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Neighbourhood Plan
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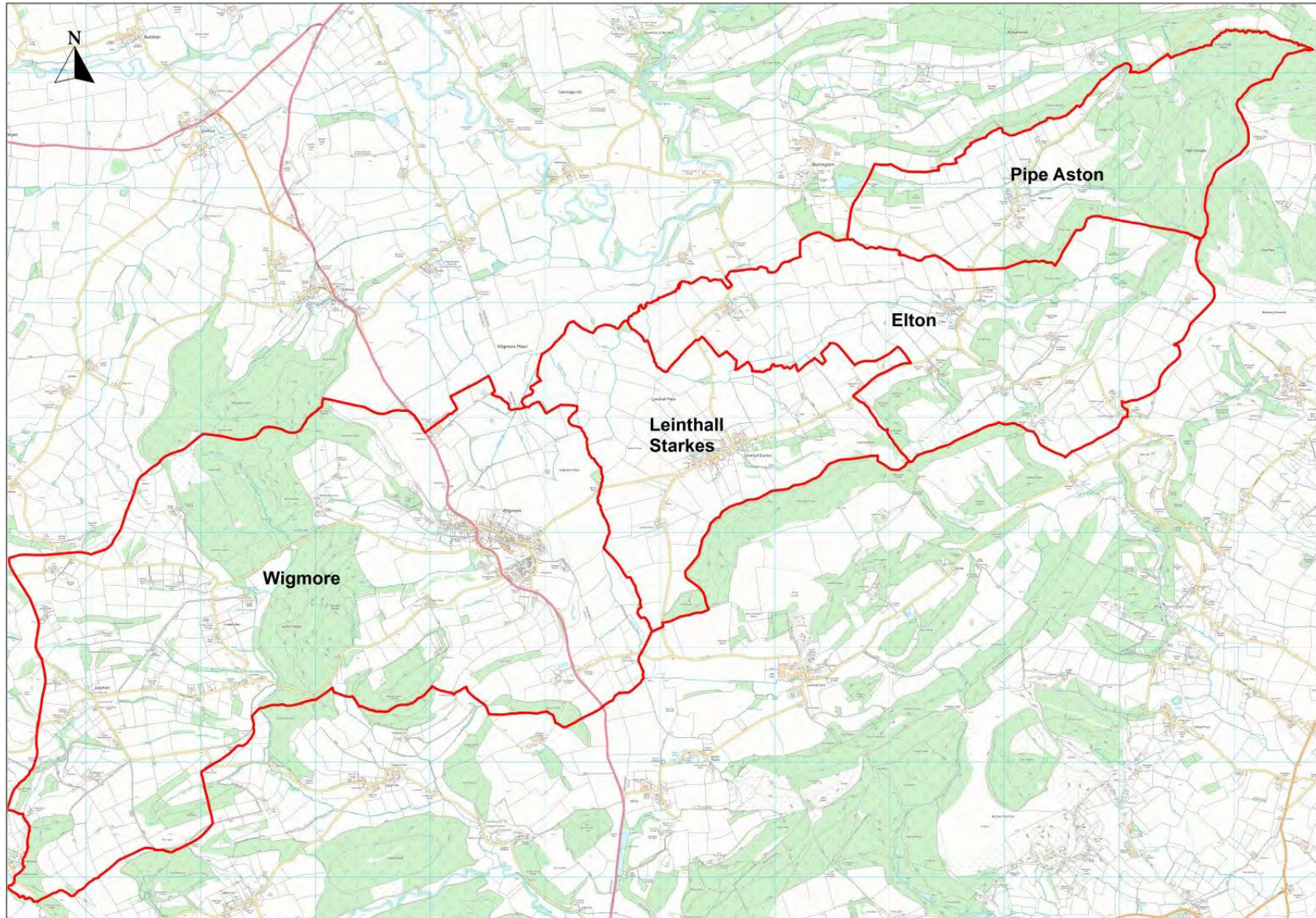
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1. Introduction and Background



