

HBO Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
Report to the Parish Council
6th April 2025

There has been one Working Group meeting since our last report, held on the 13th of March. 5 members of the Working Group attended along with Nicky Joshua of the RCCE.

We have now received the final version of our Landscape Character Assessment produced by Wynne-Williams and will be shortly arranging a meeting them to start writing our Neighbourhood Plan policy on development.

However, before that can happen, we will be finalising the Site Assessment Survey and looking to shortlist potential sites for future development.

Alan Fisher met with Laura Atkinson of The RCCE and Emilly Mulvaney of English Rural Housing Association to look at potential Rural Exception Sites around the village that could take some social housing. Various sites were considered promising, and these would be added to the mix of other potential sites.

Taking into account the various surveys we have commissioned, together with our Community Survey and Housing Needs Survey, we are now obtaining a clearer idea of where we consider the most suitable sites for development should be located. We will then seek tacit approval from Uttlesford District Council and finally look for the approval of our residents.

Obviously, the outcome of the planning application for 100 dwellings on the northern boundary of the Parish, being decided on the 9th April will also be a factor in the decision making process.

We have now started the process of collating all of the information we have collected and have started the process of writing the Plan. This work will be carried out over the next couple of months.

Our new website is still being populated, and it will be up and running soon.

Alan Fisher
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