

## **Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan**

Bi-monthly Progress Note to Abbots Langley Parish Council – Report Four – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

The Neighbourhood Planning Group met on two further occasions in September and October 2016.

We are continuing with our work on:

- Phase 4 'Public Engagement and Consultation'
- Phase 5 'Building the Evidence Base'

Peter Warman met with Tim Perkins on 18<sup>th</sup> October to agree matters relating to future budget expenditure in the next 3 months and review progress achieved over the last seven months. Peter explained, that during the next five months, work on Phases 4 and 5 should be completed. Tim suggested that now would be a good time to conduct an external 'Health Check' of the NP work. An introductory meeting with Alison Eardley (Neighbourhood Planning Freelance Consultant) has been arranged for 1<sup>st</sup> November to see if she could conduct this check, based on her 10 years experience working in this sector.

Regarding the Public Engagement, Peter will be giving an 'update' talk at the Abbots Langley Forum meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Then an article, about the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), will be published on 4<sup>th</sup> November in 'My Abbots.' This magazine is distributed to about 75% of households (6633 households) in the Parish. This will be followed up with 'third page' adverts in the December, January and February issues of 'My Abbots.' In the December issue a copy of the printed NP A5 leaflet will be included. All streets in the Parish, not covered by 'My Abbots' catchment area, will receive information about the NP via Royal Mail distribution.

A database has been compiled of all businesses (approx. 400) in the Parish and other voluntary organisations/societies (approx. 100.) By January 2017, these companies/organisations will be circulated with a letter and leaflet about the NP to encourage their input of views, comments and participation.

At the end of October, we have received 71 comments on the interactive web site (<https://abbotslangley.commonplace.is>) By March 2017, all the information collected from public responses, together with the on-going work from 12 studies 'Building the Evidence Base' may be completed. This could form the basis of a Public Exhibition at the next Parish AGM (Tanners Wood Hall) in April 2017. This could present the Main Themes of the Neighbourhood Plan (Phase 6) before the Team start writing the first Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan (Phase 7).

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