- 1.1 Welcome to the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are a new part of the statutory development planning system. Just as local authorities, such as Herefordshire can produce development plans to promote, guide and control development of houses, businesses, open spaces, so too, now, can parish councils, by preparing a neighbourhood plan.
- 1.2 The significance of this is that when the Neighbourhood Plan is finally “made” it will become part of the development plan for the area. This means planning applications in the parishes, unless there are other material considerations, will normally be determined in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.3 Wigmore Group of parishes represents the civil parishes of Wigmore, Leinthall Starkses, Elton and Pipe Aston.
- 1.4 The photograph above is the Wigmore Vale, the landscape setting in which the Wigmore Group sits. It has likely changed little in the thousand years since Wigmore Castle was founded. Farming and forestry still shape the land but many of the local houses and most of the churches have survived intact for hundreds of years despite the turbulent history of these “Marcher” lands.
- 1.5 Wigmore Group of parish councils think planning for the area is an important right to exercise, and in November 2012 the parish Council applied to be designated a neighbourhood planning area. Herefordshire Council approved this application covering the group of parishes in January 2013. (See Map 1).
- 1.6 Since designation the parish council’s Steering Group have been preparing this Draft Neighbourhood Plan. A plan that when finalised will give local people more say in the future development of the parish.
- 1.7 However, during the process, the parish council’s Steering Group considered it expedient to await the adoption of the Herefordshire Core Strategy, to enable them to plan more positively for the future.

(Map 1) Wigmore Group Designated Area

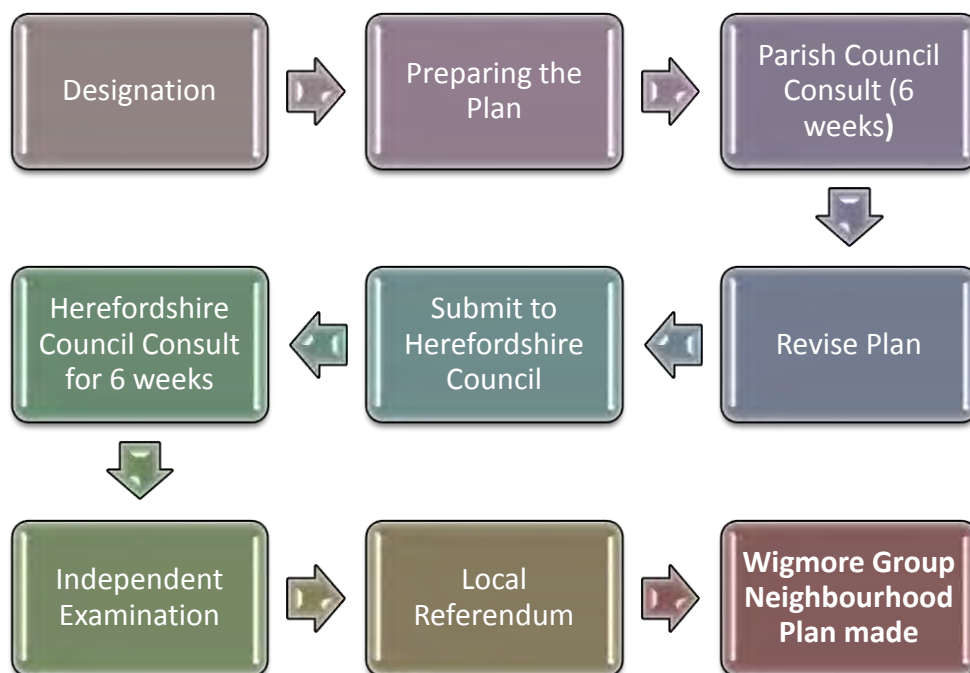


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2. How long will it take to prepare the neighbourhood plan?

