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**Herefordshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2020**

Dear Parish Clerk,

The Local Plan Core Strategy (LPCS) has been adopted as the over-arching development plan for Herefordshire since October 2015. As the plan approaches 5 years of age, a review of it is currently underway. A revised LPCS will require an up-to-date evidence base of what capacity the county has to accommodate potential new housing and employment development in the plan period.

In order to provide this key piece of evidence, and as per the requirements of paragraph 67 of the NPPF, Herefordshire Council is required to produce a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). The purpose of it is to identify and assess land that has potential to accommodate housing, or where appropriate employment development in the LPCS development plan period (currently 2011-2031, but this will likely be extended with a revised plan). It does not form any policy or make any allocations, but is used to identify capacity. Previous iterations of these assessments focussed solely on housing potential in certain areas of the county, and are referred to as "SHLAA" (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment).

The work that you have undertaken on your neighbourhood plans can have an important role to play in capturing a large proportion of this information. A considerable amount of site assessment work has/is being carried out or commissioned by Parishes for the purposes of identifying allocations in NDPs. I am writing to you as your parish has been involved in producing a neighbourhood plan and may have undertaken such work in the development of your NDP. We therefore would like to request that where this assessment data is complete, that it be shared with Herefordshire Council, in order to feed into our final capacity figures, concurrent with the site assessments we shall be undertaking in other areas across the county. This will enable your valuable work in producing your neighbourhood plans to be fed into the evidence base for the updated LPCS.

If you are happy to share this information, please could you indicate where on your website we might find copies of the site assessment work, or alternatively send a hard copy.

If you would like more information as to why you have received this letter, or have any other queries regarding this then please contact the Strategic Planning Team or myself on 01432261789 or [stuart.powell@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:stuart.powell@herefordshire.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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