

Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Bi-monthly Progress Note to Abbots Langley Parish Council – Report Twelve – 26th February 2018

The Neighbourhood Planning Group last met on Thursday 25th January 2018. Their next meeting is planned for 7pm on Thursday 26th April 2018

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.'

Housing Needs Assessment Study

Following on from AECOM's guidance on local housing initiatives that can be taken by local communities, Cllr. Brenda Kersey and Jon Tankard (architect and member of the NP group) attended a half-day seminar on 20th February: 'Community-Led Housing' organised by CDA Herts 'to help local parish councils to unlock the barriers to providing affordable housing for current and future generations.'

Cooperation with other Neighbourhood Planning Groups in the Parishes of Kings Langley, Croxley Green, Chorleywood, and St Stephens

We are aware that Neighbourhood Plans are being developed in some of our Neighbouring Parishes. Alison Eardley, our Consultant, is advising St Stephens and has been recently appointed by Kings Langley. The Chair has been approached by three of the above four Parishes to meet with them to share information and experience in a spirit of cooperation. This will probably occur after Easter 2018.

NP Web site and Database

John Austin's Report has made recommendations on the redesign of the Database for our Neighbourhood Plan and how we could establish a web site for the public to access relevant reports on our work. Following discussions with the Clerk to the Council, the Chair will provide the proposed structure of the web pages and their content to him so he can arrange for this material to be incorporated in the Planning Section of the Abbots Langley Parish Council web site.

On-going Work Programme

In broad terms, our Neighbourhood Planning Programme is:

March to June 2018

- Suggest the outline structure of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and its Appendices
- Prepare the written material for the Neighbourhood Plan, including Draft Policies.
- Compile all the required maps, diagrams and photos for the Draft Plan.
- Update our Database with all our background papers and our developed Evidence Base.
- Provide the Web Site within the Parish Website - under the 'Planning' Section.
- Ensure the Commonplace site is linked directly to the Parish site to provide the portal for on-going dialogue with residents and employers

June to November 2018

- If the content of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is acceptable to the Parish Council and has sufficient relevant proposals to justify wider discussions with local residents and businesses, then a public participation programme can be planned with each of the 15 communities in the Parish. This may include: Public Seminars, focus groups, exhibitions etc. to engage the communities. Also an Exhibition should be staged to engage local businesses and interested Authorities
- Based on feedback and discussions with the communities, revise the Draft Neighbourhood Plan accordingly.

After November 2018

- Get the Neighbourhood Plan ready for publication on the Parish website and distribution to the public and organisations across the Parish
- Get the final comments on the Draft Plan and update the document, as necessary.
- Submit the material to the District Council for review and independent assessment by April 2019 and beyond
- Move towards acceptance and vote on the Neighbourhood Plan in 2019/2020 before the new District Local Plan is finalised, ensuring it is coordinated with it, where possible.

This is a challenging programme for us to deliver. It depends on getting the policies in place and revised /adapted to meet community aspirations. The timescale is designed to fit well with other planning work affecting the Parish during the next twelve months.

Peter Warman,
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