

## **Bi-monthly Progress Report for Abbots Langley Parish Council Report Thirty-One - 1st May 2021**

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has not met in the last two months because of the measures in place for Covid-19, although some members of the Planning Group have participated in the AECOM 'Virtual Tour' Groups via Zoom.

### **Progress on the Public Version of the Neighbourhood Plan**

The Consultation Draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed ready for posting on the Parish Web Site. This followed the opportunity of the Working Group and Parish Councillors to ask questions and make comments on the Working Draft during February and March. As further comments are received, during the on-going consultation Programme, the Consultation Draft will be updated and with subsequent versions published on the Parish Web site at regular intervals.

### **On-going Programme for the Neighbourhood Plan.**

The on-going programme for the Neighbourhood Plan was set out in last Bi-monthly Progress Report (see: the Parish Web site.) These include various initiatives to consult with local residents and employers on the availability of the Neighbourhood Plan and encourage their responses.

### **AECOM Project to identify distinctive and valued features of each local community**

The AECOM Consultancy Project conducted two of their three Virtual Tours using Zoom Conferences with local residents. Participants made valuable local insights and seemed to enjoy taking part. The third group is being recruited from residents living in Leavesden, Boundary Way and Coates Way/Bucknalls Lane areas. Local Ward Councillors have been asked to assist with the recruitment of local residents for this group. It is hoped this group can be arranged in early May.

### **Preparation of a Summary Report of the Neighbourhood Plan**

During May, an eight-page leaflet will be written to introduce the key elements of the Neighbourhood Plan for residents and businesses and invite comments. The Consultation Programme will continue until the end of September with local people invited to participate in Focus Groups, initially via Zoom Groups and later at Exhibitions sites if Covid-19 regulations permit.

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