

Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan

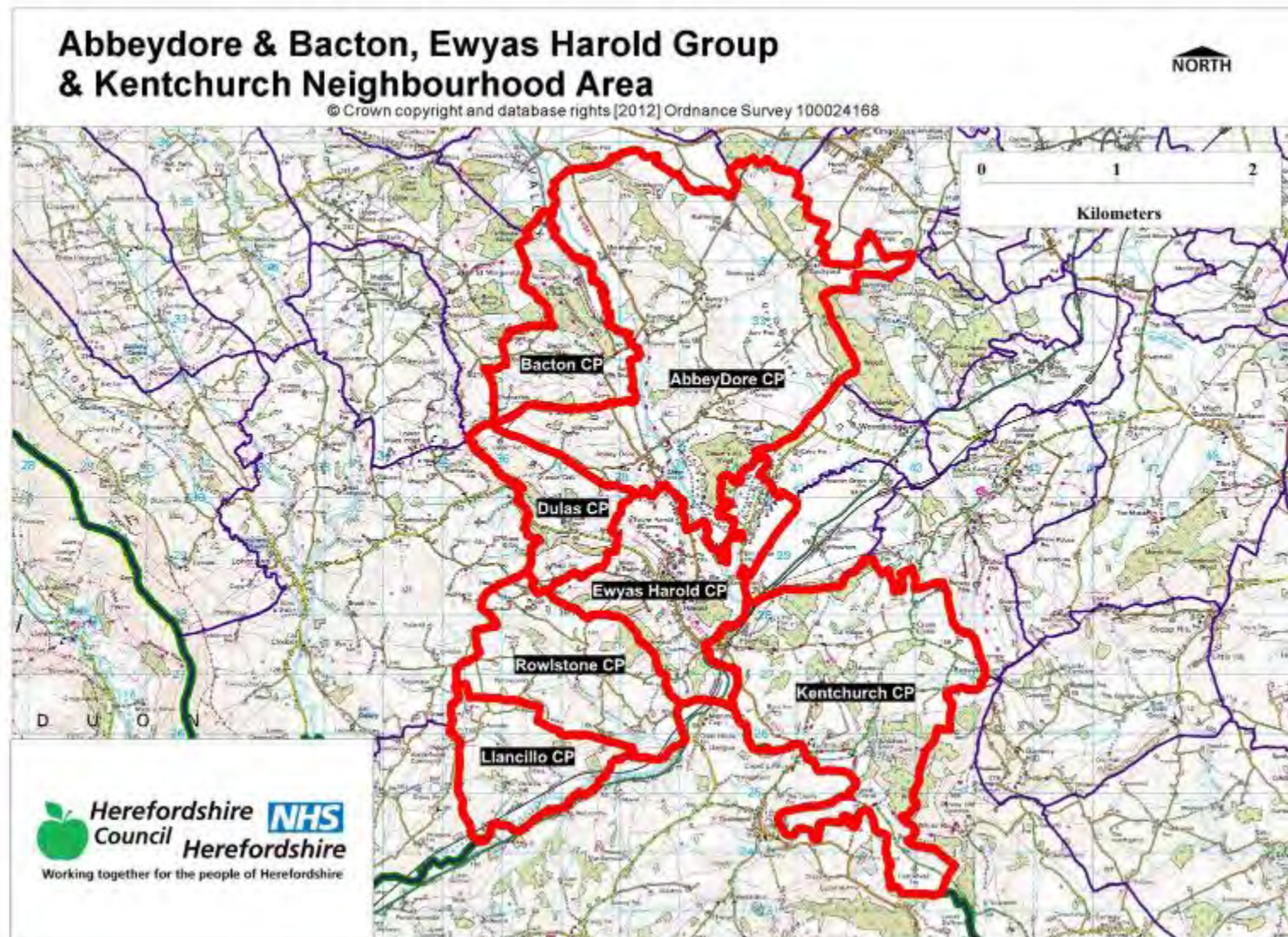


Consultation Statement

June 2017



Map 1 Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch Designated Neighbourhood Area (PSMA Licence no. 100055482)



1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)¹ which defines a “consultation statement” as a document which:–

(a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;

(b) explains how they were consulted;

(c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and

(d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group, and Kentchurch Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives parish councils as qualifying bodies, new powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Development Plans to help guide development in their local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan, and neighbourhood plans form part of this Framework. Other new powers include Community Right to Build Orders whereby local communities have the ability to grant planning permission for new buildings.

1.3 In late 2012 the parishes of Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group (which includes Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo and Rowlestone) and Kentchurch came together to work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the seven parishes. The area was formally designated by Herefordshire

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>

Council on 28 November 2012 and is shown in Map 1 above (the application for designation and the subsequent approval from Herefordshire Council are contained in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2).

- 1.4 Herefordshire Council produced and consulted with the three statutory bodies on an initial Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report in October 2014 (https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/1128061/Ewyas_Harold_Abbeydore_Kentchurch_SEA_Scoping_Report.pdf). A further Environmental Report was produced in December 2014 ahead of the Regulation 14 Draft Plan consultation (https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/1628261/Abbeydore_Ewyas_Harold_Kentchurch_Env_Report.pdf). The Non-Technical Summary concluded:

The environmental appraisal of the Abbeydore and Bacton Group, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch NDP has been undertaken in line with the Environmental Assessment of Plan and Programmes Regulations 2004. Stage A of the SEA process involved Scoping and Stage B provided a review and analysis of the NDP. Stage C involved preparing an Environmental Report and Stage D comprises a formal consultation on both this and the Draft Plan itself.

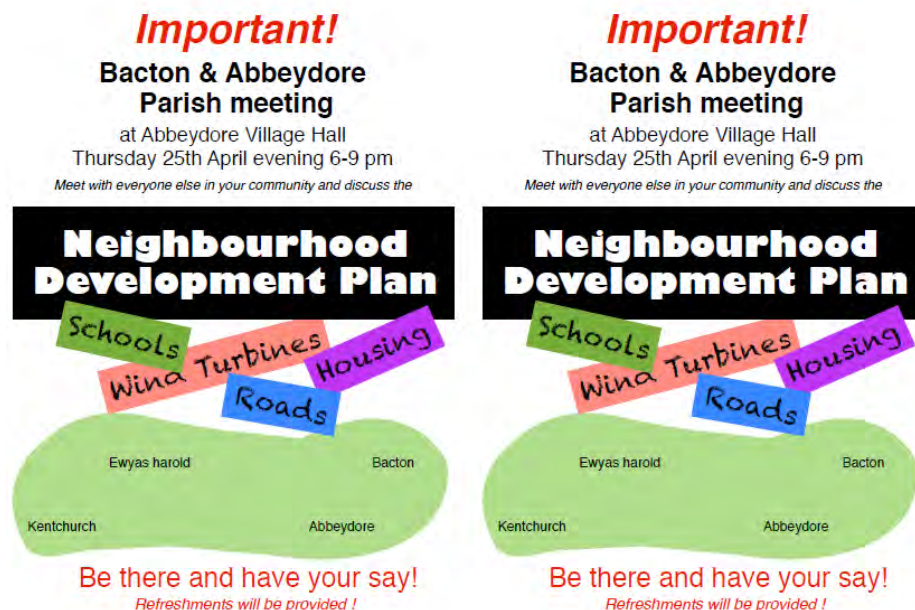
Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening showed that a full HRA assessment was not required. A separate report has been produced with this regard.

On the whole, it is considered that the Abbeydore and Bacton Group, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch NDP is in general conformity with both national planning policy contained in the National Planning Policy Framework and strategic policies set within the Herefordshire Local Plan (Core Strategy). The plan proposes a level of growth which is proportionate that would be that prescribed by strategic policies. There are some revised wording changes suggested to strengthen or clarify some policies areas as a result of the SEA. There are two policies within the draft plan which it is suggested are reviewed as a result of the SEA, these are policy EH4 and K1.

- 1.5 The December 2014 Environment Report was placed on the Herefordshire Council web site and consulted upon at the same time as the Regulation 14 Draft Plan. An updated Environment Report has been prepared and published alongside this Consultation Statement and the other submission documents.

2.0 Draft Neighbourhood Plan Development and Informal Public Consultation

- 2.1 The Draft Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by a Steering Group of Parish Councillors representing the local Parish Councils as well three local residents. Local business, whilst not represented on the Steering Group offered support during the process and were consulted at regular intervals. The Steering Group reported at regular intervals to the Parish Councils and at appropriate times the Parish Councils approved drafts of the plan at key stages during its preparation. These approvals were minuted and made available through the usual channels.
- 2.2 There has been widespread public consultation throughout the Plan preparation process which has informed the content and scope of the Plan. Much of this consultation ran in parallel with work on a parish Plan for Ewyas Harold This has included the following.



Abbeydore and Bacton Group

- **Public Meeting to gather information from the local community, Abbeydore Village Hall 25th April 2013.** A public meeting was held in the Abbeydore Village Hall on 25 April 2013 to introduce the Neighbourhood Development Plan to the community of Abbeydore and Bacton. The meeting was publicised by flyers on the Parish noticeboards (see opposite) and also sent by Royal Mail to every residence in the parish. This was a drop-in event ran from mid-afternoon until 8:00pm, light refreshments were available. This was an information gathering exercise to establish the initial thoughts and concerns of the community on the area's future development. It was attended by over 60 people representing more than a third of the residences in the two parishes. A large map of the parishes of Abbeydore and Bacton was presented in the room,

along with a variety of ways for people to note areas of particular interest and or concern. There were also liberal supplies of pens and papers and a suggestion box and participants were encouraged to leave their comments, either anonymously, or with their name attached. This would allow those people to be contacted directly about the preparation of the plan. People were also encouraged to leave their name and contact details as a

record of the participants. The principle outcome was the identification of the interests and concerns of the local community. These were collated from the post-it notes left on the map, the comments left in the suggestion box and the discussions as noted by the members of Abbeydore and Bacton Parish Council who attended. These comments formed the basis of the questionnaire described in the following paragraph.

- **Questionnaire to every resident of Abbeydore and Bacton October 2013.** A questionnaire was distributed by Royal Mail to every residence in the parishes of Abbeydore and Bacton in the autumn of 2013. Each residence received two copies of the questionnaire plus an SAE to return them. It was made clear that further copies would be available if needed but no requests were made for further copies. The return date for the questionnaire was published in the Community News section of the *Hereford Times* one week before it was due to be returned. A total of 89 questionnaires were returned, which represents just over 50 per cent of the residences in Abbeydore and Bacton (Appendices 3 and 4). In responding to the questionnaire residents also made a number of comments:

Housing for children, grandchildren, ageing parents and local families. Affordable housing.

Don't need big expensive, need small affordable housing for families.

No bungalows or mansions.

Properties should be in keeping and harmony with surroundings.

Red brick or Herefordshire stone.

Heritage buildings to be conserved.

There should be a visitors' centre.

There are sufficient facilities close by.

Tennis courts/swimming pool but this should be in Ewyas Harold.

Railway line, Bacton Wood for mountain biking.

Plenty to attract tourists, need a central point for information.

Car parking. Tourist information centre. Site for caravans and camping.

Ewyas Harold Group

- **16th September 2010 - Public Meeting** at The Pavilion, Ewyas Harold: Parish Plan explained and Steering Group was appointed. 40 people attended: age range 28 – 70 years. The Steering Group worked for the next three years to prepare Parish Plans for Ewyas Harold, Dulas, and Rowlestone with Llancillo.
- **Christmas Fair 2010** at the Memorial Hall, Ewyas Harold: 600 people attended coming from all the rural parishes as well as Ewyas Harold. Age range 3 – 84 years. Members of the Steering Group engaged residents in conversation and comments were sought on a range of issues, such as: housing needs, planning and development, education and recreation, transport, police and public safety, highways and road safety, economic development and the environment. Results: Many residents were anxious about unwanted large housing development, others were concerned about: parking issues, school traffic chaos, drainage and flooding, recycling and the poor bus service.



Memorial Hall consultation (Liz Overstall)

- **15th December 2010 – Dulas Parish Consultation at the Barn**, Dulas, to consider local issues for Parish Plan. Refreshments were provided. Maps and boards were displayed, and a short questionnaire was distributed to stimulate discussion. Subjects included housing needs, planning and development, education and recreation, transport, police and public safety, highways and road safety, economic development and environmental issues. Results: Local issues identified for inclusion into the Questionnaire included the dangerous state of the Dulas Road.
- **16th December 2010 - Rowlestone and Llancillo Parishes Consultation** at Rowlestone Village Hall: to consider local issues for Parish Plan. Refreshments were provided. Maps and boards were displayed, and a short questionnaire was distributed to stimulate discussion. Subjects included housing needs, planning and development, education and recreation, transport, police and public safety, highways and road safety, economic development and environmental issues. Results: Local issues identified for inclusion into the Questionnaire included poorly maintained roads with few passing places.
- **Primary School Mapping Exercise June 2011** Conducted at Ewyas Harold Primary School and led by Herefordshire Council Youth Team with assistance of teachers. A sense of belonging and love of the village was obvious from the children’s conversation. A substantial amount of art work was produced for an end-of-term Public Exhibition.