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Plans have to be prepared following a procedure set by government as detailed in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – The Neighbourhood Plan Preparation Process



- 2.2 This procedure must include two six week periods of consultation on the Draft Plan, the first carried out by the Wigmore Group parish council and the second by Herefordshire Council.
- 2.3 After these consultations, the plan will be sent for examination by an independent expert. This examiner will be jointly appointed by the Wigmore Group parish council and Herefordshire Council.
- 2.4 At the examination, the examiner will assess whether the plan meets the basic conditions of the Town and Country Planning act 1990as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The basic conditions are:
- having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood plan.
 - the making of the neighbourhood plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.
 - the making of the neighbourhood plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for

the area of the authority (or any part of that area).

- the making of the neighbourhood plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.
- the making of the neighbourhood plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012) or a European offshore marine site (as defined in the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 2007) (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects).

- 2.5 If the examiner decides the answer to these questions is “yes” the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to a local referendum. The referendum will give all eligible voters on the electoral register in the Parishes the opportunity to vote and decide if the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan should in future be used to help determine planning applications. The final decision, therefore, rests with the people of the Wigmore Group of Parishes and will be a straight forward majority of those voting in the referendum.
- 2.6 The Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan must take account of national planning policy. This is contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) of 2012 and the online National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG).
- 2.7 This means that Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan must “plan positively to promote local development” and must “support the strategic development needs” set out in Herefordshire Council’s Core Strategy.
- 2.8 Herefordshire Council’s strategic planning policy is contained in the Herefordshire Core Strategy adopted on 16th October 2015. A full list of relevant policies is included at Appendix A.

3. Wigmore Group Past and Present

History of the Wigmore Group

Wigmore Parish

- 3.1 Wigmore is a village and civil parish in the northwest part of the county of Herefordshire, England. It is located on the A4110 road, about 8 miles (13 km) west of the town of Ludlow, in the Welsh Marches.
- 3.2 From early years, there was an Anglo-Saxon settlement next to a large marshy area in the north corner of what is now known as Herefordshire, but it did not become Wigmore (Wigemore or Wighemore) until the Normans came to Britain in 1066. Wigmore was to become the seat of power for the Mortimer family for the next 250 years. During this time, the settlement grew to a village, then to a market town. It remained the centre of the area with the castle to enforce its power. The Mortimers effectively ruled the country from the area in the 14th Century
- 3.3 The landscape of the area lends itself to agriculture and forestry. As the Wigmore Glacial Lake of 20,000 years ago progressively drained, it became extremely fertile for grazing and crops
- 3.4 The Domesday Book describes Wigmore Castle as being set in wasteland called Merestun – the farm on the lake. According to the Domesday Book, Wigmore Castle was built by William FitzOsbern, Earl of Hereford and belonged to Ralph de Mortimer, supposedly a kinsman of William the Conqueror and the founder of the great Marches dynasty of the Mortimers. By the time of Roger Mortimer (1287–1330) the family owned extensive English and Welsh lands, centred on Wigmore Castle. The castle remained Mortimer property until the 15th century when it passed to the Crown. It was acquired by the Harley Family in 1601 and slighted by Lady Brilliana Harley during the Civil Wars. The castle is privately owned and under the guardianship of English Heritage. English Heritage excavated part of the site in 1996 and 1998 and consolidated as necessary. The castle was the first to receive a ‘soft capping’ approach to conservation. The range of plants and wildlife on the property is diverse and rare due to remaining mainly undisturbed.
- 3.5 The Castle is recorded in detail in the recently published (2015) report on the Excavations of 1996 and 1998 by The Society for Medieval Archaeology – Monograph 34.
- 3.6 The Church of St James is a 1,000-year-old building that has survived the turbulence of the medieval ages, the Wars of the Roses and the English Civil War. The Church is in close proximity to Wigmore Castle. The architectural significance of both the church and castle is much recorded and described in Pevsner’s Herefordshire and the writings of respected local historian, J W Tonkin.

