



**DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP
PARISH COUNCIL**



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

STEERING GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 8th February 2022 7pm via Zoom

Present:

Louise Kirkup
Sam Banks – Herefordshire Council
Mohamed Mohamed – Herefordshire Council
Mark Parvin
Nick Brewin
Julia Cotton
Rob Cannings

In attendance

Simon Baker
Clare Preece (Clerk)

Apologies

Jonathan Southall

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**
- 2. TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN AND NOTE THE RESIGNATION OF CLLR TOLLEY (due to time constraints).**

Julia Cotton opened the meeting in the absence of a Chairman and the Vice Chairman. Cllr Wendy Tolley had to resign as Chairman due to time constraints and in the absence of Toby Kinnaird, the Vice Chairman, Mark Parvin was unanimously elected to stand as Vice Chairman and presided over the meeting. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Toby Kinnaird be elected to Chair.

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Sam Banks provided an update on the new Local Plan. The Plan period will be up to 2041. Following the consultation on spatial options HC will publish a preferred settlement hierarchy around June / July 2022.

The D&M NDP could either be prepared to be in general conformity with the adopted Core Strategy (up to 2031) with a net housing requirement of 21 houses focussed on the 3 settlements of Dormington, Mordiford and Priors Frome. The PC could do a relatively quick policy only NDP but site allocations and design codes take a lot longer. The NDP would be out of date when the new Local Plan is adopted and would be less robust if there are no site allocations and HC don't have a 5 year supply (they currently have about 7 years but this could change).

Alternatively the D&M NDP could be prepared alongside and following on from the new Local Plan. This would take longer but would provide a more robust and up to date NDP. It could be submitted or examined once the new Local Plan is at an advanced stage or adopted.

There would be uncertainty about the target housing figure and settlements which would be the focus for new housing. However the PC could still go ahead with a call for sites and technical site assessment and make decisions about the location and quantity of new housing in the NDP once there is greater certainty from the new Local Plan. The County Plan, Economic Development Strategy and Housing Strategy all should be considered as these provide a framework for the Local Plan (which is the planning document).

The timetable for the new Local Plan is:

- June / July 2022 Settlement hierarchy consultation
- Publication of Draft Plan for consultation Dec 2022 – March 2023.



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In the meantime, SB recommended going ahead and consulting on the Vision and Objectives with local stakeholders, but checking they are in line with the new Local Plan ie having a stronger focus on environment and sustainability.

The Steering group discussed this and decided to follow on from the new Local Plan.

Action: Steering Group to progress NDP following on from new Local Plan timetable and to update and revise the Plan as the Local Plan moves through the process.

3. TO AGREE THE MEETING NOTES FROM 12TH JANUARY 2022

The Meeting Notes from the previous meeting were unanimously **AGREED**.

Action: Clare to circulate the meeting notes for approval at the next PC meeting.

4. TO RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTION FROM MOHAMED MOHAMED:

Mohamed will be the Planning Consultant. He introduce himself and gave the SG some career background. This will be his first role and he is looking forward to sharing his knowledge and working alongside the group.

5. TO CONSIDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (amended version) PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE PC FOR APPROVAL:

Action: Clare to send revised Terms of Reference

6. TO CONSIDER REVISED VISION AND OBJECTIVES FOR APPROVAL BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AT THE MEETING ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2022

These were **AGREED** by the group to be forwarded to the PC for information and any comments.



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Action: LK to remove red text so all black and forward final version to Clare.

7. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE NDP:

This is now out of date so was deferred to the next meeting.

Action: LK to update timeline to take account of new Local Plan timetable and forward to the group.

8. TO NOTE THE AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL RENTED HOUSING POLICIES

9. TO NOTE HOUSING NUMBERS – PROPOSED GROWTH FIGURES (further consultation Spring 2022)

Action: Rob and Clare are to set up a group storage system for ease of access to all documents relating to the NDP.

10. TO CONSIDER THE HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE 2021-2041

See above.

Also nutrient policy is being tested at Tarrington NDP examination so we should be able to use this in the NDP to help move things forward.

11. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT VISION AND OBJECTIVES AND KEY THEMES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

The Steering group discussed these briefly. This will need revising and updating in line with new Local Plan and any comments from the SG. Herefordshire stone walls are not a local characteristic. Insert some wording to reflect uncertainty / transition to new Local Plan.



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Action: Steering Group members to forward any comments to Clare to be collated for LK within next 2 weeks.

Action: LK to update document for agreement at next SG meeting so it can go to next PC meeting and then be published for consultation.

12. TO DISCUSS AND PLAN THE CALL FOR SITES/TO NOTE THE PUBLICITY GUIDANCE AND NDP GUIDANCE NOTE 21 – GUIDE TO SITE ASSESSMENT AND CHOOSING ALLOCATION SITES.

Deferred to next meeting.

Sam Banks recommended possible June for call for sites following on from Vision and Aims consultation in Spring.

13. MEETING CLOSES – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7pm online