

Hatfield Broad Oak Residents Working Group

Report to HBO Parish Council

9th June 2024

The third meeting of the HBO Residents Working Group was held on the 7th of June and a copy of the minutes are attached.

There was also a meeting of the NP Working Group on the 9th May. 13 members of the public attended, and Nicky Joshua (RCCE) gave a talk on the NP process.

The Group are now working closely with Nicky Joshua who attended our latest WG meeting and has been providing us with valuable information. We have also made contact with Modicum Planning Limited, who will be assisting us with planning matters and site allocation.

The Group did have a display at the Flower Festival, which included a SWOT analysis and some aerial and other photographs of the parish. We picked up a further 3 volunteers, bringing our total of volunteers to 8.

A video conference call was set up to discuss the irregularities in the number of houses allocated to HBO under the new Local Plan. This was attended by Andrew Maxted, Interim Planning Policy Manager at UDC, Yanny Tsang of UDC, Cllr Sue Brown, Mick Howarth and myself. Andrew agreed to respond to our comments within one month and that elapsed on the 24th May. Despite several follow up emails we have not heard back from him. We are contemplating what our next move should be.

A further grant application from Locality is being processed to take our full quota up to £10,000 and we are actively looking at obtaining up to £8,000 more for specific tasks.

The RCCE are holding a Landscape Character Assessment networking event on the 26th June. We are allowed to send 2 persons.