- 3.7 Founded as a collegiate church by the powerful Mortimer family. It lies on the site of an earlier Saxon building. The building has a very early Norman nave. Herringbone masonry is visible on the outside of the north wall. The church stands above the village, and with the ruined castle, dominates the village and surroundings of Wigmore. The churchyard cross is much restored. It stands on a 14th century base, with an ogee-headed niche. This feature is found in a number of churches along The Marches. More rare inside is a piscina high on the south wall by the chancel arch. This is a legacy of the original rood screen which, unusually, had an altar on it.
- 3.8 Wigmore was one of the first areas in England to have an Enclosure Act. Dating from 1772, this act affected the moor and woods nearby. The dividing earth banks still survive.
- 3.9 In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described Wigmore as follows:
- “WIGMORE, a village, a parish, and a hundred, in Hereford. The village stands 5 miles SE of Bucknell r. station and 9 NW of Leominster; is a seat of petty-sessions; and has a post-office under Kingsland, Herefordshire, a police station, and fairs on 6 May and 5 Aug. -The parish includes part of Limebrook, and is in Ludlow district. Acres, 3,441. Real property, £3,342. Pop., 499. Houses, 104. The property is subdivided. A castle stood, in the Saxon times, on an eminence a little W of the village; was rebuilt, in the 12th century, by Ranulph Mortimer; and has left some remains.”*
- 3.10 The Gazetteer of the British Isles of 1887 showed that the village of Wigmore had not changed much in fifteen years - indeed, the number of inhabitants had declined slightly: 3,441 acres (13.93 km²) contained a population of 417. Similarly, the Wigmore hundred's 46,354 acres (187.59 km²) contained a population of 5,665.

Leinthall Starkes Parish

- 3.11 Leinthall Starkes is a village and civil parish adjacent to Wigmore and about 7 miles' south-west of Ludlow.
- 3.12 Back in 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's "Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales" described Leinthall Starkes like this:

“LEINTHALL-STARKES, a parish, with a village, in the district of Ludlow and county of Hereford; 5 miles WNW of Woofferton-Junction r. station, and 6 SW by W of Ludlow. Post town, Wigmore, under Kingsland, Herefordshire. Acres, 990. Real property, with Leinthall-Earls, and Elton, £3,791. Rated property of L.S. alone, £1,017. Pop., 144. Houses, 29. The property is all in one estate. The living is a p. curacy in the diocese of Hereford. Value, £53. Patron, A. R. B. Knight, Esq. The church is ancient, and has a belfry. There are an endowed school, with £14 a year, and other charities £4.”

- 3.13 The church in Leinthall Starkes is St. Mary Magdalene. The church is located a little way from the village and probably marks the site of the older and now deserted village. It is a simple church with a Norman foundation, with a few later additions. Although the bellcote is 17th century, the 2 bells are about 750 years old and amongst the oldest working bells in the country. It is approached down its own green lane and is a haven of peace and quiet.

Elton Parish

- 3.14 Elton is a village and civil parish situated on the Wigmore to Ludlow road. The village is northeast of Leinthall Starkes and south of Pipe Aston.

- 3.15 In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described Elton as follows:

“ELTON, a parish in the district of Ludlow and county of Hereford; near the boundary with Salop, 3¼ miles NW by W of Woofferton Junction r. station, and 4¾ SW of Ludlow. Post town, Wigmore, under Kingsland, Herefordshire. Acres, 1, 470. Real property, with Leinthall-Earls and Leinthall-Starkes, £3, 791. Pop., 108. Houses, 18. The property is divided among a few. Elton Hall is a chief residence. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Hereford. Value, £145. Patron, the Rev. H. Cowdell. The church has a tower, a fine screen, and a noticeable font; and is old but good.”

