



DORMINGTON & MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL



NDP STEERING GROUP

DRAFT MEETING NOTES 16TH AUGUST 2022

HELD VIA ZOOM

Present:

Louise Kirkup – Planning Consultant
Mark Parvin - Chairman
Marjorie Shackleton
Jonathan Southall
Ben Castell – AECOM
Sam Banks – Herefordshire Council
Mohamed Mohamed – Herefordshire Council

Apologies:

Julia Cotton
Nick Brewin

In attendance:

Clare Preece – Parish Clerk

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Marjorie Shackleton and thanked her for volunteering to join the Steering Group.

2. To declare any interests in items of business listed below:

Jonathan Southall declared an interest in his site submission – Backbury Hill Farm

3. To agree the meeting notes from 12th July and AECOM meeting notes from 21st July:

The meeting notes of both meetings were agreed. Mark Parvin was not present as the AECOM meeting and therefore his name needs to be removed.

4. To welcome Ben Castell from AECOM Design Code team – inception call:

Ben will oversee the design guidelines packages. Some of the team will come to see the villages in the NDP to establish their character. There are area wide distinctions for each settlement and the design policy in the Neighbourhood plan will refer back to the design code guidelines. The Design code policy will add weight to the plan and will be a highly illustrated document. It will draw out the rich character of the area and what it will mean for the NDP. The focus will be small scale as the current proportional growth is set at 21 in line with the current Herefordshire Local Plan. An informal public consultation will take place once the Parish Council and Steering Group are comfortable with it. The Design codes will not be restrictive or too specific and will focus on materials, built forms and landscapes. Developers' plans will be examined to see how they are responding to the area around them. The codes will leave room for some creativity but the surrounding areas, buildings and landscapes are important factors to be considered.

Links to the current design codes and ANOB information from the Herefordshire Local plan will be provided to AECOM.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1/design-guide-guidance/>

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/conservation-1/areas-outstanding-natural-beauty-aonb>

The current plan is urban centric and it will be made more rural and archaeological studies containing information about why settlements end up the way they are is also available. There is information available about farmstead characterisation.

5. To receive an update on the version 1 of the Draft plan:

The Draft plan is a framework. It is hoped that it will reach the regulation 14 stage by the end of the financial year in March 2023. The steering group in conjunction with the Parish Council need to discuss the need for a Parish Housing needs survey (a draft of which has been supplied by Louise). AECOM expect to have completed their reports in 3 to 4 months and by the end of the calendar year. Digital OS mapping is available as per Herefordshire Council. Ben will join the NDP steering group every other month for updates. He will pull out the key design themes from the Draft plan.

Information from Herefordshire council's net zero and Environmental building control will also be provided. Net Zero is a key theme.

<https://zerocarbon.herefordshire.gov.uk/getting-the-county-to-net-zero>

<https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50093754/Environmental%20Buil>

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ACTION: The Clerk to forward the Draft Plan and Vision and Objectives to Ben at AECOM.

The Steering Group have not yet managed to meet to discuss the Draft Plan. It is hoped that everyone will be available to meet in the middle of September. A date will be confirmed nearer the time.

The Parish Council back the initial proposals of the Community Hall plan and this was minuted at their last meeting on 21st July 2022.

6. To receive an update on the Local Plan 2022-2041 from Herefordshire Council:

The place shaping consultation has now been closed and Herefordshire Council are in the process of analysing 1000+ comments. Another targeted rural areas consultation will be required. At the moment there is no huge movement in settlement hierarchy. Herefordshire Council will be able to attend to inform the Steering Group to inform them how the area will be affected in the future. It is envisaged that the first Draft of the Plan will be published in March 2023 (the equivalent of the NDP Reg 14). 214 settlements are being considered. Dormington, Mordiford and Priors Frome are on the list. A large number of settlements are not sustainable and development will probably be concentrated in a smaller number of developments. There will be a higher number of developments than in the previous plan. Some of the aims will be to reduce the need to travel ie to schools. As with all planning, the Local Plan for Herefordshire is controversial.

ACTION: The Steering group to progress the Draft plan and to meet as a sub group before the next meeting. The Steering Group in conjunction with the Parish Council to progress the Parish Housing needs survey.

7. To receive any other business: None

8. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 13th September 2022