School Consultation 2014 (Liz Overstall)

- **Youth Electronic Survey Consultation June 2011** led by Herefordshire Council Youth Team working with Youth Club. Thirty young people took part: 14 male and 16 female, Age range: 11 to 20 years. (53.3% aged 11-13: 36.7% aged 14-16 years and 10% over 17 years). Issues raised demonstrated the isolation of young people in rural areas. Lack of local amenity provision for their age-group means they must travel 16 miles to Hereford to enjoy normal sports and social activities. Unfortunately the bus service is slow, infrequent, and expensive. Youngsters agreed they would like to see Pontrilas Station re-opened to give them swift access to city facilities. Again addressing isolation issues, the young people wanted better internet connection and better mobile phone service. (*This service has seriously deteriorated since 2011*). There was a wide range of “wish

list” items, with suggestions such as Cycle Paths, Archery, and Zip Wires. Despite the rural isolation issues uncovered, the youngsters said they liked living in Ewyas Harold, but said that - most of all – they wanted a place to “hang out” and meet with each other.

- **Questionnaire to every resident July 2011:** A Questionnaire was distributed and collected by reply-paid mail. There was a response rate of 31%. A report based on the data acquired from the questionnaire was then prepared by Herefordshire Council Research Team, and a Draft Parish Plan was written on the basis of this information. See HC report at: http://issuu.com/swhcfrs/docs/ewyas_harold_questionnaire_report-issue_2?e=4503655/6436738
- **Public Meeting 3rd March 2012 at 10am at the Memorial Hall, Ewyas Harold to discuss the Ewyas Harold Draft Parish Plan,** which was made available for study, mounted on boards around the hall with facilities for comment. 46 residents attended. Refreshments served. Comments from this meeting are available online at <http://ewyasharoldparishplan.wordpress.com/method/meetings/about/> Comments were used to make final adjustments to the plan. The Ewyas Harold Parish Plan was subsequently published and adopted and can be seen at: <http://ewyasharoldparishplan.wordpress.com/the-parish-plan/draft-pp/>
- **Public Meeting 15th March 2012 7.00pm, at The Barn, Dulas,** to discuss Dulas Draft Parish Plan. 11 people attended out of a population of 40 residents. Many residents live at Dulas Court Residential Care Home and are unable to participate in public life, so this was a reasonable turn-out. (The age range at the meeting was 50 to 70+). Refreshments were provided. The Dulas Parish Plan was discussed and approved by those present. It was agreed that little or no housing development was wanted. **Results:** The Dulas Parish Plan was subsequently published and adopted and can be seen at: <http://ewyasharoldparishplan.wordpress.com/the-parish-plan/dulas-parish-plan/>

A Group Parishes Questionnaire provoked general discussion.

- **Public Meeting on 16th March 2012 at Rowlestone Village Hall** to discuss Rowlestone and Llancillo Draft Parish Plan. 15 people attended from a population of 80 residents (The age range was 40-70+). Refreshments were provided. A Group Parishes Questionnaire provoked general discussion. **Results:** The overwhelming majority said that they wished the rural nature of the parish to be maintained and said that there had been too much “windfall” development through change-of-use of barns to residential dwellings. This had increased traffic on the single track road leading to the village causing problems and the need for more passing places. Whilst appreciating the need for housing provision for local people, they agreed that affordable and market housing would be better sited in Ewyas Harold. The Rowlestone and Llancillo Parish Plan was subsequently published and adopted and can be seen at: <http://ewyasharoldparishplan.wordpress.com/the-parish-plan/rowlestone-llancillo-parish-plan/>

- **School Event 13th July 2014:** Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee members attended to distribute and explain a Public Consultation Questionnaire (presented in a newsletter – Appendix 5). The forthcoming Public Meeting on 15th July 2014 was given publicity. Four questions were asked:
 - Should the Settlement Boundary be maintained?
 - What green spaces should never be built on, and need protection?
 - What local views of special interest or beauty need protection from development blight?
 - What buildings, historic or otherwise, need protection because they are important to the community or of special interest.

Results: 61 adults and children attended. The Questionnaire provoked discussion and offers of help for EHGPC. Additional suggestions were made regarding traffic flow, which were forwarded to EHGPC. Many people from this event also attended the next event.

- **Public Meeting Memorial Hall 15th July 2014** Steering Group members from all the parishes involved in the Neighbourhood Plan set up individual stalls, Maps of the Neighbourhood Plan area were displayed and visitors were invited to make general comments as well as answer the specific questions outlined in the Consultation Questionnaire/Newsletter (See above). 82 people attended. (Age range: 6 to 85 years). Results: The Ewyas Harold Steering Group members were able to advise EHGPC on the Settlement Boundary issue. A list of green spaces, views and special buildings that might require protection was made. Further information and opinion of a wide of issues related to all the parishes involved in the Neighbourhood Plan was acquired (Appendix 6).



- **Public Meeting, November 2014** – meeting held so people could discuss the emerging Draft NDP (Appendix 7).

Kentchurch

- Public Meeting to gather information from the local community in Kentchurch, 3 July 2013.
- Questionnaire to every resident of Kentchurch October/November 2013 – for a copy and results from the questionnaire see Appendices 8 and 9.

Local Businesses and Service Providers

- During the plan's preparation, local businesses and service providers were consulted and a number placed posters and copies of documents for perusal in their premises, including: Mailes Butchers, Ewyas Harold PO Stores, The Dog Pub, The Temple Bar, Doctors Surgery, Morgans Garage, The Library, The Memorial Hall and Ewyas Harold Primary School.

Informal NDP Consultation November/December 2014

In winter 2014 an informal consultation was held across the seven parishes on the emerging Draft NDP. This involved wide publicity, use of the Ewyas Harold web site and mailings to individuals and groups on the mailing list.

The informal consultation yielded 25 responses these covered the following matters of detail and, where considered appropriate they were taken on board in preparing the Regulation 14 draft of the NDP (Appendix 10):



i Flyer and poster advertsing informal consultation

- Much work has gone into this but there are major weaknesses. Some phrases/words used are meaningless-e.g. "sustainability". Ewyas Harold is not a place for green experimentation. It is a low wage area and most of the green suggestions would put the price of property well beyond that local people could afford. For example, EH2 recommends the use of old stone tiles, I have no idea where they would come from in this area and I have lived here for seventy years. If you want affordable housing you will have to forget the green nonsense.

- The presence of the training area which pollutes in every way, means that you might as well leave all statements relating to the above out. What a pity that the camp does not come within normal planning rules.
- I am generally very supportive of the policies and proposals in the draft plan. However, I would like to emphasise the importance of maintaining a rural character when seeking the road and pedestrian improvements which are suggested (particularly in objectives 10 & 7). The usual style of tarmac pavements will tend to create a much too urban feel in a rural village. So design needs to be very carefully thought out.
- The restriction that any new development be built on the same footprint as the previous one where one existed before is unduly restrictive and does not allow for the reasonable growth in facilities that would be expected of a modern residence.
- What is meant by the phrase “residential amenity” and can it be defined more clearly.
- There appears to be no policy regarding keeping security lights on and this can be an issue for dark skies.
- There are persistent rumours that development is not allowed in the proximity of the SAS training camp. Can this be resolved please.
- What is the definition of “affordable housing”?
- Referring to the proposal to build 38 houses at Land at Callowside. Where does this number 38 come from? I thought it was half that.
- Proposed land for development opposite the Fire Station (Callowside) is marshy and prone to rain-activated springs.
- Better infrastructure needed to promote/allow home working and businesses: fibre optics.
- School hall not able to accommodate parents for Nativity, and other school performances. Outside space at school not fully utilized.
- Would it be possible to operate a simplified “park and ride” system to and from the school? As a temporary or permanent measure, maybe from the Memorial Hall.
- Potential new school site. Brilliant idea! Will solve a lot of vehicle problems in Ewyas Harold centre.
- Overcrowded School. School hall not big enough to house parents for school performances, just for one class let alone whole school
- Rail Link. Much better for Hereford traffic. Much better for young people, links to Newport, Cardiff and Bristol. Better for tourism. This should be a much higher priority.
- Better infrastructure equals more home working e.g. fibreoptics

3.0 Formal Consultation on the Draft Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plan 16th February 2015 to 30th March 2015

3.1 The public consultation on the Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Parishes Draft Neighbourhood Plan was carried out in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that:

Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

3.2 The Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Parishes Draft Neighbourhood Plan was published for formal consultation for 6 weeks formal Public Consultation from 16th February to 30th March 2015. The revised Draft Scoping Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Neighbourhood Plan also was published for consultation with Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency by Herefordshire Council when the Draft Plan was published.

- 3.3 The Draft Neighbourhood Plan and a copy of the Response Form were available for viewing and downloading from <http://neighplan.wordpress.com>
- A link was provided from Herefordshire Council's website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/neighbourhood-planning/submitted-draft-plans-and-adopted-neighbourhood-development-plans> . Screenshots of these web pages are provided in Appendix 11.
- 3.4 Consultation responses were invited using the Response Form (Appendix 12). The Response Forms also were made available on request from local members of the Steering Group as follows:
- Abbeydore and Bacton: Toby Murcott on 01981 240 933 or tobymurcott@gmail.com
 - Ewyas Harold: Carla Boyles on 01432 271209 or clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org
 - Kentchurch: John Pring on 01981 240564 or gwrstation04@tesco.net
- 3.5 The Response forms could be completed online at online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TC63R7S> or completed by hand and returned to the collection box in Ewyas Harold Shop or Pontrilas Post Office.
- 3.6 An e-mail or letter was sent to all Consultation Bodies, providing information about the consultation dates, and the locations where the Draft Plan and accompanying documents could be viewed and downloaded. Copies of the letters were sent or emailed out to local businesses and local community organisations. Respondents were invited to complete the Response Form and to submit completed forms / other comments by email or by post to the Parish Clerk. A copy of the letter and the complete list of Consultation Bodies and other groups / organisations consulted is provided in Appendix 13. The list of Consultation Bodies was kindly provided by Herefordshire Council.
- 3.7 The consultation process was also promoted in the following ways:
- Delivery of a postcard to all households and local businesses

Consultation on the draft Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan.

A Regulation 14 consultation will run from 16th February – 29th of March 2015.

All comments must be received by midnight on 29th of March 2015.

Please go to <http://neighplan.wordpress.com> to see a copy of the draft and for further information.

You can comment in any of four ways:

1. Online at <http://neighplan.wordpress.com>
2. Download a comment form from the website, complete it and e-mail it to clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk
3. Complete and return a comment form to Pontilas or Ewyas Harold Post Office.
4. Complete and post it to the address on the comment form.

If you have any queries or require a hard copy please contact one of the following:

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01981 240 933 or
tobymurcott@gmail.com

Ewyas Harold:
Carla Boyles
01432 271209 or
clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk

Kentchurch:
John Pring
01981 240564 or
gwrstation04@tesco.net

Support provided by the Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning Programme led by Locality in association with RTPI/Planning Aid England and partners, available through the My Community Rights website.

- Display of a flyer on Parish Council notice boards

3.8 A copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Herefordshire Council.

4.0 Summary of Consultation Responses to the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

- 4.1 In total, 15 respondents, including Herefordshire Council, made comments or objections on the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 4.2 Table 1 below sets out summaries of the responses submitted to the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, together with information about how these responses have been considered by the Parish Councils and how these decisions have then informed the amendments to the Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan. Table 2 sets out the response from Herefordshire council and the Parish Councils' response.

Table 1 Summary of Consultation Responses and Consideration of Responses, Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Parishes Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
1	Coal Authority		As you will be aware the neighbourhood plan area is outside of the defined coalfield and therefore The Coal Authority has no specific comments to make on the Neighbourhood Plan.	Noted. No change.
2	Natural England	2a – SEA/HRA	1. The NE response confirms that the NDP meets the requirements of SEA and national regulations 2. The response also agrees there is no need for full Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment. Additional general information on NDPs and evidence sources is provided	Natural England’s comments on the SEA/HRA are noted and welcomed. The advice and evidence sources are also noted and have and will be used to inform drafts of the NDP.
2	Natural England	2b – G3 Protecting and enhancing the landscape of the Golden Valley	Suggest amendments to the policy: change the first sentence to make clear that all development proposals must demonstrate compliance.	Plan to be amended to take account of these comments.

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			Also suggest amending the last criterion to read: “h. They will not have an adverse impact on priority habitats, ancient woodlands or watercourses”.	
2	Natural England	2c G4 - Design	"Proposals may present opportunities to incorporate features such as roosting opportunities for bats, the installation of bird nest boxes or the use of native species in the landscape planting and we suggest consideration is given to inclusion of these measures within the Design Policy"	Add new criterion to design policy to address the issue raised.
2	Natural England	2d G4 – Flooding	Suggest Policy includes reference to Sustainable Drainage Systems.	Amend to include reference to Sustainable Drainage Systems.
2	Natural England	2e G7 – Golden Valley Green Infrastructure	1. Consider Sustainable Drainage systems and re-naturalising watercourses as part of flood control. 2. Suggest inclusion of "Creation of appropriate priority habitat" changing section b to "providing	Amend to take into account points 2 and 3. Point 1 addressed in other policies of the plan.

