

Neighbourhood Planning Group – Abbots Langley.

At Parish Office, Langley Road.

Thursday 27th September 2018 starting at 7pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies

Please let Peter know, before the meeting, if a member is not able to attend.

2. See attached Report Fifteen to the Parish Council dated 1st September 2018.

This report explains why there has been significant uncertainty over a range of planning policies affecting the Parish but which we have no control over in developing the Neighbourhood Plan.

3. Housing Policies. – Our continued interest in “Community Led Housing.”

Jon Tankard is leading on ‘Community-Led Housing’ and the work of CDA Herts ‘to help local parish councils to unlock the barriers to providing affordable housing for current and future generations.’ He can report on next wsteps to be taken.

4. In October 2018 the District Local Planning Team are expected to consult Public Agencies on their review of Parish sites put forward for development

When the sites are announced, we can compare the sites with our review of sites undertaken a year ago.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Web Site

The proposed web site will be incorporated into the Parish Web site within the Section on ‘Planning.’ This work will be commissioned using the services of the Web Developer used by the Parish Council. An additional £4,450 grant of Government Funding for our work has been approved. Part of this grant is to pay for our new web pages.

6. Developing Policies for the Neighbourhood Plan

We are aware that Neighbourhood Planning must be led by local aspirations and public consent. Circulated with this agenda is an analysis of all views received to date on our Commonplace web site. The views are grouped according to the main issues and policies that the individual comments address. The comments address the following ten policy areas:

- I. Green Belt Land, Open Spaces and Natural Environment/trees and hedgerows/ green boundaries to development/biodiversity.
- II. Conservation of key buildings.
- III. Built-environment and New Housing requirements – Type, heights and numbers
- IV. Protection of the living environment
- V. Education Facilities serving the Parish
- VI. Community Facilities
- VII. Economic Development and vitality of the key local centres
- VIII. Transport, Communications and Wayfinding
- IX. Streetscape, networks and public spaces
- X. Other topics on Land Use, Burial Grounds, etc.

Except for the topic of 'Future Health Care' these issues match our nine Key Themes we identified at the start of our work two years ago. See key Themes listed below.

What evidence do we have or need to address other areas of policy? How do we seek public views on these matters?

7. Any other business

8. Dates of next meeting is: **29th November at 7pm** at the Parish Council Offices.

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The Nine Assignments associated with Building the Evidence Base.

Key Themes

1. **Demographic profile of the local population from 2011 Census data etc.**
2. **Land Use distribution and major planning proposals across the Parish** – possible key sites for future development or change of use to meet public requirements.
3. **Enhancing the local centres in the main settlements** - Abbots Langley village, Bedmond, etc.
4. **Key green spaces and preserving the natural & historic environment / tree preservation orders etc.**
5. **Local shopping facilities and their diversity**
6. **Education – Future capacity of local schools for local children** - primary and secondary. Impact of Academy Schools changing their catchment areas.
7. **Future Health Care** – Medical Centres and Services within the parish
8. **Transport and Communications** – including walking and cycle networks, traffic safety concerns, speeding, parking, local congestion points, public transport provision, broadband networks, etc.
9. **Possible extra capacity for Burial Grounds**

Note: Additional topics can be added when identified from our interactive web site etc.

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