

Neighbourhood Plan

Brief Update for Parish Council Meeting – 15th December 2021

Landscape Character Assessment (LCA)

- A Zoom meeting was held with the consultant on 19th November to discuss their draft report.
- They are now working on an updated version which should be with us soon.

Design Code

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Discussions with BDC

- A meeting was held with Alan Massow, Principal Planning Policy Officer at BDC on 30th November to discuss the draft Local Plan Section 2 and it's implications for Earls Colne. Gabrielle Spray also attended this meeting.
- It was explained that the map of Earls Colne (which is currently in the online version of the draft Local Plan) has been revised. Copies of the updated version have now been provided to us by BDC.
- Essentially this map shows that no further sites need to be allocated in the village to achieve the BDC housing target (716 homes per year) for the next five years.
- A formal request has been made to BDC for them to provide us with an estimate of how many additional homes they envisage will be required in Earls Colne to meet the housing target for the remaining duration of the Local Plan (2027 to 2033).
- The mechanism whereby we can “call for sites” to consider allocating them in our NP to align with the Local Plan requirements was also discussed. This will be considered further by the NP Steering Group when the estimated number of homes required is advised by BDC.
- The above information and guidance received from BDC has also been fed back to the Design Consultant for their consideration and incorporation into the Design Code.

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