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			onsite new Green Infrastructure including priority habitat where possible." 3. Consider identifying potential areas to be targeted for the creation of wildlife corridors, to improve connectivity between habitats.	
2	Natural England	2f G10 – Dark Skies	Policy welcomed. Include reference to bats.	Add sentence to Background/Justification.
2	Natural England	2g EH2 – Housing Design in Ewyas Harold and Rowlestone	Supporting comment.	Support noted.
2	Natural England	2h EH3 – Development Affecting Highways and Streetscapes	Supporting comment.	Support noted.
3	R Davies	3a – general comment	Impact on and of the military training area not considered in plan.	Comment noted. The plan does not seek to address this issue. Where appropriate plan-wide and other development plan policies

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				will manage development in this area.
4	Severn Trent Water	4 a – general comment	Broadly welcomes the NDP. Generally, no problems foreseen but cannot comment further unless specific development proposal data available.	Comment noted. No change to the plan.
5	V Philips	5a – no comment	No comment	Noted. No change.
6	English Heritage (now Historic England)	6a – heritage assets	<p>Broadly supportive of the content of the document.</p> <p>Some detailed comments on terminology.</p> <p>Replace “historic asset” with “Heritage Asset”.</p> <p>Use “Historic Environment Record” (HER) and not “Herefordshire Council’s Monuments Record”.</p> <p>Replace “assets listed by English Heritage” with “National Heritage List for England”.</p>	Amend use of terminology in plan.
7	B Lloyd	7a – G8 – Highways and Transport	Respondent suggests grassed area opposite Dore Abbey be surfaced for car parking.	Comment noted. If such a proposal came forward it could be assessed against the

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				plan-wide and design policies of the plan. No change.
7	B Lloyd	7b – general comment	Identifies a shortage of footways in Abbeydore and the safety issues that arise from this.	Comment noted. If such a proposal came forward it could be assessed against the plan-wide and design policies of the plan. No change
8	Environment Agency	8a – evidence base	Evidence Base: comment on the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Study (WCS).	Evidence Base: comment noted but this is directed to Herefordshire Council’s Neighbourhood Plan team – no change to the NDP.

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			<p>Flood Risk and Surface Water Management: The plan provides overarching policies and then a series of area specific policies for each of the Parishes. Of specific consideration, to matters within our remit, Policy G5 seeks to address the issue of flood risk which impacts upon a number of the Parishes, notably Ewyas Harold. The plan confirms that Ewyas Harold will be the main focus for housing.</p>	Comment noted. No change.
8	Environment Agency	8b – Policy G3 – Protecting and enhancing the Landscape of the Golden Valley	<p>Policy G3 – Protecting and enhancing the Landscape of the Golden Valley: welcome reference to improving water quality (Point H) in Policy G3. Suggest re-wording to: “opportunities, where appropriate, should help to conserve and enhance watercourses and riverside habitats. Where necessary, this should be through management and mitigation measures for the improvement and/or enhancement of water quality and habitat of any</p>	Policy G3: amend plan to take account of this comment – now see Policy G1i.

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			aquatic environment in or adjoining the development site. “	
8	Environment Agency	8c – Policy G5 – Flooding	<p>Policy G5 – Flooding: This Policy focuses on surface water management, drainage and reducing the consequences of flooding. The wording does not discourage development in areas of high risk but rather ‘reducing the consequences’ and ‘facilitating recovery’. These points appear to suggest that development in areas of flood risk is acceptable which is contrary to National and Local Planning Policy.</p> <p>In consideration of the limited scope of development within the plan area, and plan period, we would expect to see all housing, schools, etc located within Flood Zone 1, the low risk Zone.</p>	Policy G5: amend policy to ensure that it is clear it does not replace the tests in the NPPF.

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			We would therefore expect Policy G5 to confirm that all built development will be located within Flood Zone 1 and that it should accord with existing planning policy, in this instance the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) and Herefordshire Council’s Core Strategy (inc. SFRA and WCS).	
8	Environment Agency	8d – Policy EH1 – Housing in Ewyas Harold	Policy EH1 – Housing in Ewyas Harold. As stated above Ewyas Harold is impacted by Fluvial flooding from the Dulas Brook and River Dore. Section H of this Policy seeks to ensure that development will not be at significant risk of flooding and can demonstrate there will be no increased risk of flooding elsewhere. As stated above we would expect all housing in Ewyas Harold to be located within Flood Zone 1, the low risk zone, and Policy EH1 should reflect this. It is noted that discussions were held around the possibility of changing the settlement boundary, an option that was	Policy EH1: comment noted the plan does not allocate sites, not does it seek to replace national policy. The policy is a criteria based policy to assess development proposals in the settlement boundary – national policy would still be applicable.

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			discounted. However, potential development sites in the current settlement boundary, including the proposed primary school, are impacted by flooding from the Dulas Brook. In light of this it would be prudent to reconsider the settlement boundary to ensure that development can be accommodated on land at the lowest level of flood risk.	
8	Environment Agency	8e – Policy EH4 – Ewyas Harold Primary School	Policy EH4 – Ewyas Harold Primary School: We note that the plan proposes locating the primary school on land adjacent to the Dulas Brook (Main River). This site is partially located within Flood Zone 3, the high risk Zone. Bullet-point ‘H’ confirms that any new school would be “subject to an appropriate flood risk assessment and, where necessary, incorporate suitable mitigation measures”. However we would strongly recommend that an alternative site, at a lower risk of flooding, is sought.	Policy EH4: further work necessary to consider alternative sites and to address “sequential test”.

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
			<p>In line with national planning policy guidance residential establishments are classified as 'more vulnerable'. I have attached a copy of the Flood Map for your information.</p> <p>Any developer will need to satisfy the Sequential Test to demonstrate that there are no other available sites for the school on land at a lower level of flood risk. Any FRA would also need to demonstrate that the development is safe and will not increase flood risk to third parties post development. The Policy does confirm that the development will be subject to a FRA but the concern is that there is not scope on the site to accommodate a new school safely without increasing flood risk to existing properties.</p>	

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
			<p>In relation to Herefordshire Councils Core Strategy (SD3 – Sustainable Water Management) the proposed school would need to be safe for the lifetime of the development with a requirement to reduce flood risk through the inclusion of flood storage compensation measures, or provide similar betterment to enhance the local flood risk regime. In consideration of the above, and the flood risk to the site, it would be hard to demonstrate that the site will be safe and will not increase flood risk elsewhere. Policy EH1 raises this as a significant constraint for housing and, in planning policy, schools fall under the same classification. Therefore Policy EH4 and EH1 seem to contradict each other in flood risk terms.</p>	

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
8	Environment Agency	8f – Future EA Flood Works	Future Environment Agency Flood Works: The Environment Agency are currently undertaking feasibility and design work to reduce flooding from the Dulas Brook. If a scheme is viable the earliest construction will start is beyond 2021. The scheme could reduce flood risk to 30 properties. Estimated cost is £710,000, and partnership funding contributions would be required. The scheme is to be led by the Environment Agency. It should be noted that any potential scheme would be to reduce flooding to existing properties and not to facilitate new development.	Future Environment Agency Flood Works: comment noted, no change.
8	Environment Agency	8g – Foul Water Drainage	Foul Water Drainage: There is no mention within the Plan to foul drainage infrastructure. All new development throughout the Plan area should be assessed against the capacity of local infrastructure. In this instance we would expect consultation with Welsh Water to ensure that the scale of	Foul Water Drainage: comment noted, no change.

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
			development can be accommodated. As you are aware, as part of the WSC update/addendum, an assessment of Sewage Treatment Works within the County was undertaken with data collated by both Welsh Water and ourselves. The Plan should make reference to this information to provide reassurance that there is adequate foul infrastructure to accommodate growth throughout the plan period. Whilst, due to the limited scale of development proposed, this is unlikely to cause problems clarification should be sought and provided in any future revisions to the Plan.	
9	Woodland Trust	9a – general comment	Tree planting: require a street tree for each new house	Comment noted. This issue is covered in general plan and village design policies.
9	Woodland Trust	9b – Policy G3	Insert "ancient woodland and ancient veteran trees" into criterion (d).	Amend to include references to ancient woodland veteran

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
				trees in landscape and design policies.
9	Woodland Trust	9c – Policy EH2	Criterion (g) new street tree for each new home	Comment noted. Amend as appropriate but this will not be made a requirement.
9	Woodland Trust	9d – Policy K1	Insert "ancient woodland and ancient and veteran trees" into criterion (f).	Amend as suggested. Now covered by plan-wide policies.
10	Office of Rail Regulation	10a – general comment	NDP has no impact on the mainline rail network.	Noted. No change
11	JCPC (Mrs Wright)	11a – Policy EH4	This representation seeks an amendment to Policy EH4 to provide housing as well as a school on the allocated site.	Comment noted. No change. The NDP does not seek to allocate housing sites. N.B. May 2017 update following advice from Environment Agency and the AECOM Report the site allocation has been deleted.

Respondent Number	Respondent	Response Reference	Summary	Response and Change to Plan
12	JCPC (Mrs Forbes)	12a – Ewyas Harold settlement boundary	Wants settlement boundary redrawn to permit 1 house.	No change to settlement boundary.
13	Savills (Kentchurch Estate)	13a – general comment	Comment on description of Kentchurch Estate	Comment noted.
14	Dore Abbey	14a - tourism	Include a tourism reference in the Abbeydore section of the plan.	Comment noted. Include in G4 justification.

**Table 2. Consultation Responses and Consideration of Responses on Regulation 14 Draft
 Neighbourhood Plan received from Herefordshire Council.**



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Regulation 14 – Draft January 2015

Herefordshire Council Service Providers responses – March 2015.

Please find attached additional comments from a number of Herefordshire Council service providers to the Draft Abbeydore and Bacton Group, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Plan. If you have any queries regarding the comments or issues raised below, please contact the Neighbourhood Planning team in the first instance.

• **Neighbourhood Planning, Development Management and Planning Policy**

Below are combined comments from the Planning teams, the comments related to the practicality of the policy in relation to development management usage and relation to general conformity with the Core Strategy and its requirements. Please note that proposed modification to the Core Strategy have been published and could have an impact on policies are currently worded.

Page Number/Policy	Initial Herefordshire Council Response	Parish Council Consideration and Response
Fig3, Fig 4 and Fig 5	Update SEA maps to correspond with those within the SEA report	Amend to latest SEA maps
Para 4.2	The Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy indicate that proportional growth will be based on parish dwelling totals rather than the number of dwelling within the named villages. Therefore a review of the indicative housing target should be undertaken to ensure general conformity with the Core Strategy 'basic condition'. The Modifications also reiterate that the targets are not a cap.	Review indicative target based on up to date completions and planning permissions. Agree figures with Herefordshire Council. Comment on target being a minimum noted.
	There are numerous references in text and photographs regarding a list of green areas needing protection. However, this list does	Map local green spaces.

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Page Number/Policy	Initial Herefordshire Council Response	Parish Council Consideration and Response
	not appear in policy the appendix or on any proposal maps for protection.	
Para 5.12	The Proposed Modification to the Core Strategy suggests amendments to Policy RA2 which would remove the restrictive criteria for Abbeydore and Bacton	Revise plan in light of adopted Core Strategy. See revised plan and Basic Condition Statement
Policy AB1	Policy will need to be reviewed to ensure continuing conformity with the revised Policy RA2 within the Core Strategy as criteria I to I and size restrictions are no longer in the conformity with revised RA2 within the Core Strategy.	Revise plan in light of adopted Core Strategy. See revised plan and Basic Condition Statement
EH Objectives 6-9	It is not clear from the text whether previous comments regarding infrastructure have been taken on board. There are some large infrastructure projects included within the plan – are these realistic and achievable by 2031? It was suggested that an infrastructure list is included at the end of the plan outlining delivery mechanism. On some of the large transport projects consultation with Transportation and Highways is still recommended.	Comments noted. These remain key issues in the area and have been raised in consultation. No change to the plan.
Para 6.6	Review text in accordance with the modifications to Policy RA2. Modifications permit the distribution of the overall growth target within the parish to the discretion of the parish council if there is more than one RA2 settlement within the area. ie growth can be redistributed from Rowlestone to the other RA2 settlements within the parish and be in conformity with the Core Strategy policy. Para 6.6 and Policy G1 are in conflict at present as Rowlestone is not listed within the settlements highlighted within Policy G1.	Review policy in line with adopted Core Strategy. Possibility of redistribution acknowledged but NDP policy will reflect size, role and function of Rowlestone.
Policy EH1	Criteria i will require a review in line with the suggested modification for Policy H1. Affordable housing can no longer be requested on sites of less than 10 units.	Bring criterion (i) in to line with national and strategic planning policy.

Page Number/Policy	Initial Herefordshire Council Response	Parish Council Consideration and Response
Policy EH1	<p>Evidence will be required to demonstrate that the settlement boundary as defined is capacity of delivering the required growth to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. Modifications to policy RA2 indicate that this would be via site allocations or clear evidence of deliverable of capacity.</p> <p>Existing commitments are not shown on the map or listed within the document to demonstrate deliverable capacity and the justification to retain the existing tightly drawn settlement boundary from the UDP. The new settlement boundary should be drawn to take account of existing commitments.</p>	Update housing evidence and discuss with Herefordshire Council to demonstrate delivery
Policy EH4	Criteria b and c are superfluous if this is a site allocation. The inclusion of the recommendation from the SEA report is welcomed.	Comments noted. May 2017 update – site has since been deleted.
Policy K1	<p>Criteria i will require a review in line with the suggested modification for Policy H1. Affordable housing can no longer be requested on sites of less than 10 units.</p> <p>If a settlement boundary is not defined then a clear definition will be required within the plan of the relationship between Policy K1 and G1. ie what will constitute the village of Pontrilas and then the open countryside in policy terms.</p> <p>Evidence will be required to demonstrate that there is the capacity to deliver the required growth to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. Modifications to policy RA2 indicate that this would be via site allocations or clear evidence of deliverable of capacity.</p>	Update housing evidence and discuss with Herefordshire Council to demonstrate delivery.

