

Hatfield Broad Oak NP Residents Working Group
Report to HBO Parish Council
10th April 2024

The first meeting of the Hatfield Broad Oak NP Residents Working Group was held last night and a copy of the minutes of that meeting are attached.

We would like to draw the attention of the Parish Council to the following items of particular importance:

1. We are proposing to arrange a further meeting of the Working Group on the 30th of April and invite representatives of both the RCCE and UDC to attend.

We are also proposing to invite selected volunteers who we think will be of particular benefit in the making of the Plan.

2. Alan Fisher attended a Larger Villages Workshop hosted by UDC. At that meeting we were told that the number of houses allocated to the Larger Villages had been reduced from 1000 to 650.

Unfortunately, 3 of the proposed Larger Villages had successfully argued that their Services and Facilities score was incorrect, and they should be designated as Smaller Villages, with no housing allocation. The result of this was that the allocation to HBO actually went up from 111 to 113.

We have now investigated the Services and Facilities scoring methods and have found some fundamental flaws in the process and wish to bring these to the attention of UDC.

Attached is a schedule of these perceived flaws, which could affect our allocation number.

We have been offered a one-to one session with UDC and would like to propose this is attended by 3 people, Alan Fisher, Mick Howarth and 1 parish councillor.

3. We are proposing to have some form of exhibition at all future village events, and this will entail some expenditure. A budget will be produced prior to the May PC meeting for your approval.