Notes from Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – 2nd June 2015

Present: Andrew Thompson, Brian Barnett, Barrie Morgan, Audrey Bott, Jo King, Kate Darby, Peter Furneaux, Robert Chitham, Tom Rogers, Cllr Sebastian Bowen

Apologies: David Connor, Mark Richards,

Sites and related issues:
Andrew and Barrie declared interests.

Only one new site (Katherine Henry) since last meeting.

1. What is the position regarding those sites on National Trust or Common Land in respect of access and likelihood of development? Sebastian offered to pursue NT about this in a forthcoming meeting.

2. What would be the criteria we would use to decide which individual sites on un-built plots but adjacent to or embedded by other housing to support? If we came up with criteria could the NP indicate support for these leaving it for Herefordshire to decide? Kate to seek an answer from the planners before the next meeting on whether such sites could proceed.

3. Agreed that we thought the draft plan could make some general reference to some sites which had not come forward from the Call for Sites but which could be developed if there was a change of owner or a change of view of existing owner.

4. Noted that the sites which had come forward went some considerable way towards our indicative target. However, some concern expressed about the number of houses which could be built on the Humphries larger site and whether his smaller site was on protected open space. These matters to be pursued after the public meeting reactions.

5. Noted that we have been extremely proactive in our search for sites and that Herefordshire accept that we can only work with the sites we have.

6. Andrew and Jo will chase remaining identified owners.

7. Noted that we need a rationale for no development in Lucton, not just the fact that no sites have come forward. This would permit a tight settlement boundary to be drawn.

Public meeting and related issues.
Confirmed 1600hrs 21st June. Chair still to be settled but Sebastian will do it if he can.

Suggested Basic structure:
- Purpose of NP
- Process
- Vision and Objectives
- Criteria
- Break for Cake, Tea/Coffee and chance for people to see the site maps and flood maps.
- Regroup for comment and settlement boundaries

Agreed that we are only in listening mode and therefore would only answer questions factually not offering any opinions.
Agreed that following the meeting we would arrange a series of drop in sessions for people to give us their comments.
Agreed that as well as the drop in sessions we would leave material in St Leonard’s with a box for comments.
Noted that we all need to get comments to Barrie on Vision and Objectives in time for discussion at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**
Scheduled for Thursday 11th June at 7.00pm probably in St Leonard’s. Agenda will be the public meeting and Vision and Objectives.