

Ledbury's Neighbourhood Development Plan

Topic Paper 6 Landscape Assessment - Your opportunity to contribute

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE LEDBURY LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT

(Landscape and Visual Baseline Assessment)

A landscape assessment was commissioned by Ledbury Town Council in the Summer of 2019, the first aim of which was to establish Ledbury's current landscape and visual baseline situation and provide evidence to support the policies of a revised Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

In order to reduce overall costs, a group of local people volunteered to undertake most of the baseline studies work themselves (on the physical and historic landscape, biodiversity etc.). They have been working under the guidance of the local professional Landscape Architect Carly Tinkler, who was appointed by the Town Council as its consultant to lead on this assessment.

Work started in January 2020, but was then delayed by the Covid lockdown in March 2020. However, as many of the volunteers are also members of the NDP Working Party, their contributions and those of the Landscape Architect, have informed work during the last year to establish an evidence base on such matters as the settlement boundary, green infrastructure, views, public and social amenity, etc.

All of these issues form part of the public round of consultation that will take place from May to July 2021 to provide the community feedback to help produce the first draft of the revised plan.

The full report, to be called a 'Landscape and Visual Baseline Assessment' (LVBA), is now due to be finalised in July 2021. This will be published as Topic Paper 6.

It is still work in progress, so as part of the public consultation exercise we would also welcome your contributions on what matters to you in any aspect of the Ledbury area landscape. In particular, we would like to hear from you about your favourite views of the town and Ledbury area. Please don't just send photographs if possible, but if you can, write some words about why the view(s) matter to you and include any photographs in your write-up. This should preferably be in a digital format (in Word or similar), but a hand written write-up is acceptable if you do not have the technology to do it on a computer.

When ready, submit your article with photos by Wednesday 30th June at the latest so that it can be included in the assessment report, which is aimed to be completed by mid-July, to:

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Or simply post into the Ledbury Town Council's mailbox in Church Lane

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