• **Transportation and Highways**

Page Number/Policy	Initial Herefordshire Council Response	Parish Council Consideration and Response
Objective Improvement to Trappe House corner on Abbeydore Road	No previous request was received by BBLP concerning any issues and this problem has not been previously raised by the parish council	Comment noted. The NDP is an ideal opportunity to highlight and bring to the notice of Herefordshire Council this issue.
Objective Install pedestrian road bridge across A465	A request for pedestrian crossings and/or refuges was received by BBLP. Issues were voiced by the Parish Council when the Pontrilas post office was closed. Pedestrians were crossing the A465 to use the facilities at Ewyas Harold. The request was included on the Traffic Management ranking list. This scheme was put on the ranking list to be reviewed/look at if any future works are possible. This scheme is included in the BBLP ranking list for the 2015/16 annual plan, however this is funding dependant.	Comment noted. No change to the plan.
Objective Improve vehicular turning on/off A465/Rowlestone Road	No previous request was received by BBLP concerning any issues and this problem has not been previously raised by the parish council	Comment noted. The NDP is an ideal opportunity to highlight and bring to the notice of Herefordshire Council this issue.
Policy G4	<p>g. Access and highway safety, including the provision of new and improved pedestrian footpaths and <u>footways</u>, permissive pedestrian rights of way and cyclepaths, and provide safe pedestrian and <u>cycle</u> road crossings where required.</p> <p>Consideration given to additional criteria</p> <p>h. Particular regard should be given to supporting the local development of a long distance walking and cycling route between Pontrilas and Hay-on-Wye (Golden Valley Cycleway)</p> <p>i Safeguarding the National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 46 between Hereford and Abergavenny with its branches to Pontrilas and Skenfrith</p>	<p>Amend criterion (g) to include “footways”.</p> <p>Comments on new criteria noted but these are not considered to be appropriate or relevant to a plan-wide design policy.</p>

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	(NCN Route 426) which passes through Kentchurch and would link to a future Golden Valley route.	
Policy G8	Consideration given to adding extra criteria e. measures to encourage active travel and public transport use	This is already covered in criterion (d).
AB1	Consideration given to adding extra criteria (After h). Includes infrastructure that encourages active travel modes	This is already covered in plan-wide policy G8.
Para 6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve all aspects of road safety and maintenance including walking and cycling pedestrian crossings, paths and pavements • Reduce traffic congestion • Improve transport network especially elements that encourage active travel modes 	Comments noted but the aims were identified through community consultation and are considered to adequately address these matters.
Policy EH3	<p>c) Include <u>walking and cycling routes</u>, providing safe road crossings where required;</p> <p>d) Includes links to existing <u>walking and cycling routes</u> and potential alignments of a Golden Valley Cycleway</p> <p>(Compatibility with G4 h. & EH4)</p>	Amend as suggested.
Policy K1	(After e). Include infrastructure that encourages active travel modes	This is already covered in plan-wide policy G8.
Traffic calming references: Policy G8, para 5.3	A new "Parish Safer Village Initiative" has been in the early stages of development over the last 18 months with ongoing "trials" with the village of Bosbury. Based around a "no cost to the authority" / parish funded approach, this will enable Parishes to actively develop highway proposals aimed at changing the road environment through their village and fit with their aspirations for the area, in terms of traffic behaviour and perceived safety concerns. With assistance from Herefordshire Council / BBLP these proposals aim to develop a	Comments noted, No change to the plan.

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	<p>new, alternative “shared space” style approach to the traditional highway features used. It will also be based around the introduction where appropriate of new “village gateway” schemes, backed by the understanding and signed agreement with Herefordshire Council / BBLP that Parishes will self-fund the purchase, installation and ongoing maintenance of these measures for the future. This will also be promoted as a suitable approach in order to utilise Section 106 developer contributions which may be forthcoming pending new development proposals coming in through the existing Planning / Development Control process</p>	
<p>Public transport-rail and bus; para 6.3</p>	<p>The levels of bus service for the area is ample for the demand, however should it increase we will amend accordingly. However the continued bus service provision is dependent on residents making use of them.</p> <p>As regards aspirations to reopen Pontrilas Station local members to the area have previously advised residents there is no business case for it and if it did go ahead it would generate more demand for development in the area spoiling the rural nature of the villages.</p> <p>There is an X4 Cardiff – Abergavenny – Hereford bus service serving Pontrilas and connecting with buses for Ewyas Harold, Abbeydore. Additionally any reopening of Pontrilas Station will make the bus services unviable causing many villages to lose their bus service.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The re-opening of the station remains a long-term local aspiration – no change to the plan.</p>
<p>Road safety and school related: para 6.3,</p>	<p>The school is very active regarding road safety and we attend regularly to deliver road safety education to the children. We did help the school set up a walking bus in the past from the village hall to the school. They would have liked to have a walking bus route from the north side of the village along Pontrilas Road and Dark Lane but the lack of pavements, poor sight lines and no refuge areas meant that this was not viable. The same issues mean that we have not been able</p>	<p>Comments noted, No change to the plan.</p>

	<p>to offer them our practical pedestrian training programme</p> <p>There are issues around parking at the start and end of the school day. I assume that some of the parents who drive do so because of presumed safety issues regard walking but are of course then part of the problem. Presumably if the school was relocated as they would wish this would help.</p>	
Policy G8 / para 5.5/ EH3	BBLP highlighted that there are no budgets for footpaths. This would only be possible via s106 monies should there be any development	Comments noted, No change to the plan.

The following comments were also received none of which were considered to necessitate a change to the plan.

- **Environmental Health**

Ewyas Harold

The plan has identified a site for a new primary school (Policy EH4) as identified in pink on the plan and I would make the following comments in relation to contaminated land issues only :

The site identified appears from a review of Ordnance survey historical plans to have no previous historic potentially contaminative uses. However please see “General Comments” below.

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My understanding is that no other specific sites have been identified in this plan and as such I would advise:

General comments:

Developments such as hospitals, homes and schools may be considered ‘sensitive’ and as such consideration should be given to risk from contamination notwithstanding any comments. Please note that the above does not constitute a detailed investigation or desk study to consider risk from contamination. Should any information about the former uses of the proposed development areas be available I would recommend they be submitted for consideration as they may change the comments provided.

Finally it should be recognised that contamination is a material planning consideration and is referred to within the NPPF. I would recommend applicants and those involved in the parish plan refer to the pertinent parts of the NPPF and be familiar with the requirements and meanings given when considering risk from contamination during development.

- **Strategic Housing**

The plan has followed the criteria/ policies in the core strategy very closely. My only point is that they suggest evidence is supplied to planning to confirm local connection, this might be o.k for open market but wouldn't be the case for the affordable as all of this info would be given to the developing RSL. (This comment was received prior to the proposed modifications to RA2 were published)

- **Landscape/Conservation/Archaeology**

None received

- **Economic Development**

None received

- **Education**

What I can advise is that the compliance analysis of the school is showing that there is a shortfall of space and given the current layout of the building, no easy solution to rectifying the deficiencies that they have. I know the school have looked in the past at potential solutions to provide them with the facilities they require and the comment that was received was that the solution was not considered best value. Given all this we would not object to a proposal to relocate the primary school or for land to be identified for this cause.

- **Property Service**

None received

- **Parks and Countryside**

None received

- **Waste**

None received

5.0 Ewyas Harold Primary School: Further Work on Alternative Sites/Sequential Test

5.1 Following comments received from the Environment Agency at Regulation 14 Draft Stage on the site identified for Ewyas Harold Primary School further work was commissioned from AECOM.

5.2 AECOM's Flood Risk Scoping Report (February 2016) looked at the suitability of the site in relation to safe development, and avoiding increasing risk to surrounding areas. The Report conclusions and recommendations were as follows:

- The primary risk to the site is fluvial flooding associated with the adjacent Dulas Brook
- The Environment Agency does not hold modelled flood levels for the watercourse. It has not been possible to verify the Environment Agency flood zones.
- Available modelling is relatively old and considered to be conservative but part of the site lies in Flood Zone 3.
- It is recommended that before allocating the site detailed hydraulic modelling of the site is carried out for the Brook before the site is allocated.
- Due to the location of the site a Sequential Test will also be required in accordance with NPFF.
- If following a Sequential Test, the site is still the preferred option, an Exception test will need to be passed.

5.3 Based on this technical Report and the recommendations the Parish Council decided not to proceed with the allocation of the school site. It was decided to replace this with a criterion based policy to assess any future school proposals.

6.0 Updating the SEA and HRA

- 6.1 Following the Regulation 14 amendments and the flood risk work a revised plan was sent to Herefordshire Council for informal comment in summer 2016. The plan was then finalised for an updated SEA/HRA.
- 6.2 This work was completed in January 2017. The key conclusions from this work are summarised in the Non-technical summary of the Environmental Report submitted alongside this Consultation Statement that a “full HRA assessment was not required” and “no changes to the NDP are recommended as a result of the SEA.”


APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Application for Designation as a Neighbourhood Area

Neighbourhood Area application forms (NP1)

County of Herefordshire District Council
Planning Services
PO Box 230
Blueschool House
Blueschool Street
Hereford
HR1 2ZB

 **Herefordshire Council**

116 OCT 2012

Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Publication of applications on the Herefordshire Council website
Please note that the information provided on this application form may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the planning department.

Please complete using block capitals and black ink

1. Parish Clerk details	2. Additional contact details (if different from parish clerk)
Title: <input type="text" value="MR"/> First Name: <input type="text" value="ANDY"/>	Title: <input type="text"/> First Name: <input type="text"/>
Last Name: <input type="text" value="SHIPP"/>	Last Name: <input type="text"/>
Unit: <input type="text"/> House Number: <input type="text"/> House Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Unit: <input type="text"/> House Number: <input type="text"/> House Suffix: <input type="text"/>
House Name: <input type="text" value="BERRY BACH"/>	House Name: <input type="text"/>
Address 1: <input type="text" value="LLANVI HANGEL CRUCORNEY"/>	Address 1: <input type="text"/>
Address 2: <input type="text"/>	Address 2: <input type="text"/>
Address 3: <input type="text"/>	Address 3: <input type="text"/>
Town: <input type="text" value="ABERGAVENNY"/>	Town: <input type="text"/>
County: <input type="text" value="MONMOUTHSHIRE"/>	County: <input type="text"/>
Postcode: <input type="text" value="NP7 8EG"/>	Postcode: <input type="text"/>
email: <input type="text" value="clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk"/>	email: <input type="text"/>

3. Relevant body:
Please confirm that you are the relevant body to undertake neighbourhood planning in your area in accordance with section 61G of the 1990 Act and section 5C of the 2012 Regulations

Yes: No:

Name of Parish Council:

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4. Name of Neighbourhood Area:
 Please give a name which your neighbourhood area will be formally known.

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5. Extent of the area:
 Please indicate below and attach an OS plan showing the intended extent of the area.

Whole parish boundary area:

Part of the parish:

Joint with neighbouring parish:
 (Please complete details in section 7 below if applying as joint parishes)

Please describe below why you considered the extent of the neighbourhood area is appropriate.

ADJOINING PARISHES AND SHARED FACILITIES

6. Intention of neighbourhood area:
 Please indicate which of the following you intend to undertake within your neighbourhood area.

Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Neighbourhood Development Order:

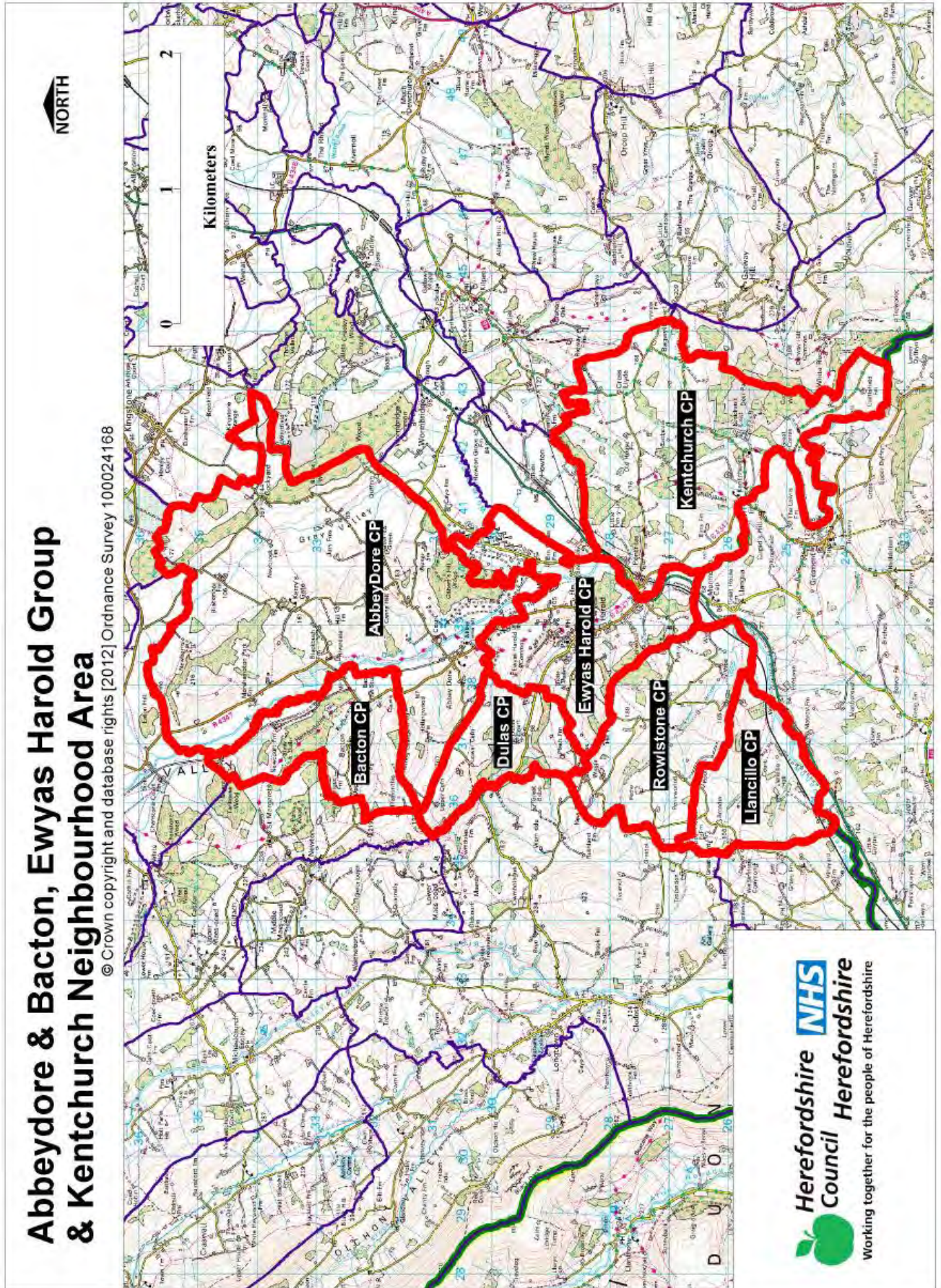
Community Right to Build Order:

7. Additional joint parish details:
 If you are applying with an adjoining parish or parishes please give the clerk's details for each parish.

