

Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan

Bi-monthly Progress Note to Abbots Langley Parish Council – Report Ten – 3rd November 2017

The Neighbourhood Planning Group last met on 28th September 2017. Their next meeting is planned for 7pm on Thursday 23rd November 2017.

Work is continuing on:

- Phase 4 'Public Engagement and Consultation'
- Phase 5 'Building the Evidence Base'
- Phase 6 'Identify the key Themes, Aims, Vision, Options.'

The Draft Report on an independent '**Housing Needs Assessment for the Parish**' by AECOM is expected before 10th November. AECOM is aware that the Parish Council is interested in the housing needs of older residents as well as newly forming households – *including social housing, affordable rented, shared ownership, intermediate rented and market housing tenures.*

Also for delivery next week is the work commissioned from Consultant, John Austin. The output from his work includes:

1. Database Design and Management of all the material being assembled for the Neighbourhood Plan.

- Phases of making the Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan, including Reports produced at different Stages
- Evidence-Base (Statistical material, Maps, relevant Policies / Plans, and records of the process of obtaining this material)
- Other relevant Neighbourhood Plans (already completed or at Examination Stage)
- Themes within the AL Neighbourhood Plan
- Publicity for the AL Plan-making and Consultation Process
- Consultation logs and responses
- Administrative Records: Working Group meetings and Contacts

Confidential and Public material will be identified separately in the data, with the intention that only the public material will be published.

2) Design Structure for a Web Site for the Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan

Having designed the database, we need to decide how best to present the material about the Neighbourhood Plan on a website and incorporate the Abbots Langley Commonplace site and Facebook Page etc. The web site should be linked to the Abbots Langley Parish Web site and the Commonplace site for the Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan.

3) A statistical Profile of the Parish of Abbots Langley, building up from ward level data.

4) Further Analysis of the public comments received from the Commonplace web site for Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan.

Parish Council should review selected sites for possible change of use.

Agreement with the Parish Council is required regarding the sites that have been identified where a 'Change in Land Use' could be considered for evaluation in the Neighbourhood Plan. All these sites are highlighted on the 2016 aerial photograph of the parish. **How does the Parish Council wish to reach a consensus regarding 'selection of sites' for land use changes?**

This agreement should occur before we meet with Claire May in the Economic & Sustainable Development Unit at Three Rivers District Council to seek her guidance on the suitability of the selected sites for 'a change of use' before we do any further evaluation. Some Members of the Parish Council are expected to attend this meeting with other members of the neighbourhood planning team, when it is arranged.

Many of the selected sites are currently classified as Green Belt. Only the District Council and National Government can determine any changes in Green Belt policies for our area. An independent assessment of Green Belt areas in the District is due for completion.

Also, the Neighbourhood Plan has to conform to the agreed Local District Plan. As the District Council is in the process of revising the Local Plan, their views are sought at this stage to determine what new policies and site allocations may influence the choices available to us in the parish.

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