- 3.16 The church in the parish is St Mary the Virgin. This small church stands close to Elton Hall, surrounded by hills. It has a Norman nave, chancel and doorways. The lancet windows are 13th century and the screen dates from the 15th and 17th centuries. The church was restored in 1876. Its medieval bells still call our worshippers to church.
- 3.17 The National Cycle Network route NCN44 runs through the Elton, Pipe Aston and Leinthall Starkes parishes.

Pipe Aston Parish

- 3.18 Pipe Aston is a small village and civil parish in the far north of Herefordshire, close to the border with Shropshire. It is located north of Elton and about four miles' south-west of Ludlow. Aston is a common name (Old English east tun or village), so to distinguish this parish from the others, the civil parish is called Pipe Aston. It is situated on the Wigmore to Ludlow road.
- 3.19 The ancient settlement has two motte-and-baileys – one in good condition and one a ruin. In the 18th century Aston built a rural industry of making clay pipes, from which the prefix “Pipe” came.
- 3.20 In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described Aston like this:

“ASTON, or Pipe-Aston, a parish in the district of Ludlow and county of Hereford; near the river Teme, 3½ miles WSW of Woofferton r. station, and 4 SW of Ludlow. Post Town, Ludlow. Acres, 920. Real property, with Burrington and Downton, £3,750. Pop., 34. Houses, 9. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Hereford. Value, £84. Patron, A. R. B. Knight, Esq.”

- 3.21 The church in the parish is St Giles. The church is of Norman origin, set in an immaculately kept churchyard. It was partly rebuilt in the 13th century, and has had restoration and preservation work completed in 2013. St Giles is widely recognised as one of the most attractive small churches in Herefordshire. The church has a remarkable tympanum arch at the entrance in near perfect condition, and unusual floral paintings (Norman) covering three walls of the nave.
- 3.22 The Pipe Aston pipe making industry appears to have been established quite early in the 17th Century. At the first of the two excavated sites, pipe making began sometime between 1620 and 1640. Five differently marked pipes were found in 2003, among about 300 bowls, and some of these may be the work of the earliest manufacturers to start working in or near the village. These early marks are all different from the very large number of stamped pipes that have been recovered from the more extensively excavated site in Roy's orchard. Here the earliest evidence for manufacture dates from sometime between 1630 and 1650. At least twelve men appear to have produced pipes here, possibly working as a cooperative, whilst other pipe makers from around the district may have brought in their products for firing at the site.
- 3.23 Excavation has revealed the footings of a cottage and attached workshop with the remains of two kilns, as well as several thousand pipe bowls, including many hundreds with a variety of different makers' marks on them, pipe trimmings, and a few hair curlers of two types: convex and concave ended. A variety of other artefacts has been found, including brass and iron belt buckles, part of a horse's iron bridle, and a rider's iron spur, suggesting that the cottager owned a horse which, among other tasks, could have been used to distribute his pipes.