ABBEYDORE + BACTON GPC	MALCOLM WALKER
KENTCHURCH PC	MALCOLM WALKER

8. Declaration:
 I/we hereby apply to designate a neighbourhood area as described on this form and the accompanying plan.
 In the case of joint parish applications, names from each parish would be required.

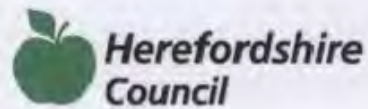
Names(s)	ANDY SHIPP FHGAC <i>AShipp</i>	Date (dd/mm/yy)	2/10/12
	MALCOLM WALKER F+BGR MALCOLM WALKER KPC <i>MW</i>	Date (dd/mm/yy)	11/10/2012



Appendix 2

Neighbourhood Area Decision Document and Site Notice

Neighbourhood Area Decision Document



Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Name of neighbourhood area	Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold and Kentchurch
Parish Council	Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council Kentchurch Parish Council
Consultation period	18 th October – 29 th November 2012

Map of proposed neighbourhood area



Determination

Is the organisation making the area application the relevant body under section 61G (2) of the 1990 Act	Yes	
Is the neighbourhood area considered appropriate? Section 61G (4)	Yes	
Does the area overlap another designated area? Section 61G (7)		No
For joint area application, are all relevant bodies included? Section 61G (2)	Yes	
Were any comments received during the consultation period?		No
Summary of comments received	None received	
Ward member comments	None	
Are any modifications required to this or any adjoining neighbourhood area? Section 61G (6)		No

Decision under Regulation 7 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

The application for the designation of Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold and Kentchurch Neighbourhood area is

Approved

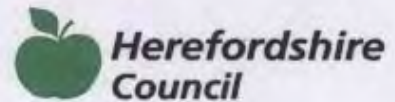


Andrew Ashcroft

Assistant Director of Economy, Environment and Cultural Services

Date: 28th November 2012

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING NOTICE



The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Herefordshire Council has **APPROVED**, under Article 7 of the above Regulations the following neighbourhood area:-

Neighbourhood Area Name:

**Abbeydore & Bacton, Ewyas Harold
and Kentchurch Neighbourhood
Plan**

Relevant body (jointly) is:

**Abbeydore and Bacton Parish
Council
Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council
and
Kentchurch Parish Council**

**The neighbourhood area is
identified on the attached map**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Ashcroft".

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ANDREW ASHCROFT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ECONOMY ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES
Date: 28th November 2012

Appendix 3 Leaflet and Questionnaire 2014



Ewyas Harold,
Rowlestone,
Dulas, Llancillo,

Abbeydore &
Bacton,

Pontrilas and
Kentchurch

You can make your views known directly to Steering Group leaders:

Toby Murcott:
(Abbeydore) Steering
Group Chairman,

tobymurcott@gmail.com

John Pring:
(Kentchurch) Station
House, Pontrilas, Here-
ford HR2 0EH

gwstation04@tesco.net

Liz Overstall (Ewyas
Harold) Little Cwm,
Dulas, HR2 0HL

lizoverstall@gmail.com



Your Neighbourhood Plan

FREE please take this home!

June 2014

Public Consultation on Local Planning

The Parish Councils of the Ewyas Harold Group, Abbeydore and Bacton and Kentchurch are preparing a Joint Neighbourhood Plan. If accepted, this plan will become part of the Planning Regulations to ensure that our area develops in the way that the Community wants over the next fifteen years or so.

Who should make planning decisions about our villages? We believe we know our area best, and that's why our parish councils are working together, going the extra mile, and preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. **But we need YOUR help.**

**PLEASE FILL IN THE
QUESTIONNAIRE OVERLEAF>>**

and come to our public meeting.

Important

**Public Meeting at the Memorial Hall
Tuesday July 15th**

**For residents of Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Rowlestone &
Llancillo, Abbeydore & Bacton, Pontrilas and
Kentchurch**

Drop in anytime between 3.30 pm and 8pm

The Neighbourhood Plan must agree with Herefordshire's Core Strategy, and National Planning Framework. This means we do have to plan for modest housing development, but it gives us a chance to lay down "rules" about where development shall take place, and what kind of development it shall be. We can protect green spaces and buildings that we love. We can fight to retain the character of our rural villages.

**It's important that every resident should be involved in
these decisions.**

See the progress of the Joint Neighbourhood Plan online:

www.neighplan.wordpress.com

Please place completed
Questionnaire in box at Ewyas
Harold Post Office or Station
House, Pontrilas.

Name: (Optional).....
Address: (Optional).....
Essential (Please circle your parish) I am a resident of Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Rowlestone,
Llancillo, Kentchurch, Pontrilas, Abbeydore, Bacton.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Should most housing development be contained inside a village "envelope" or settlement boundary, or should we permit housing on the edge of the village? *Retaining the envelope would mean infilling, and the loss of space in the centre of the village. Permitting housing at the edge would mean the loss of agricultural land, and the enlargement of the village footprint.*

TICK ONE:

Yes, keep the envelope.

No, permit more housing at the edge of the village

2. What green spaces do you think should never be built on and need protection?
3. Which local views of special interest or beauty do you think need protection from possible development blight?
4. What buildings (historic or otherwise) need protection because they are important to the community, or of special interest?

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TIMETABLE

A **Public Consultation** on the First Draft (which is in preparation now), will take place, in Autumn 2014, running for six weeks.

Suggestions and comments will be worked into a **Final Draft**.

This will be submitted to Herefordshire Council who will run a further **six week consultation**.

The final document will go forward for **Inspection**.

If it passes all these hurdles, it will be put to a **Referendum**. This will probably take place in the Spring of 2015, running alongside the General Election.

If the Joint Neighbourhood Plan receives a "yes" vote, with a simple majority of the turnout, then it becomes part of the Planning Regulations for our parishes.

Find out more at www.neighplan.wordpress.com

Appendix 4 Abbeydore and Bacton Questionnaire

Abbeydore and Bacton Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire

Abbeydore and Bacton Parish have agreed to join Ewyas Harold and Kentchurch in producing a joint Neighbourhood Plan. This is part of the development of a Core Strategy for Herefordshire by Herefordshire Council.

We held a successful public meeting in April 2013, and this questionnaire is the next part of the process. Once the information gathered has been analysed we will draw up a draft plan which will then be sent out again for further comment and revision. Eventually there will be a referendum on the final document, and if a majority vote in its favour it will become part of the planning regulations for the neighbourhood. But that is still a little way off.

Every resident in the parish, of whatever age, is entitled to fill in their own questionnaire and all the answers will be analysed anonymously. We do ask you to give us your name so we can keep track of who has replied, but the personal details will be removed before the answers are evaluated. We want to get as many comments as we can and if it would be easier to fill in a questionnaire with a neighbour or partner then please feel free to do so. But don't forget to put all your names down on the form so we know who has replied. If you require further copies of the questionnaire please contact one of the people listed at the end of the document.

This plan will allow us to influence how our neighbourhood develops, once completed all local development will have to comply with its specifications. It will be a powerful document. However, there are some important restrictions upon it.

It is important that everyone understands both the potential and the limitations of a Neighbourhood Plan. It enables us to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in the parish – for example where new homes and offices should be built and what they should look like. However, it must be generally in line with local and national planning policies; it must be in line with other laws; and crucially if the local Planning Authority says that the area needs to grow, we cannot use the Plan to block the building of new homes and businesses.

Questions.

1 How long have you lived in Abbeydore and Bacton Parish;

Less than 3 years 3-10 years
More than 10 years

2 Do you have children under 18?

Yes No

3 Why do you live here?

Inherited property Work
Quality of life Other

Comment _____

The Herefordshire Core Strategy indicates that Abbeydore and Bacton could grow in the order of 12% by 2031. Up to 21 new houses could be built. The Neighbourhood Plan can help determine the location, type and design of this housing.

4 The parish is essentially a quiet, rural area, mainly agricultural. Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan aim to preserve this character?

Agree Disagree No opinion

Comment _____

There is a proposal for Abbeydore and Bacton to be included in The Golden Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, whose creation is recommended in a recent report by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, which states; "Towns and parish councils have an increasing role to play in landscape protection. Their views will carry weight in the question of AONB designations, and if they choose.

Please note that being part of an AONB does not impose any additional restrictions or requirements on farmers and agricultural workers.

5 *It is recommended that Abbeydore and Bacton should form part of a Golden Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Do you?*

Agree Disagree No Opinion

Comment _____

One of the most important criteria for the approval of new housing is whether the planning application can demonstrate a need for new dwellings. Part of that need will be assessed on whether it will provide accommodation for existing residents requiring separate accommodation; immediate family members and people employed within the parish.

6 *Can you identify a potential need for new housing, for example for yourself or a family member?*

Now? In the next 10 years?

In the next 15 years? Never

Comment _____

7 *What sort of housing?*

Social Low cost Barn conversion

Apartment Family Home Annex

Other

Comment _____

8 *Do you have an area where it might be suitable to build?*

Yes No

Comment _____

9 *Irrespective of personal or family need, can you identify an area where a small development (maximum 4 houses) might be built?*

Yes No

Comment _____

A further point which requires explanation is the 106 system for dwelling construction. A property built under this constraint may only be owned and lived in by someone who can demonstrate a local connection

and need, such as agricultural workers. It can be applied either collectively or universally to development in our parish, and is an important consideration.

10 *Should new housing be restricted to 106 rules?*

Yes No

Comment _____

11 *Would you like to see a specific design style for new housing in the area?*

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

12 *Please describe any preferences you might have for design materials such as red brick, Herefordshire stone etc.*

Comment _____

13 *Should new housing have solar panels?*

Agree Disagree No Opinion

Comment _____

14 *Can you identify any rural enterprise that could be established in the parish?*

For example, small workshop; conversion of a barn to offices for internet based businesses; cottage industry; purpose built industrial unit?

Type _____

Location _____

Comment _____

15 *Are there any important buildings, areas or open spaces that should be protected or enhanced?*

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

16 Does the present provision of social amenities (e.g. village halls) in the parish meet you and your families' needs?

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

17 If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what further amenities you would like to see.

Comment _____

18 Is there sufficient provision for young people in the parish.

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

19 If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what further amenities you would like to see.

Comment _____

20 Would you like to see any of the following developments in the area?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, can you identify a suitable area for the development in the comment box.

A commercial Windfarm

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

Commercial Polyrunnels

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

Commercial Solar array

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

Travellers

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

Should a cycle path be built in the area?

Yes No No Opinion

Comment _____

21 If you answered yes to the question on cycle paths can you identify all or part of a possible route?

Comment _____

22 Would you like to see tourism in the area encouraged?

Yes No No Opinion

23 If you answered yes to the tourism question can you suggest ways in which this could be done? For example, providing more car parking; developing walking routes; a local visitors centre.

Comment _____

24 What other factors would you like to see considered in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan? Please feel free to include anything you feel is important.

Comment _____

Please feel free to add any further thoughts or comments you may have on an additional sheet of paper.

There will be further opportunities to comment on the Plan as it is developed over the next few months.

Thank you. I'm very happy to talk to you about this and I can be contacted on 01981 240 933 or by email on toby@murcott.co.uk. If you are unable to reach me then you can contact Dave Cook on 01981 570 323; Peter Restron on 01981 570 626 or Mary Pullan on 01981 240 205.

I look forward to receiving your thoughts and comments.

Toby Murcott
Councillor Abbeydore and Bacton.

We ask for your name and address in order to keep track of replies. However, this strip will be torn from the questionnaire before the information is recorded, so all your answers will be anonymous.

Further Information

This is a link to the Herefordshire Council documents on producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is very comprehensive and contains links to a large number of guidance and information documents.

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Name _____

Address _____

Please return this questionnaire in the enclosed SAE by Friday 18th October 2013

Appendix 5 Abbeydore and Bacton – Questionnaire Analysis

Abbeydore & Bacton Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire Analysis

1)How long have you lived in Abbeydore & Bacton Parish?	Results
Less than 3 years	12
3-10 years	18
More than 10 years	51

2)Do you have children under 18?	Results
Yes	15
No	62

3)Why do you live here?	Results
Inherited property	5
Work	20
Quality of life	63
Other	13
Comment	

4)The parish is essentially a quiet, rural area, mainly agricultural Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan aim to preserve this character?	Results
Agree	78
Disagree	2
No opinion	
Comment	

5)It is recommended that Abbeydore & Bacton form part of a Golden Valley AONB Do you?	Results
Agree	75
Disagree	1
No opinion	3
Comment	

6) Can you identify a potential need for new housing, for example for yourself or a family member?

