

Ledbury NDP Steering Group (SG) agenda and actions

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Meeting 66 – Wednesday, 27th April 2022 Present: PH; NF; AL; (BB after 3:30pm)	
1. Notes of Meeting 63, 64 and 65 These are agreed and have been sent out along with the agenda and other papers for the WP meeting on 3 rd May.	
2. Discussion of BB's Schedule 1 SG discussed both general and specific points in BB's schedule which records and responds to the paper and online comments he has received to date. PH to forward remaining email responses for BB to complete this work asap. SG agreed with most of BB's responses, noting the large amount of excellent work involved and the following general points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are a high number of supportive and complimentary responses. 2. Some matters raised are covered by existing policies in the current NDP and will be retained because they have local community support. 3. Some points made are already covered in a policy elsewhere in the plan and there is no need to duplicate. 4. Some suggestions do not fall within the scope of the planning system and NDP. 5. Some matters are covered in Herefordshire Council documents or should be dealt with through representation to HC. 6. Some changes and additions to the wording are helpful and should be adopted. 	PH
3. Discussion with BB PH thanked BB for his extensive and valuable work on Schedule 1. BB explained that Schedule 2 will list the changes to be made to the NDP, but this is difficult to start until he receives all the written responses. The main changes to Schedule 1 were agreed as follows: <u>Page 5:</u> Response should refer to a second access point which was rejected at appeal by the Secretary of State. <u>Page 6 – Policy TR1.1 (various comments):</u> Agreed omitting the word 'street' and adding: Any improvement, including lighting, should take account of the sensitivity of the Town Trail and the need to mitigate effects on wildlife. (Reference should also be made to LVBA, section 7.2.120). <u>Page 9:</u> Agreed minor drafting changes in EE1.2 and use of acronym (TPO) for clarity in NE2.1 <u>Pages 13 – 26:</u> SG agreed responses to developers' comments. PH requested more reference here to the LVBA and the	

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<p>nationally recognised need to protect the rural setting and nature of rural towns like Ledbury.</p> <p><u>Page 23 (ii)</u>: SG queried meaning here; BB will check.</p> <p><u>Page 27</u>: Agreed change to para 1.14 on reduced bus services.</p> <p><u>Page 33</u>: NF to supply titles of photos.</p> <p><u>Page 34</u>; Change to heading in HO2.3 agreed, to give more emphasis to green infrastructure.</p> <p><u>Pages 39 – 43 (Policies CL2.1 and CL2.2)</u>; BB said that Sports England want the area for playing fields allocated, which can require HC or LTC to purchase the land. BB has asked SB for advice on this and will ask her again. He is prepared to draft an appropriate letter to the Leader of HC to be sent from our Town Clerk.</p> <p><u>Page 43 (Access to playing fields)</u>: SG discussed BB’s response and the earlier suggestion to create an access onto the Ross Road. PH pointed out that this option had been explored and rejected as impractical for various reasons, including safety at a junction with fast moving traffic on the Ross Road. BB added that the proposal would delay matters considerably because it would need a traffic assessment undertaken by LTC. It could also lead to developers arguing that LTC had not considered all housing sites and require a judicial review.</p> <p>An earlier proposal, to extend the settlement boundary (to include an area north of Ross Road, Pugh’s and the cricket ground) was also discussed. BB pointed out that it had not been an option consulted on or raised in the written representations; it could be put forward in the next NDP revision.</p> <p><u>Pages 48 – 50 (John Masefield School)</u>: In addition to his response, BB suggested that LTC write to the school advising them to pursue their needs with Ruth Jackson at HC. Further, academies can be included in S106 monies, in BB’s view.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a separate list of typing errors to BB.</p>	<p>NF</p> <p>BB</p> <p>SG</p> <p>AL</p>
<p>4. Other Matters Discussed with BB</p> <p><u>Timeline</u>: BB would be able to produce a final draft by the second week of June, provided he receives outstanding email responses very soon.</p> <p>BB confirmed that 8 weeks would be adequate for the Reg 16 consultation.</p> <p><u>Consultation and Basic Conditions Statements</u>: BB to send an example of a Consultation Statement which can include Schedule 1, responses to the 1st consultation etc.; we might produce this ourselves. The Basic Conditions Statement is quite technical. After discussion and in light of the budget underspend, it was agreed that PH ask BB to quote for work on both statements.</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>PH</p>

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<p><u>Completed Schedule 1</u>: SG agreed that this should be sent to all WP members as soon as it's available and an additional WP meeting arranged to discuss it.</p> <p><u>Responses to LVBA</u>: SG agreed that the immediate need is to work on the Reg 14 responses to the NDP and to consider how to handle comments on the LVBA at the next SG meeting</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>SG</p>
<p>6. Date of Next Meeting Friday 13th May 2022 at 10:30am</p>	