

Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan

Bi-monthly Progress Note to Abbots Langley Parish Council – Report One.

1st May 2016

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has met on four occasions since 10th February 2016 to plan our programme of work. Future meetings will be monthly - the **fourth Thursday of the month**. National Government expects certain stages to be followed to create our neighbourhood plan. Four of the team met with **Claire May**, the Principal Planning Officer at the Three Rivers Council. Claire was very helpful in guiding us to ensure our Neighbourhood Plan gets off to a good start. Claire's colleagues will help us assemble relevant planning documents and data. Two members of the team met with **Tim Perkins** on 11th April to discuss our financial requirements and the process to follow to apply for a Government Grant (up to £9,000.)

We are starting our '**Initial Engagement with the Community**' to identify their issues and aspirations. During May 2016, the Abbots Langley 'Commonplace' web site will commence, allowing residents, local businesses and local organisations to provide their views on an interactive web site, which the 'Commonplace' organisation will manage and help us analyse. (at £1,100 per annum.) See: <http://commonplace.is>. We acknowledge the Abbots Langley Parish consists of at least 15 distinct communities, not all of which orientate towards the village of Abbots Langley. At the **Abbots Langley Carnival** (11th June), the Neighbourhood Team will start their formal engagement with the public. Interactive games and conversations will take place at our stall with all age groups. Another presentation is being planned for the **Three Rivers Abbots Langley Forum** in Bedmond on 5th July. The public engagement programme will continue for the rest of 2016, taken up in earnest from September 2016 onwards. Our work programme will continue for at least two years.

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