Now	7
In the next 10 years	25
In the next 18 years	14
Never	31
Comment	

7) What sort of housing?

Social	7
Low cost	19
Barn conversion	17
Apartment	1
Family home	21
Annex	15
Other	
Comment	

8) Do you have an area where it might be suitable to build?

Yes	18
No	55
Comment	

9) Irrespective of personal or family need, can you identify an area where a small development (maximum 4 houses) might be built?

Yes	12
No	60
Comment	

10) Should new housing be restricted to Section 106 rules?

Yes	40
No	30
Comment	

11) Would you like to see a specific design style for new housing in the area?

Yes	40
No	25
No Opinion	15
Comment	

12) Please describe any preferences you might have for design materials such as red brick, Herefordshire stone etc
 Comment

13) Should new housing have solar panels?

Agree	46
Disagree	9
No opinion	23
Comment	

**14) Can you identify any rural enterprise that could be established in the parish?
 For example, small workshop, conversion of barn to offices for internet based businesses, cottage industry, purpose built industrial unit?**

Type	
Location	
Comment	

15) Are there any important buildings, areas or open spaces that should be protected or enhanced?

Yes	42
No	6
No Opinion	21
Comment	

16) Does the present provision of social amenities in the parish meet you and your families needs?

Yes	60
No	11
No Opinion	8
Comment	

17) If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what amenities you would like to see?

Comment		
18) Is there sufficient provision for young people in the parish?		
Yes		19
No		20
No Opinion		37
Comment		

19) If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what further amenities you would like to see
 Comment

20) Would you like to see any of the following developments in the area, If you answer yes to any of these questions, can you identify a suitable area for the development in the comment box?
 A commercial wind farm

Yes		5
No		62
No Opinion		10
Comment		

Commercial polytunnels

Yes		6
No		58
No Opinion		10
Comment		

Commercial solar array

Yes		9
No		46
No Opinion		19
Comment		

Travellers

Yes		6
No		57
No Opinion		12
Comment		

Should a cycle path be built in the area?	
Yes	37
No	23
No Opinion	13
Comment	

21) If you answered yes to the question on cycle paths can you identify all or part of a possible route?
 Comment

22) Would you like to see tourism in the area encouraged?	
Yes	43
No	18
No Opinion	13

23) If you answered yes to the tourism question can you suggest ways in which this could be done?
For example, providing more car parking; developing walking routes; a local visitors centre
 Comment

24) What other factors would you like to see considered in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan?
Please feel free to include anything you feel is important and continue on a further sheet if you need more space
 Comment

Appendix 6 Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall Meeting, July 2014 Feedback

Neighbourhood Plan: Responses to questionnaire July 2014

82 people attended the meeting. 56 questionnaire forms were completed.

Q1	Yes	No	Redraw
<p>Should most housing development be contained inside a village "envelope" or settlement boundary, or should we permit housing on the edge of the village? <i>Retaining the envelope would mean infilling, and at the loss of space in the centre of the village. Permitting housing at the edge would mean the loss of agricultural land and the enlargement of the village footprint.</i></p> <p>VOTES FOR Q1 RESTRICTED TO EWYAS HAROLD RESIDENTS</p> <p>Residents had difficulty with this question and two sensibly indicated the need to redraw the boundary, rather than abolish it, so we have added this column.</p>	16	14	2
<p>Q2</p> <p>What green spaces should never be built on and need protection? VOTES FOR Q2,3, AND 4 WERE COLLECTED FROM ALL RESPONDANTS</p> <p>The Castle and surrounding fields The Common Island field Recreation Ground Land surrounding Common Land adj to Gilbert's Wood, E of Abbeydore Rd land adj Memorial Hall Glebe field btw the Rectory and the Old Rectory with footpath going up through it.</p>			Votes
			3
			2
			6
			7
			1
			1
			2
			1

Q3	Local views of special interest or beauty	
	Protect skylines	2
	Views of Castle tump	2
	Views of, and from, Recreation ground	4
	Land below Callow wood	1
	View from church footpath of Castle Tump	1
	View from Pontrilas Rd to Callow Wood	1
	River meadows	1
	View from Angelas	2
	Views from the Common	3
	Views of The Parks, Dulias	1
	View of Black Poplar in Ewyas Harold	2
	Views from the Vicarage	
Q4	What buildings need protection	
	Churches	9
	St Michaels hall	5
	Catholic church	2
	Temple Terrace	1
	Both pubs	2
	Memoral Hall	2
	Malt House	1
	Chip shop	1
	Cadet hut	1

Appendix 7 Ewyas Harold Public Meeting, November 2014 Feedback

ABBEYDORE AND BACTON, EWYAS HAROLD GROUP, KENTCHURCH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

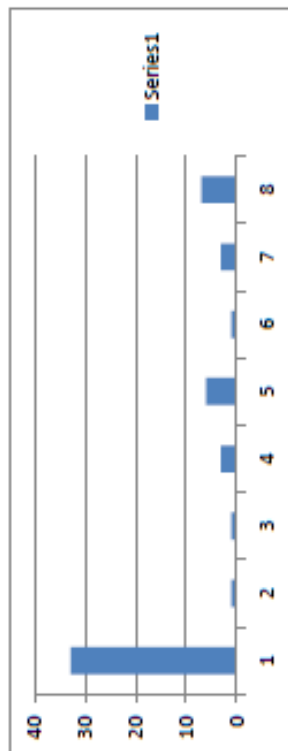
Public Meeting for Residents of Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch to Consult on Draft NP
 Memorial Hall Ewyas Harold 22nd November 2014 2pm - 6pm

52 people Attended

Age groups	70years plus	60-70	50-60	40-50	30-40	20-30	10 to 20 years	under 10
	10	8	10	7	6	6	1	7

Where from?

Ewyas Harold	33
Abbeydore	1
Bacton	1
Rowlestone	3
Dulas	6
Llancillo	1
Pontrilas	3
Kentchurch	7



Comments from collection box

Total 3 Comments on Draft Support	3	2	Page 42 Page 43	Support moving school Support rail link, suggest much higher priority.
Objections	0			
Comments	1	Page 33	G11	Support better infrastructure
Kemble Centre responses	2	Other responses collected from room by Julie		

Appendix 8 Kentchurch Questionnaire

Kentchurch Parish Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

*Questionnaire
September 2013*



Forward

Kentchurch Parish Council have joined forces with Abbeydore & Bacton Parish Council and Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council in producing a Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

This is part of the development of a Core Strategy for Herefordshire by Herefordshire Council.

We held a public meeting in July 2013 and this questionnaire is the next stage in the process.

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Eventually there will be a referendum on the final document and if a majority vote is in its favour it will become part of the planning regulations for the neighbourhood but that is still a little way off.

Every resident in the parish is entitled to fill in their own questionnaire and all the answers will be analysed anonymously.

We do ask you to give us your name so we can keep track of who has replied but the personal details will be removed before the answers are evaluated.

We want to get as many comments as we can and if it would be easier to fill in a questionnaire with a neighbour or partner then please feel free to do so but do not forget to put all your names down on the form so we can keep a track of who has replied.

This plan will allow us to influence how the parish develops, once completed all local development will have to comply with its specifications.

It will be a powerful legal document.

However, there are some important restrictions upon it.

It is important that everyone understands the potential and the limitations of a Neighbourhood Plan.

It enables us to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in the parish - for example where new homes and offices should be built and what they should look like.

However, it must be generally in line with local and national planning policies.

It must be in line with other laws and most important if the local Planning Authority says that the area needs to grow, **we cannot use the Plan to block the building of new homes and businesses.**

Questions

[Tick (✓) Boxes please at all

relevant answers]

How long have you lived in Kentchurch Parish?

Less than 3 years 3-10 years More than 10 years

Do you have children under 18?

Yes No

Why do you live here?

Inherited property Work Quality of life

Other

Comment

The Herefordshire Core Strategy indicates that Kentchurch could grow by 14% by 2031. This equates to around 18 new properties could be built.

This housing will be smaller market housing to meet local housing need within the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan can help determine the location, type and design of this housing.

The parish is essentially a quiet, rural area, mainly agricultural.

Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan aim to preserve this character?

Agree Disagree No opinion

Comment

One of the most important criteria for the approval of new housing is whether the planning application can demonstrate a need for new dwellings. This need will be assessed in part on whether it will provide accommodation for existing residents requiring separate accommodation; immediate family members; people employed within the parish.

Can you identify a potential need for new housing, for example for yourself or a family member?

Now In the next 10 years In the next 18 years

Never

Comment

What sort of housing?

Social low cost Barn conversion Apartment family home
Annex

Other

Comment

Page 2

Do you have an area where it might be suitable to build?

Yes No

Comment

Irrespective of personal or family need, can you identify an area where a small development (maximum 4 houses) might be built?

Yes No

Comment

A further point which requires explanation is the Section 106 System for dwelling construction.

A property built under this constraint may only be owned and lived in by someone who can demonstrate a local connection and need.

It can be applied either selectively or universally to development in our parish and is the basis on which we have asked for views on local need.

Should new housing be restricted to Section 106 rules?

Yes No

Comment

Would you like to see a specific design style for new housing in the area?

Yes No No Opinion

Comment

Please describe any preferences you might have for design materials such as red brick, Herefordshire stone etc.

Comment

Should new housing have solar panels?

Yes No No Opinion

Comment

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Can you identify any rural enterprise that could be established in the parish?
For example, small workshop, conversion of a barn to offices for internet based businesses, cottage industry, purpose built industrial unit?

Type

Location

Comment

Are there any important buildings, areas or open spaces that should be protected or enhanced?

Yes No No Opinion

If yes, please identify

Does the present provision of social amenities in the parish meet you and your families needs?

Yes No No Opinion

Comment

If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what amenities you would like to see?

Comment

Is there sufficient provision for young people in the parish?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Comment

If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what further amenities you would like to see.

Comment

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Would you like to see any of the following developments in the area, if you answer yes to any of these questions, can you identify a suitable area for the development in the comment box?

A commercial wind farm

Yes

No

No Opinion

Comment

Commercial polytunnels

Yes

No

No Opinion

Comment

Commercial solar array

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Consultation Statement, June 2017

Yes

No

No Opinion

Comment

Travellers

Yes

No

No Opinion

Comment

Should a cycle path be built in the area?

Yes

No

No Opinion

Comment

If you answered yes to the question on cycle paths can you identify all or part of a possible route?

Comment

Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan
Consultation Statement, June 2017

Yes

No

No Opinion

If you answered yes to the tourism question can you suggest ways in which this could be done?

For example, providing more car parking; developing walking routes; a local visitors centre

Comment

What other factors would you like to see considered in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan?

Please feel free to include anything you feel is important and continue on a further sheet if you need more space

Comment

I am very happy to talk to you about this and I can be contacted on 01981 240 564 or by email at gwrstation04@tesco.net

If you are unable to reach me then you can contact Parish Council Clerk Malcolm Walker on 01981 259973 or by email at parishclerkmw@btinternet.com

I look forward to receiving your thoughts and comments
Councillor Mr. John Pring Chairman Kentchurch Parish Council

We ask for your name and address in order to keep track of replies
However, your name and address will be separated from the questionnaire before the information is recorded, so all your answers will be anonymous

Further Information

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[Tick (✓) Boxes please at all relevant answers]

Thank you

Name

Address

POST CODE-----



All households in the Kentchurch Parish Council area

will be receiving a questionnaire through the post

The result of this process will determine how planning will be defined
in the Parish until 2031 yes that is correct 2031

so as I am sure you will agree this is a very important process

Please take the time to complete this questionnaire and return to

PONTRILAS POST OFFICE

where there will be collection boxes

**Questionnaires must be returned by FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER
2013**

Please complete your name and address

(see the back page)

Read the forward

and complete all the questions

Thank you on behalf of Kentchurch Parish Council

Additional questionnaires are available from

Pontrilas Post Office

or

The Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr. John Pring at Station House,
Pontrilas

or

Councillor Mr. John Chance at Pontrilas Garage

Appendix 9 Kentchurch Questionnaire Results

Kentchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan

Questionnaire Analysis

	Results
1) How long have you lived in Kentchurch Parish?	
Less than 3 years	2
3-10 years	4
More than 10 years	12
2) Do you have children under 18?	
Yes	4
No	13
3) Why do you live here?	
Inherited property	2
Work	4
Quality of life	10
Other	6
Comment	
Close to family	
Local schools, love the area, availability of suitable house	
4) The parish is essentially a quiet, rural area, mainly agricultural. Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan aim to preserve this character?	
Agree	14
Disagree	
No opinion	3
Comment	
Vital that any houses are carefully sited and enhance the visual environment-not red brick bungalow	
5) Can you identify a potential need for new housing, for example for yourself or a family member?	
Now	2
In the next 10 years	2
In the next 18 years	4
Never	11

Comment		
We are retired		
We will no longer be here in 2031 & our family do not live here but the above indicates my ideas		
6)What sort of housing?		
Social low cost		9
Barn conversion		
Apartment family home		3
Annex		2
Other		2
Comment		
Barn conversion too expensive		
Low social cost for families of present inhabitants & apartment family home-help for OAPs Annex accommodation for OAPs		
7)Do you have an area where it might be suitable to build?		
Yes		4
No		11
Comment		
Old telephone exchange Orcop Road, Pontrilas		
Could do a barn conversion but currently planners would probably say "no"		
8)Irrespective of personal or family need, can you identify an area where a small development (maximum 4 houses) might be built?		
Yes		2
No		15
Comment		
Old telephone exchange Orcop Road, Pontrilas		
Should be a small series of "add-ons" in villages		
9)Should new housing be restricted to Section 106 rules?		
Yes		12
No		4
Comment		
It is positive to have new blood & ideas in an area. However 106 may stop prices spiralling out of most peoples reach		