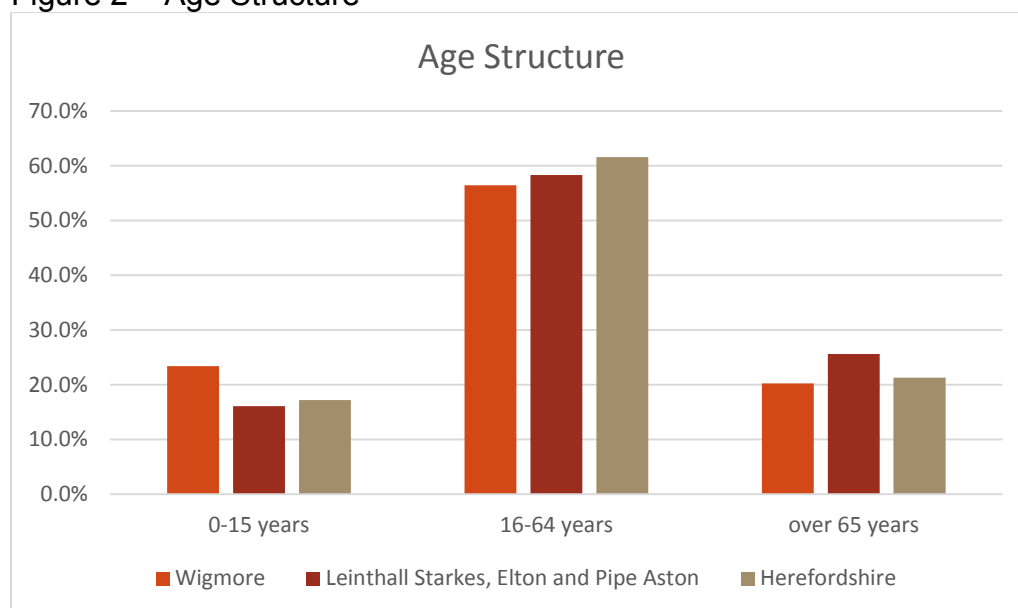
Wigmore Group Today

- 3.24 The purpose of this profile is to provide you with an introduction to the parishes of Wigmore, Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston. It contains an overview of the population, housing, employment, education, and car ownership. This information is sourced from the 2011 Census. The statistics are available for Wigmore and Leinthall Starkes, which also includes Elton and Pipe Aston.

Population

- 3.25 Wigmore parish covers an area of 1,407 hectares and has a population of 757. Population density at 0.5 persons per hectare is low even relative to that in the rest of rural Herefordshire (0.8 people per hectare).
- 3.26 Leinthall Starkes, Pipe Aston and Elton covers an area of 1,405 hectares and has a population of 168. Population density at 0.1 persons per hectare is significantly lower.
- 3.27 The age profile of the group is broadly similar to Herefordshire and is demonstrated in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2 – Age Structure



Housing

- 3.28 There are 323 dwellings in Wigmore, with 283 of these being within the village itself and 79 across Leinthall Starkes, Elton & Pipe Aston. However, the number of households in the parishes is 303 and 73 respectively.
- 3.29 The following charts give a breakdown of dwellings types, tenures and number of bedrooms, for each parish compared with Herefordshire as a whole.

