

# Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Planning process is progressing and following the very positive response to the Neighbourhood Plan Parish Survey the steering group are now ready to move to the next stage, beginning to develop “The Plan”.

As advised when we launched the process a crucial part in the next stages of the process is involvement of and consultation with the wider parish communities. An essential part of this is to tap into the talent, skills knowledge and expertise of our parish residents to help with developing and documenting the strategic aims, objectives and proposals that will form the basis of the Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

It is a legal requirement that all Neighbourhood Plans should align with National Government and Local Government planning, so we have to work within the parameters of “The National Planning Policy Framework” (NPPF) (2019) and the Local “South Worcestershire Development Plan” (SWDP) (2020 – 2041).

The strategic areas to be regarded in Neighbourhood Plans, as set out in the NPPF & SWDP are:

- Achieving Sustainable Development
- Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
- Promoting Sustainable Transport
- Making effective use of land
- Building effective Infrastructure and supporting high quality communications
- Protecting Green Belt Land
- Conserving the natural and historic environment
- Meeting the challenge of climate change
- Promoting healthy and safe communities

To begin the work on developing the Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Plan we need to set up a numbers of working groups to look at the strategic areas above in conjunction with the feedback and information provided by parish residents in the recently completed Neighbourhood Plan Survey.

Within these working groups we will need some (not all) parish residents who have skills, talents and expertise in areas such as; planning, project management, IT / Computer expertise in word / excel / desk top publishing etc. We also need a mix of people who have a good local knowledge of the parish past & present and also residents who are new to the parish, different views and perspectives are vital. We will also need to illustrate our plan with relevant photographs and maps so any keen photographers will be very welcome.

Our thinking is we will need to set up possibly 7 working groups to look at the strategic areas, relevant to the parish, covering:

- Housing
- Transport
- Infrastructure
- Environment – Green Belt

- Bio Diversity, Wildlife
- Sustainable Development – effective use of land, climate change
- Local Economy

**Our next actions are:**

- 1) To publish an update regarding the Inkberrow Parish Neighbourhood Plan in the March edition of “What’s On” inviting volunteers to come forward and join our working groups – see copy notice attached.
  
- 2) To continue our work with a company called AECOM on preparing the Inkberrow Housing Needs Assessment (HNA). Having a HNA carried out is a requirement of National & Local Government Planning and must be carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process. AECOM is one of the Government accredited consultants recommended by “Locality” the Government approved national membership network supporting community organisations in Neighbourhood Planning.

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