer school holidays but would need to allow additional time to take account of staff absences and for review of the SEA (2 – 3 weeks). SB added that It would help if they can have a copy with the changes marked – BB is familiar with doing this. NF to revisit the timeline. SG agreed that we need to be realistic, but still aim to get the NDP to Reg. 16 asap and referendum by December/January, if possible. SB to be contacted around end-June to ask about the process for finding an examiner.</p>	<p>NF</p>
<p>4. Individual/Group Responses (1st Consultation) PH and NF are working on these responses. PH agreed to do what he can to complete these asap, dealing first with the Reg.14 responses.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>5. Budget PH's 'end of grant' report on how the second Localities grant money has been spent, including some changes to the detail during the consultation, has been accepted by the Localities Grant authority, which is good news. PH outlined work still to be completed and sums due to BB and MB. He shared an up to date budget with the SG which shows there is a potential underspend for LTC to decide on further payment to consultants for work above and beyond original quotes.</p>	
<p>6. Date of Next Meeting Friday, 22nd April 2022 at 10:30am (BB to be asked to attend from 11:30am)</p>	