

Report for meeting of Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council 11.2.26

Item 26/30 - NDP Review

A member of the working group and myself met with Lee Searles (consultant) to further progress the draft plan. All sections other than the introduction have been completed, but are subject to further editing and checking.

Cllr Hensher has kindly undertaken to draft the required appendix detailing our consultation process and this also is at near final draft stage.

Lee has looked at the Draft Design Guide prepared by AECOM and incorporated this into the draft document. This has helped clarify what amendments we wish to discuss with AECOM before considering a resubmission of their report. A date is being set to meet with them for this.

A meeting is planned for the 9th February to complete editing of the review. This has involved setting up a file share arrangement for the Parish Council as the document is too large to circulate by e mail.

Unfortunately this means that it will not be possible for the Parish Council to formally consider the revised plan at the meeting. It is hoped to circulate shortly after the meeting with a view to

- Asking Councillors to read and review
- Holding a meeting of the Working Group to address any amendments and to finalise the Draft Plan to ensure it meets the required standards and strategic objectives.
- The Working group will also (subject to the decisions of the Council (see below *)) set and organise the arrangements for consultation re the working draft.

Assuming that the Draft Plan is able to go to the next meeting of the Council (11th March 2026), this will allow for continued consultation, submission of the draft plan to MHDC for further checks and then subject to any further amendments it can be submitted for formal adoption.

*Councillors have previously re stated their commitment to holding a further open meeting and a date and format for this will need to be agreed.

*Councillors may also wish to consider whether a further mail shot to all parish addresses should be undertaken, if so then a decision will be needed in terms of when, content, supplier and cost.

Councillors will be aware that in broad terms the evidence considered during the review process, has not identified any reasons to change the present NDP significantly. Councillors will want to and will be provided with the opportunity to ensure that the draft plan reflects the analysis of evidence, the views shared by parishioners and the wider planning and development context.

Enquiries are being made with MHDC as how to access set aside funding for the year 26/27

Richard Burrows

On behalf of the working group.