

PUTLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Notes from the Steering Group

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that at its meeting held on 19th April 2018, Putley Parish Council approved Putley's Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 - 2031 Submission Draft.

That is the draft of our Plan that we are happy should go forward for consideration as our final effort before the Referendum. This document has been reviewed, discussed and debated at various meetings within Putley and by various Herefordshire Council Departments and local and national organisations working in Herefordshire. So, as you might expect, it has been modified in light of comments made by Putley residents last November 2017.

For example, the settlement boundaries in the April 2018 Submission Draft have been reviewed since you last saw them in November 2017. In brief, in response to comments received from the community and from those within our own group, we decided to keep the settlement boundary at Putley Common unchanged. This was done largely because of the constraints imposed by the desire and need to protect the adjoining natural habitats. At Putley Green, we have expanded the settlement boundary, to reflect the comments of Herefordshire Council, and others, on the draft.

Also, we have gone through the document very carefully to ensure that any future development will have to conform to the many criteria we have specified.

Please do look on line at Putley's website*.

So, the Submission Draft 2011 - 2031 went to Herefordshire Council in April 2018, with its accompanying documents** to start, and then undergo, what is called the Regulation 16 Consultation. This will take several weeks. You will have seen A4 blue, public notices at Putley Green and Putley Common. They are part of the Regulation 16 Consultation process.

Herefordshire Council are asking you if you would like to see the Submission Draft and comment on it – giving you a number of ways of doing so. Please do look at the notice boards. You have until 20th June 2018 to make a comment.

After that, Herefordshire Council will appoint an independent Examiner. He, or she, will make an unaccompanied visit to Putley. The examination will be by written means An Examiner's report, in draft form, will be submitted to Herefordshire Council so that Herefordshire Council can check all the facts are correct. Once the Examiner's report is ready, Herefordshire Council will prepare a 'Decision Statement' setting out their response to the Examiner's recommendations.

Recommendations are almost always accepted, so we may well have to slightly alter our Submission Draft, in light of the Examiners' comments. Once that has been done, Putley's Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 - 2031 Submission Draft will then be approved for Referendum. That is the point when we all have the opportunity to have another look at the Plan and to vote on it.

Herefordshire Council Electoral Registration Department will undertake the Referendum following a minimum 28 days' notice period. This is most likely to take place in September 2018, or even later in the autumn, at the Parish Hall.

Before then, but after the Examiner has done his or her work, we will ensure that all the relevant documents are on Putley's website, that some hard copies are available and that you receive a summary of the Plan on two sides of A4 paper.

After all this hard work, please be ready to participate. Thank you, in advance!

Katia Herbst

Chair, Putley Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group. June 2018

*All documents, including Putley's Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 - 2031 Submission Draft are available on Putley's website :

<http://www.putley.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

**The documents that have to accompany our Submission Draft are: The Basic Conditions Statement 2018, The Consultations Statement 2018, The Environmental Report, March 2018 and The Habitats Regulations Assessment Report, September 2017.