

HBO Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
Report to the Parish Council
14th January 2025

A Working Group meeting took place on Thursday 9th January and was attended by 7 members of the Group and also by Nicky Joshua of the RCCE. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish Council website.

The Group did obtain another quotation for setting up a website, but this was more expensive than the quotation we had already received. We will now proceed with the initial quotation.

In case people are wondering why we are doing this now, nearly a year after starting this process, the answer is that we will now start receiving good quality information we can share with the public.

We also need this as part of our Community Engagement work and that does get judged by Government inspectors.

Some of the group attended a Zoom meeting last week with a potential consultant who may provide technical assistance with housing site allocation. Obviously, this will be the most emotive part of producing the Plan and we want to make sure we deliver a fair and balanced solution to finding sites for the 115 homes we are tasked to provide in the parish. Without saying too much we are hopeful that we will have a consultant in place by the end of this month.

Once we have approval of our proposed sites from the District, we are proposing to hold a public survey, probably around mid-April

Our landscape survey, which will also be an integral part of site allocation, has suffered a delay and will not be available now until late February. We hope this will not affect the completion of the Plan around the end of 2025/early 2026.

We have now entered the 'Preparation of the Plan' phase and the next four months will be the most critical time in producing an effective document that will serve us for the next 18 years.

Alan Fisher
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