

Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Development Plan Summary 2018-2019

A Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) provides the opportunity for a community to have a say in its own future.

This plan is for the whole of the Abbots Bromley parish and not just the village. It should consider: - housing, heritage & conversation, traffic, tourism, employment, transport, recreation, (there are several other themes that could be included).

The parish needs to get to the stage where there is a draft NDP created by the residents of the parish, for the benefit of the parish..... a plan on which everyone can vote in a referendum which must be held before the plan can become an official planning document.

In a nut shell - residents are ultimately in control of informing the planning decision makers on how they would like the parish and the village to grow in the future.

The Parish Council restarted its engagement work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan following the 2018 Parish Assembly. It commissioned an independent review of all the work that had already been undertaken between November 2015 and May 2018.

At the same time a new group of volunteers came forward in June 2018, and were tasked to get the process started again

Authorisation for the new group to formally conduct business as the NDPG was given on the 26th September 2018.

During the intervening time (from June 2018 to September 2018) the group did not have the authority of the Parish Council to conduct business with the community or other interested third parties. Despite this the group met regularly to familiarise themselves with the task of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The group met 8 times during this phase. (generally taking 2 hours for each meeting)

Following the approval of agreed Terms of Reference in September 2018, the group have met 22 times, moving on to meet the following Parish Council directives :-

- Summarise the results of the PC sanctioned Independent Consultant review.

- Produce an aspirational timeline plan of determined actions required to produce a Neighbourhood Plan
- Provide details to make an application for funding in support of producing the plan. (This is central government funding with strings attached and great care was needed to ensure that we get the best out of the funds that are available).
- Provide a statement of requirements to accompany an application for further Independent Consultant support.
- Identify and obtain quotations from 5 Independent Consultants so that one may be selected to work with the group

Much of this work has been time consuming. However, as a matter of priority, the group has also met with planning representatives from East Staffs Borough Council. They were able to provide guidance and recommendations for undertaking the work that lay ahead.

The group have also provided a monthly opportunity for the public to attend their meetings in order to discuss selected topics pertinent to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

These meetings have proved extremely productive and have allowed the group to receive public opinion (both at the time and also through follow up communications) This will support decision making going forward..... to date there have been 5 such meetings with the public in attendance.

There were public sessions in Nov 2018 and Dec 2018 whereby the group were able to advise of the ongoing situation. Feedback from these sessions indicated that a more focused approach was required. Therefore, subsequent public sessions have been planned to concentrate on a particular theme as follows:-

7 th February 2019	Traffic & Parking
7 th March 2019	Heritage and Conservation
4 th April 2019	Young People's Forum
2 nd May 2019	Housing Needs Analysis
6 th June 2019	Plan Update Session – 'Where We Are Now'

The attendance for the Young People's Forum (4th April 2019) was not what we had hoped. However, written submissions have been received from some of the groups providing valuable information. The NDPG are most grateful for the interest shown, and will seek to revisit this particular topic.

The dates and venue are also advertised nearer the time on the abbotsbromley.com home page; social media and notice-boards.

The group has determined some key guidelines to focus on:

- The need to ensure everyone in the parish has the opportunity to partake in creating a clear vision and set of objectives for the Abbots Bromley Parish NDP.
- The previous housing needs analysis requires updating. There is a need for us to benchmark the parish's housing needs against the demands of East Staffordshire and the West Midlands.
- Following the above analysis full consultation with the parish will be conducted, as well as taking independent technical support guidance to ensure that a transparent / robust process is followed.

SUPPORT

The group needs more help from residents of the parish. If you are able to spare some time we would be pleased to receive your assistance. You may wish to become a member of the NDPG; provide local knowledge; help with your expertise, or support us with social media communications?

We want to make sure everyone is involved, particularly younger residents, local groups and organisations.

Please get in touch if you want to contribute your personal views, or those from groups with an interest in a particular area.

Keep in Touch

The NDP website http://www.abbotsbromley.com/neighbourhood_plan

Follow us on Twitter [@AbbotsPlan](https://twitter.com/AbbotsPlan)

Follow us on Facebook. search for 'Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan'

Email us at: parish.council@abbotsbromley.com

A dedicated notice board is located by the Buttercross.

**ASPIRATIONAL TIMELINE OF ACTIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

ACTION	Tick when complete	NEW MILESTONES 2018/2019
FORMATION OF NEW NDP GROUP AND PARISH COUNCIL AGREEMENT OF GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE.	✓	26 th Sept 2018
INAUGURAL MEETING OF RATIFIED NDP GROUP	✓	27 th Sept 2018
NEW EVIDENCE GATHERING, (AND REVIEW OF EXISTING EVIDENCE FROM 2015-2018)		Sept 2018 – (ongoing)
ANALYSIS OF DATA		Sept 2018 – (on-going)
COMPLETION OF EVIDENCE GATHERING		TBC Pending Consultant's recommendations
PUBLIC SESSIONS HELD		Nov 2018 - (on-going)
GATHER 'LOCALITY' FUNDING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	✓	Nov 2018 - Jan 2019
PREPARE 'LOCALITY' FUNDING APPLICATION WITH QUOTATIONS FROM CONSULTANTS TO SUPPORT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS		Jan 2019 (ongoing)
SUBMIT FIRST DRAFT 'LOCALITY' FUNDING APPLICATION WITH CONSULTANT DAILY RATE QUOTATIONS TO PARISH COUNCIL.	✓	18/02/19
PARISH COUNCIL REVIEW FIRST DRAFT 'LOCALITY' FUNDING APPLICATION AND FEEDBACK TO NDP GROUP.	✓	27/02/19
OBTAIN 'FULL' QUOTATIONS FROM VARIOUS CONSULTANTS TO DELIVER AN IDENTIFIED SCOPE OF WORK AND SUBMIT THIS TO PC IN ORDER THAT THEY NOMINATE PREFERRED CONSULTANT	✓	March 2019
'LOCALITY' FUNDING APPLICATION AND PREFERRED CONSULTANT		By 31 st March 2019
NOMINATED CONSULTANT INSTRUCTED TO COMMENCE WORK IN SUPPORT OF NDPG ACTIVITIES TO BRING FORWARD A NDP		April 2019
LOCALITY FUNDING APPROVED AND RECEIVED		April 2019
PREPARATION OF FIRST DRAFT OF NDP		April – June 2019 Assuming funding has been Received

STATUTORY CONSULTATION: 6 WEEKS		Aspirational date to commence consultation at end of July 2019
REVIEW/AMEND DRAFT NDP		TBC
AGREEMENT OF FINAL DRAFT NDP BY ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL		TBC
PARISH COUNCIL SUBMIT PLAN TO EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL		TBC
ESBC CHECKS AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION CARRIED OUT		TBC
REFERENDUM ORGANISED BY ESBC		TBC
ESBC 'MAKES' THE NDP AS PART OF IT'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN		TBC

The document containing the original milestones 2015 – 2018 can be found at:

www.abbotsbromley.com/neighbourhood_plan

For full details of Neighbourhood Development Plans please visit:

www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning

or

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance>