

STATUS REPORT

Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Project Start Date: August 2017

Project End Date: **August - Dec 2021**

Report Date: 26th April 2021
Report Period: 1st April - 26 April 2021
Project Stage: SEA completion and review prior to reg 15 submission of Plan to Shropshire Planning

**Overall Project RAG Status:
Amber**

Reason for RAG Status: Amber - Project on track. A process delay has been required informed by the LPA screening advice letter dated 14.10.2020 stating a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was necessary for site allocations. The SEA process is well advanced with the completion due in the next 2 weeks. Steering Group consideration of reg 15 NDP submission to the LPA will follow in May 2021.

Work Group Chair		Team	
Peter Blackburn (Community volunteer)		Kate Pearce, Kit Smith, Nick Davis, Jane Davis, Terry Davies, Mike Halliday, Steve Barnes, Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr John Greaves, Cllr Guy James Support: M. Sheehan (T/Clerk), D McBride (FO) Advisers: Gwilym Butler (County Councillor)	

Project Objectives:

- Create a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Cleobury Mortimer Town Parish that fully engages with the community to find out what residents and businesses of the town want for the period to 2036 and is approved by referendum.
- Ensure the plan is “adopted” and “made” by Shropshire County Council Planning Department so that it is written into Planning Law.

SHORT TERM (3 months)

- Review outcomes from AECOM Strategic Environmental Assessment and make any revisions informed by planning consultants advice
- Liaise with Land owners and other stakeholders re revisions
- Update Town Council on revisions
- Consider Plan submission under regulation 15 for examination by Shropshire planning and an independent assessor.

LONG TERM (3-12 months)

- Create Final Plan and publish
- Plan a local referendum to approve the Plan – Sept - November 2021
- Have the Plan “Made” into law – Project Completion

Estimated Time line

2021:

May	Review SEA and make any revisions
May	Regulation 15 Draft NDP sent to LPA
June-July	LPA consult agencies and suggest changes to the NDP
July - Aug.	NDP Steering Group agree any final changes & submit to TC
August	Cleobury Mortimer Town Council consider and vote on NDP
August	NDP is submitted to the LPA. The LPA refers to External Examiner
Aug- sept	External Examiner is then appointed and to review the NDP
Sept - Nov	Public Referendum

Activities Completed 1st April 2021 - 26th April 2021

- NDP steering Group Reviewed Draft SEA and provided feedback to AECOM Senior Environment Planner on the accuracy of content particularly chapters 4 & 5.
- Work progressed on accurate maps to depict the sites to the scale and size set out in the policies of the NDP.
- Negotiations continuing with the Ludlow Road site landowners regarding extending the agreed public right of way at the north of lea View to continue around the cemetery to the A4117 Ludlow Road to improve circular walks of the main road.

Activities Planned 26th April - 31st May 2021

- Steering group and consultant to review completed SEA & provide any feedback to AECOM for inclusion within chapter 7
- Steering Group to update Town Council on progress
- Steering group to make revisions as appropriate informed by the SEA outcomes
- Steering Group to coordinate any proof reading and map work
- Steering group to consider submitting the NDP to the LPA under regulation 15

Shropshire Local Plan Schedule

Awaiting revised estimated dates from LPA

Issue Log of new and emerging issues			
Issues	Description:	Impact:	Action:
New issues			
Answer to steering group minot footpath extension request to land owners awaited	Steering group request for agreement to the extension of existing agreed right of way from Catherton Road to the rear of the Cemetery (north of Lea View) to continue around cemetery to the A4117.	To connect with existing public footpaths to enable walks/exercise around the Town off the main road and create circular walk opportunities from the Queen Elizabeth Park.	Ongoing liaison with landowners agent.

NB New Issues in Red – Resolved issues removed month after.