10)Would you like to see a specific design style for new housing in the area?	
Yes	3
No	6
No Opinion	8

Comment
 In keeping with the local area
 I would like to see natural materials used in such a rural area. They should make use of maximum insulation to reduce energy costs
 Follow the local vernacular-oak framed. Definitely eco build too-top bream spec

11)Please describe any preferences you might have for design materials such as red brick, Herefordshire stone etc

Comment
 Timber
 Brick or stone depending upon design
 Red brick/Hfd Stone/Timber
 Any new build should be in keeping with surrounding landscape-sit low in ground, local stone + timber
 Brick or Herefordshire Stone
 Not red brick. Stone or "new" oak

12)Should new housing have solar panels?	
Yes	11
No	4
No opinion	2

Comment
 We know they can contribute to lowering energy bills so essential + incompetent if we don't make use of such knowledge
 But not obtrusive-can be matt black nowadays

13)Can you identify any rural enterprise that could be established in the parish?	
For example, small workshop, conversion of barn to offices for internet based businesses, cottage industry, purpose built industrial unit?	
Type	
Location	

Comment
 Community Shop - Shop run by locals with produce from locals eg knitted items, flowers, jams etc
 Small workshop-Barn conversion

We need super fast broadband to help re-use of old farm buildings

14) Are there any important buildings, areas or open spaces that should be protected or enhanced?	
Yes	4
No	
No Opinion	13

Comment

The rear/side of our property
 River Monnow & its streams-encourage trees to be grown along their edge but streams cleared of rubbish
 All green lands
 Kentchurch Parish Church, Pontrilas Court
 Generally any historic building or church

15) Does the present provision of social amenities in the parish meet you and your families needs?	
Yes	10
No	
No Opinion	7

Comment

16) If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what amenities you would like to see?
 Comment

17) Is there sufficient provision for young people in the parish?	
Yes	2
No	4
No Opinion	10

Comment

Does not apply to our immediate family but consider that youngsters prefer to live in town for their social activities
 Youth or sports club
 Youth club, play park
 Childrens play areas, better bus hours, train service would be nice
 Probably not-find out what they want

18) If you answered No to the previous question, please can you suggest what further amenities you would like to see
 Comment

19) Would you like to see any of the following developments in the area,
 If you answer yes to any of these questions, can you identify a suitable area for the development in the comment box?

A commercial wind farm		
Yes		3
No		12
No Opinion		3

Comment
 Particularly if a percentage of the profits can be re-invested on local amenities etc or be used to offset local energy costs
 Garway Hill
 Possibly if it was community owned and only 1 or 2 turbines but not if larger or private company
 Inappropriate-offshore is the place for them
 In Kentchurch an area of natural beauty these are not acceptable or necessarily efficient

Commercial polytunnels		
Yes		9
No		8
No Opinion		

Comment
 On a large scale they are ruining too much of our local environment
 The area is hilly & unsuitable-the flat ground-ie near the river would be an eyesore

Commercial solar array		
Yes		4
No		8
No Opinion		6

Comment
 Housing
 Only acceptable if on existing buildings
 Particularly if a percentage of the profits can be re-invested on local amenities etc or be used to offset local energy costs
 Possibly ok-but only if screened
 Extensive solar array can be an eyesore-house uses more suitable-with care

Travellers		
Yes		

No	16
No Opinion	1
<p>Comment</p> <p>Every area should make facilities available for travellers but where is space in such a small parish If by travellers you mean caravan owners who despoil & litter the area NO</p>	
<p>Should a cycle path be built in the area?</p>	
Yes	6
No	5
No Opinion	7
<p>Comment</p> <p>From Pontrilas to Ewyas Harold Ideally it should be safe cycling on the roads but cars drive too fast + tractors & lorries are so large Golden Valley "Way"-would be a major tourist attraction-big benefit to local economy The area is already accessible to cyclists (if Fit) my daughter cycles for exercise for easy access to Pontrilas & Garway</p>	
<p>20)If you answered yes to the question on cycle paths can you identify all or part of a possible route?</p>	
<p>Comment</p> <p>Would like cycle paths to connect to bus in Pontrilas with secure weatherproof cycle racks near bus stop. Make use of Kentchurch Court drive past church and onto road by gatehouse or make road & cycling on them safer The A465 is particularly treacherous Using existing C Roads & tracks Yes Golden Valley "Way" -would be a major tourist attraction-big benefit to local economy. Pontrilas to Hay on old railway line</p>	
<p>21)Would you like to see tourism in the area encouraged?</p>	
Yes	12
No	3
No Opinion	3
<p>22)If you answered yes to the tourism question can you suggest ways in which this could be done?</p>	
<p>For example, providing more car parking; developing walking routes; a local visitors centre</p>	
<p>Comment</p> <p>More B & Bs Developing walking routes, internet promotion of local places of interest etc Improved amenities at local landmarks better advertised by visitors centre perhaps Any plans to develop property should be smaller size property with adequate garden to enjoy & grown own plants & veg not the other way around. Any building be made to as near zero carbon footprint as possible with regard to materials used. Energy needed to keep warm & live in the home + close to public transport r</p>	

Visitors info xxx local facilities/produce
Pontrilas post office & stores provides teas, coffees, snacks with seating in the summer. We don't need more housing in our area
Plan of existing public footpaths
Yes Golden Valley "Way"-would be a major tourist attraction-big benefit to local economy. Pontrilas to Hay on old railway line
It's a new industry for the area-huge boost to pubs/B&Bs etc
Help for local pubs-restaurants-car parking would be needed. Local information could be obtained in pubs & P O
23)What other factors would you like to see considered in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan?
Please feel free to include anything you feel is important and continue on a further sheet if you need more space

Comment

We value our privacy on the edge of the village and would not like to see a large development around us
LED street lamps or a limitation of usage eg turned off for night period that it wouldn't be as important/necessary eg 12-4am
Valuable employer/new jobs
The local Post office in Pontrilas is essential. It serves us in many ways. Could be information office too.
A simple weekly bus service from Kentchurch Church-Hereford/Abergavenny once a week. We had the amenity when we first came here.

Appendix 10 Mailout for Informal Consultation

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Draft Consultation

The parishes of Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch (ABEHK) have been developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) over the last three years. We have now produced a draft and are seeking your views on the document so far.

This is an important opportunity to express your opinion on how development should proceed in the NDP area over the next 16 years.

The purpose of the NDP is to reflect the wishes of our community regarding development in the area. Once completed and approved by our community the NDP will form part of the planning regulations for the three parishes. It based on the information gathered from questionnaires and public meetings over the last three years. This is the first of three public consultations that will be held on the ADEHK NDP.

Where to read the draft NDP.

You can download a copy of the draft from <http://neighplan.wordpress.com>. Further information about the plan, Steering Group members, past meetings and an Executive Summary are also available at that website.

Paper copies of the NDP will also be available at various places across the NDP area including: Pontrilas Post Office; Ewyas Harold Shop; Ewyas Harold Surgery; Ewyas Harold Library.

If you are unable to see the NDP either online or at one of these places then you can request a hard copy by contacting one of the people listed below. If you require any other help with access to this document, again please contact one of those listed below.

Abbeydore and Bacton: Toby Murcott on 01981 240 933 or tobymurcott@gmail.com

Ewyas Harold: Carla Boyles on 01432 271209 or clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk

Kentchurch: John Pring on 01981 240564 or gwrstation04@tesco.net

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How to Comment.

We welcome any comments you have on the NDP.

All comments must be received by 5 December 2014.

To comment on the draft NDP you can:

1. Attend the Public Meetings on 22nd November 2014
Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall 2 – 6:00pm
Abbeydore Village Hall 2:00 – 6:00 pm.
2. Fill in the comment form online at <http://neighplan.wordpress.com>
3. Complete a comment form and return it to the collection boxes in Ewyas Harold Shop or Pontrilas Post Office.

If you require a copy of the comment form you can either download them from the website – <http://neighplan.wordpress.com>, or request one from:

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Please note that there will be two further public consultations on the NDP before the referendum to pass it into law. It is anticipated that the referendum will be held on May 7th 2015 but that date may change.

Kemble Centre (Former Catholic Church) Consultation

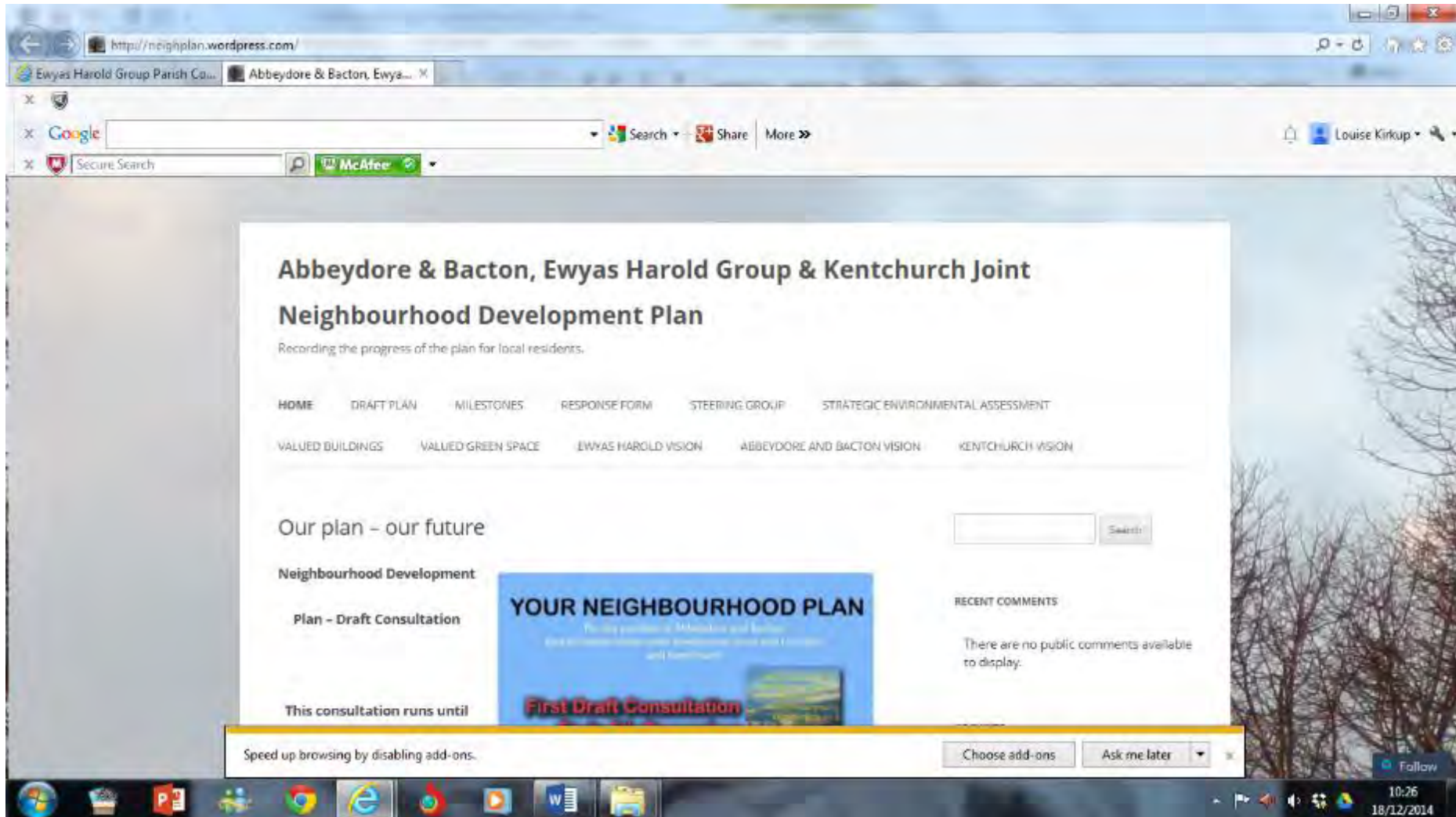
This envelope contains a consultation form regarding the future of the Kemble Centre, the former Catholic Church in the centre of Ewyas Harold. This consultation is included to save posting costs but is completely separate from the NDP consultation. Please read the form for details of how and where to give your opinion on the future of the centre.

