

Sandridge Parish Council

Report to Councillors

Neighbourhood Plan

13 September 2017

1. Progress Report

Following the last Parish Council meeting an initial draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to Officers at the District and County Council for comment. A pdf copy can be provided to any Councillor who would like one, or a hard copy printed if more convenient. It is intended to use this initial draft to seek comments from other parties, such as Colney Heath and Wheathampstead Parish Councils and the Woodland Trust.

2. Forthcoming Activity

The working group is continuing to work on the draft in order to have a version for the Parish Council to approve later this year for formal consultation. This version has been produced to assist in discussions with other parties. Once those discussions have been completed the consultation draft will be produced.

3. Development Sites

The District Council has consulted on brownfield sites and on the call for sites for the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The consultation asks two questions:

1. Do you have any comments on the Draft Brownfield Land Register?
2. Do you want to suggest any new sites for the Draft Brownfield Land Register and/or SHLAA Call for Sites?

The register consists of:

Draft Part 1 - a list of the sites on the register;
Draft Part 2 - a sub-set of Part 1 being those sites where permission in principle has been granted;
Map showing the sites; and
Assessment criteria

The consultation also includes the SHLAA form.

Green belt sites are excluded from the Brownfield Land Register, so much of the parish is not impacted.

However, there is one site in the Parish included in the Draft Part 1 - site 256, which is the "BT site" to the north of the council depot off St Albans Road. This site is identified as having the potential for 100 homes. In the initial draft Neighbourhood Plan this site has been identified as an employment site, which is in accordance with how it has been

identified previously in District Council Plans (Emp9). The site has been identified as not suitable for Part 2 due to other planning issues or planning complexity (e.g. mixed use required or significant uncertainties on uses / site planning & design and dwelling capacity). The inclusion of this site in the register has been queried with the District Council.

As the consultation period commenced on 31 July and ended on 11 September, no response to the consultation has been made by the Parish Council.

John Hale

7 September 2017

Summary of Activity

Date	Activity
2014	Launch of Plan
April	Localism Working Party agrees series of public meetings to launch Neighbourhood Plan
24 April	St Albans City & District Council's Cabinet approved the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area for Sandridge.
5 June	Public meeting in Sandridge Village Hall – over 50 residents attend
3 July	Public meeting in Jersey Farm Community Centre – over 30 residents attend
7 October	Public meeting in Marshalswick Community Centre – over 30 residents attend
	Following the public meetings, three Community Groups were set up to provide input on local issues
2015	Community Feedback
March	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group set up
April	Questionnaire sent to Sandridge village residents with Spring 2015 Neighbourhood News – 91 responses
May	Questionnaire for Marshalswick North and Jersey Farm sent with Summer 2015 Neighbourhood News – 905 responses
	MailChimp set up – currently over 400 emails on the system
2016	Policy Working Groups
	Business Survey Questionnaire sent to local businesses across the parish Sandridge (non-retail areas) – 32 responses out of 80 by 19 August 2016 Quadrant – 25 out of 42 by 17 August 2016 St Brelades Place – 9 out of 12 by 26 June 2016
	Highways and Transport Group have held a number of meetings covering Rights of Way – Rights of Way Improvement Plan Buses – Meetings with Herts County Council
8 February	Planning for the Future of where we live
2 March	Public Rights of Way Workshop
14 March	Policy Working Groups Launch

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23 May	Perspectives on Planning Presentation and Discussion
1 June	Creating a Vision for our Parish workshop –
2 June	Meeting with Oaklands College to discuss Broad Location site
26 November	Presentation in Sandridge Village Hall on progress to date
2017	Drafting the Plan
January/February	The Steering Group continued to meet on a regular basis.
18 March	Exhibition – Sandridge Village Hall
24 March	Meeting with Oaklands College to discuss Broad Location site
25 March	Exhibition – Jersey Farm Community Centre
1 April	Exhibition – Marshalswick Community Centre
April/May	Information from the exhibitions was used to produce an initial draft plan.
29 June	Presentation to Parish Councillors and members of working groups on the draft proposed policies.
12 July	Meeting of Parish Council to approve the use of the initial draft for obtaining comments and feedback from the District Council.
July/August	The initial draft has been sent to officers at the District and County Councils for comment. This is not a formal submission.