

Sandridge Parish Council

Report to Councillors

Neighbourhood Plan

8 November 2017

1. Progress Report

Meetings have been held with:

St Albans District Council Officers – 4 October
Hertfordshire County Council Officers – 12 October
Woodland Trust – 12 October

There was a verbal report on the meeting with St Albans District Council officers at the Parish Council meeting on 11 October. Meetings have since been held with HCC officers and the Woodland Trust.

Both meetings were positive and HCC provided useful feedback on what the level of detail they would like to see in a Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting with the Woodland Trust was primarily to ensure they were aware of the work being carried out on the Neighbourhood Plan and to understand what plans if any they had for the further development of Heartwood Forest.

2. Forthcoming Activity

The initial draft plan is being revised for the feedback received from the meetings referred to above. The aim is to produce a draft plan for formal consultation in early 2018.

3. St Albans Local Plan

As reported last month, the key dates in the timetable for the new Local Plan are:

Call for sites for housing and employment – January 2018

Committee to decide on sites – May 2018

Draft plan approved – June/July 2018

Consultation – September/October 2018

Submission of plan to DCLG – March 2019

John Hale

31 October 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

Date	Activity
14 March	Policy Working Groups Launch
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.
October	Meetings with Officers from District and County Councils