Appendix 11 Regulation 14 Public Consultation

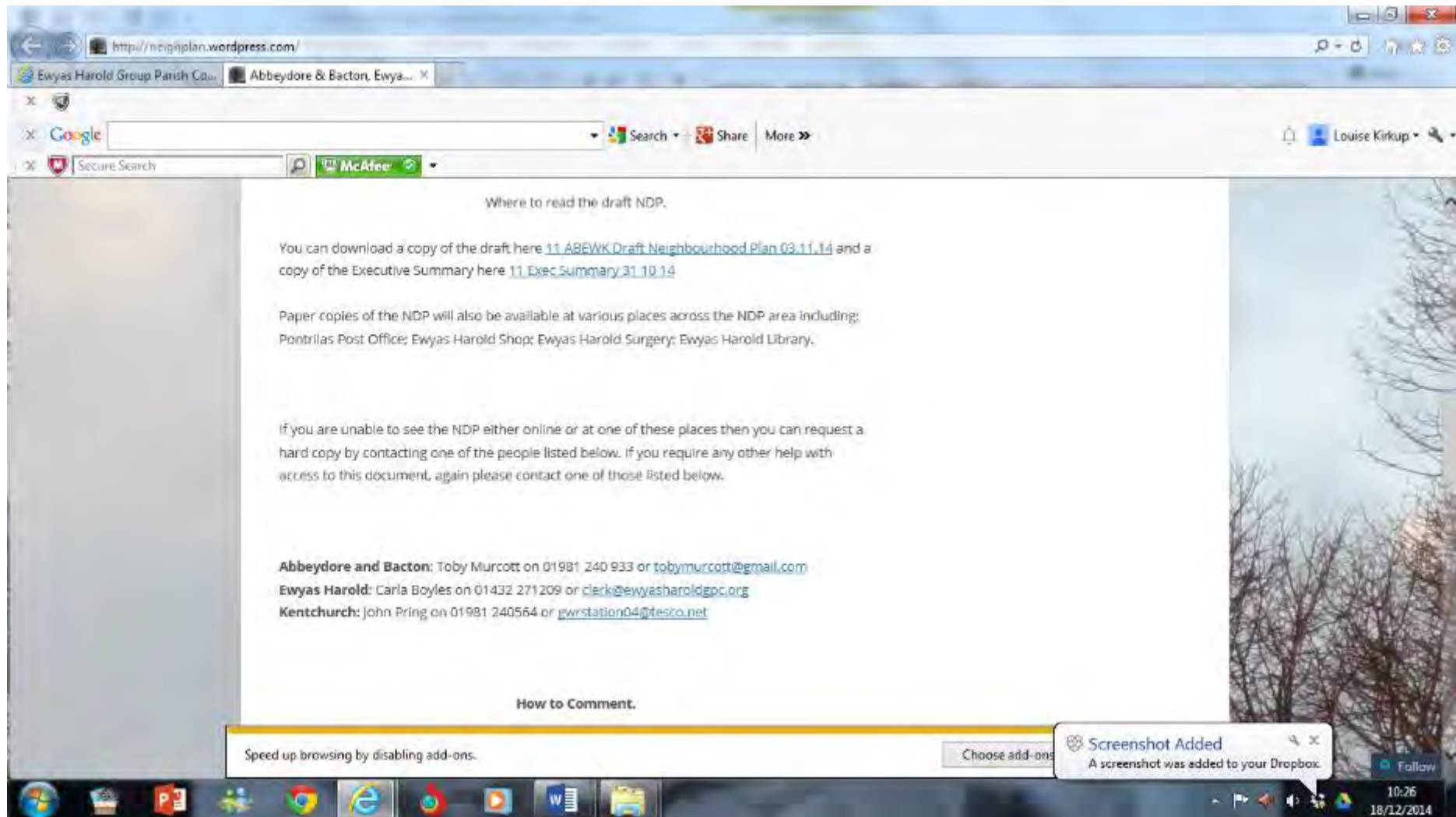
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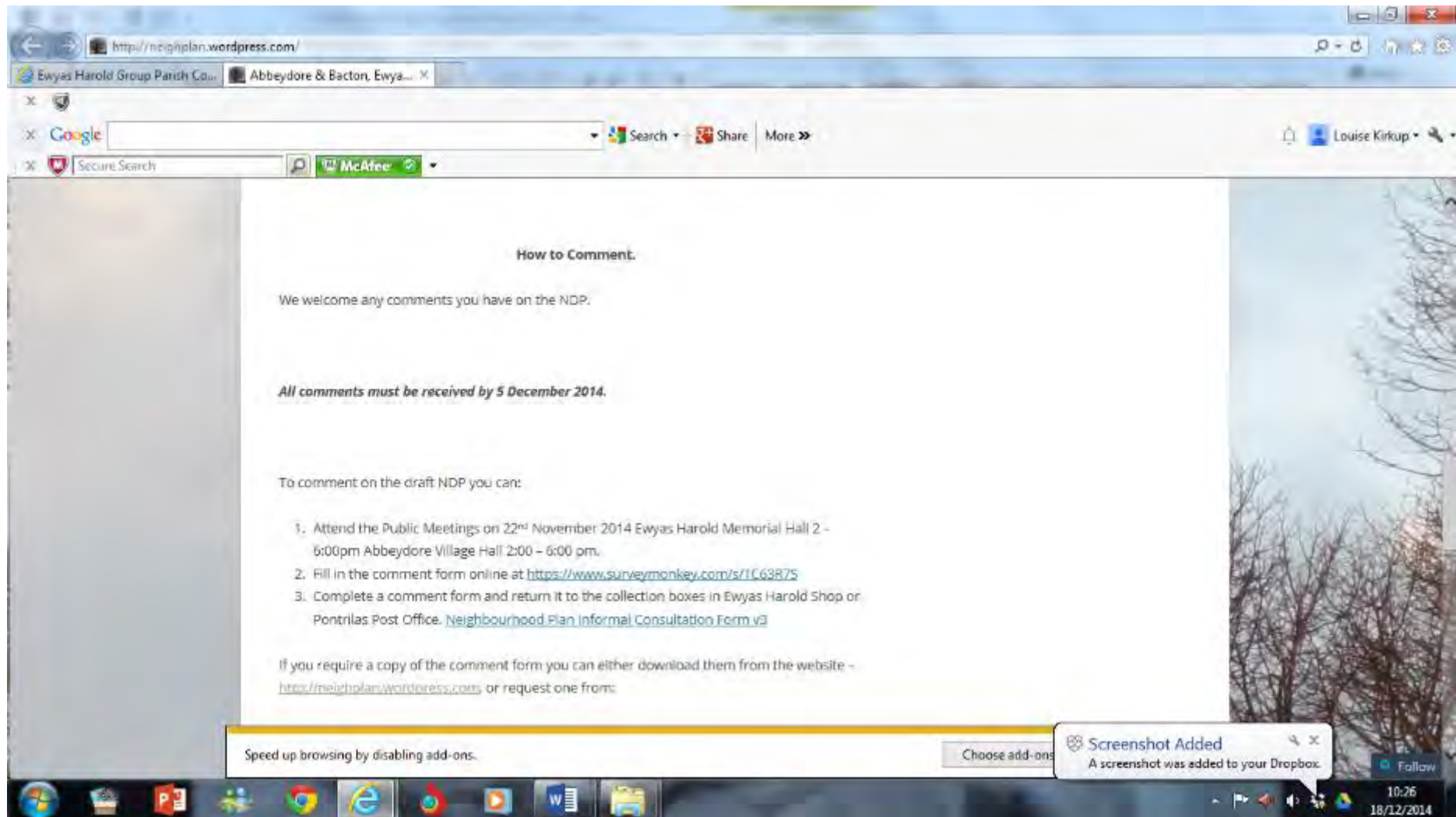
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For full pages see <http://neighplan.wordpress.com/>

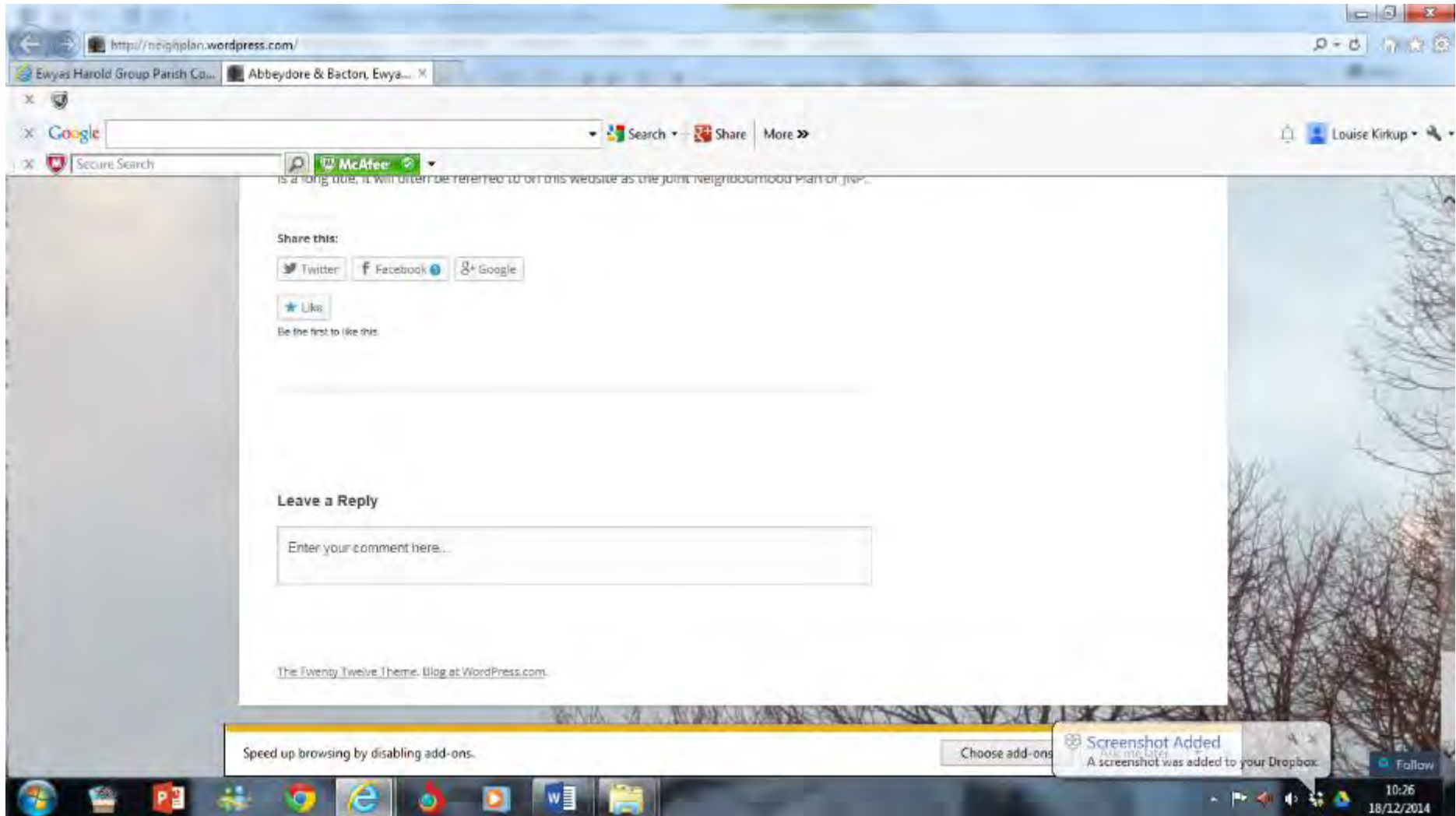












Appendix 12 Regulation 14 Response Form

Office Use Only Consultee No. Representation No.
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Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Plan

Regulation 14 Consultation 16th February – 29th March 2015

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 29th MARCH 2015

Representation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ONE FORM FOR EVERY COMMENT MADE

Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Tel. No.	

Please state to which part of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan your representation refers.

Page Number	
Policy Number	

Are you supporting, objecting, or making a comment? (Please indicate with X)

Support	
Object	
Making a Comment	

Please Turn Over

Please use the box below for any comments.

Thank you for your time and interest. Please return this form to clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk or to **Neighbourhood Plan, 12 Grenfell Road, Hereford, HR1 2QR** by no later than 29th March 2015 or post it in the NDP comments boxes in Ewyas Harold and Pontrilas Post Offices.

The Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council, Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council and Kentchurch Parish Council.

Appendix 13 Regulation 14 Letter to Consultees and List of Consultees

Letter

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing regarding the Neighbourhood Development Plan being developed jointly by the parishes of Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch in south-west Herefordshire. My name is Toby Murcott and I am the Chair of the Steering Committee drawing up the plan. I am writing to you as you have been identified as possibly having an interest in the plan and therefore an interest in commenting on it.

A formal public consultation on the Draft, known as the Regulation 14 Consultation, will run from February 16th to March 29th 2015. We would welcome any and all comments you may have on the Draft.

You can find a copy of the Draft and full details at <http://neighplan.wordpress.com> including background information and links to the relevant pages of the Herefordshire Council website.

You can comment on the draft in one of four ways:

1. Fill in the comment form online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YDQPL7B>
2. Complete a comment form and email it to clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk
3. Complete a comment form and post it to **Neighbourhood Plan, 12 Grenfell Road, Hereford, HR1 2QR**
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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by return of email or on 01981 240 933.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to receiving your comments.

Toby Murcott

Appendix List of Consultees

The Coal Authority

The Gypsy Council

Homes and Communities Agency

Travellers Support Group

West Mercia Constabulary

Central Networks (e-on)

Severn Trent Water

Natural Resources Wales

West Mercia Police

Midlands Architecture and Designed Environment

Community Risk Manager - West District

Arriva Trains Wales

British Aggregates Association

AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK Ltd

Department for Transport

The Marches LEP

Office of Rail Regulation

Police and Crime Commissioner

South Worcestershire Development Plan

London Midland

CENTRO

Civil Aviation Authority (only send if related to a property)

NHS Property Services

NHS England

Welsh Government

2gether NHS Foundation Trust Headquarters

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

English Heritage

Environment Agency

Department for Communities and Local Government

West Midlands Ambulance Service

Hereford & Worcester Fire Brigade

Wye Valley NHS Trust

Highways Agency

National Grid (Transco) replaced now by AMEC (LDF 315)

RWE Npower Renewables Limited

Natural England

Network Rail (West)

Network Rail

Severn Trent Water Ltd

Sport England

Balfour Beatty Drainage

Kilpeck Parish Council

Longtown Group Parish

Vowchurch and District Group (Parish Group)

Madley Parish Council

Kingstone and Thruxton Group (Parish Group)

Garway Parish Council

Orcop Parish Council

Gloucestershire Council

Campaign to Protect Rural England

Woodland Trust

Herefordshire Nature Trust

Prepared on behalf of the Parish Councils by

