

HBO Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
Report to the HBO Parish Council
15th November 2024

A Working Group meeting took place on Thursday 7th November and was attended by 6 members of the Group. Some of the items under discussion were:

A 'Coffee and Cake Afternoon' would be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th November, ostensibly to show the residents how we are getting on with the Neighbourhood Plan and answer any questions raised.

Editor's Note: the meeting went ahead and was attended by 42 people.

The meeting with Wynne-Williams, our landscape surveyors, took place on the 23rd of October and a few of us toured the village and visited some of the outlying settlements. They are now expecting to provide us with a first draft of their report in early to mid-December.

We also met with Aecom in October to look at the mix of housing in and around Hatfield Broad Oak. Aecom will provide us with information on the type of housing we should be looking to install and also guidance on new settlement sizes. Again, we expect a draft report around mid-December.

Our Call for Sites invitation is nearing the end of its programme. We have put the invitation out to every house in the parish and also advertised it locally. We have also directly contacted many of our known landowners. We will be looking for professional guidance on allocating the housing we are being tasked to build and hope to have our initial proposals out early in the new year.

Work is now being carried out to identify all of the employers in the parish and we will shortly be contacting them to gain information about future employment prospects.

We are also making a list of all of our clubs and societies and will be contacting them shortly.

Alan Fisher
15.11.24