

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Brief Update for Parish Council Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

#### **Steering Group Meeting**

A virtual meeting of the NP Steering Group was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 where the following actions were agreed:

##### **Economy Task Group**

- Expanded summaries of some of the larger existing businesses to be prepared for inclusion in the “Village Today” section of the NP Document
- Work to continue on development of policy ideas related to economy

##### **Housing Task Group**

- Draft objectives for Housing to be further developed and circulated for comment

##### **Community Facilities Task Group**

- Further details of existing community facilities to be included in “Village Today” section
- Summary of all existing public open spaces to be prepared

##### **Environment and Infrastructure Task Group**

- Draft Objectives to be modified
- Existing BDC Landscape Character Studies to be reviewed to determine what additional work should be commissioned
- Options for increasing off street parking to be developed and considered
- Comprehensive overall plan of existing, proposed and aspirational footpaths/cycleways to developed

#### **Housing Needs Survey (HNS)**

- It was agreed to postpone the circulation of the HNS until January 2021 to avoid the questionnaires getting lost over the festive period.
- Details to be agreed for an awareness campaign to alert residents of the HNS and explain the importance of completing the questionnaire.
- If the results of the HNS confirm the recommendation in the HNA (i.e. there is a greater need for affordable home ownership than affordable rented) it has been suggested by RCCE that we need to hold further discussions with BDC as their support and approval is essential if we are to include such a policy in our NP.
- The group continues to discuss and investigate the possibility of a community led development to provide lower cost affordable housing which may not be supplied by the national house builders.
- The proposed “First Home” initiative suggested by the government is also being closely monitored however, even if this is implemented, it is unlikely to be applied retrospectively to existing developments or those already with planning approval

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