Figure 3 – Accommodation Type

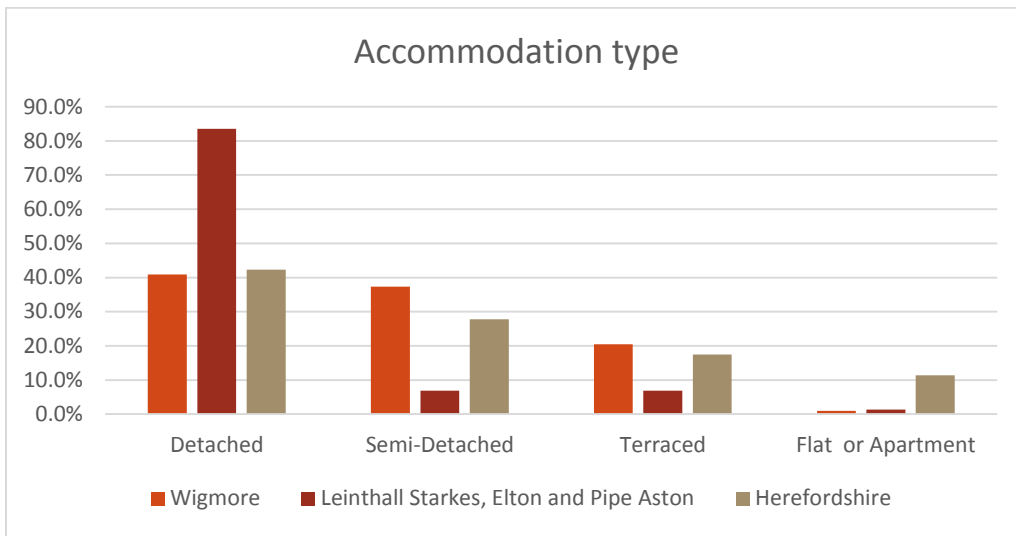


Figure 4 – Accommodation Tenure

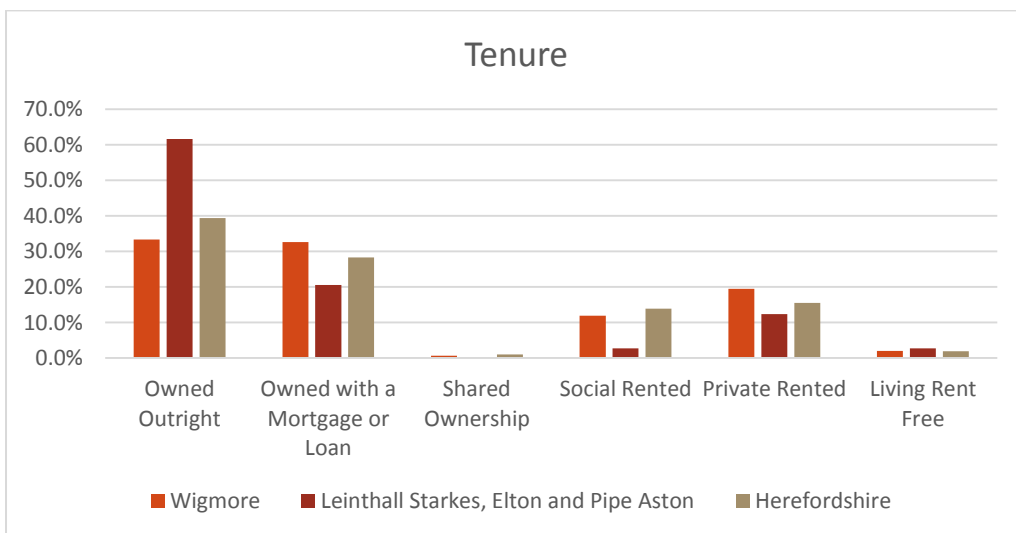
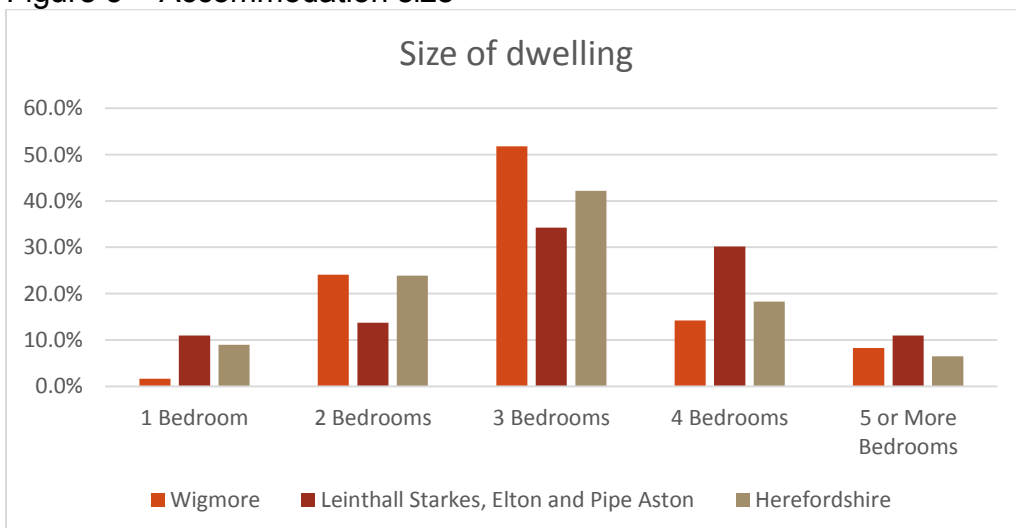


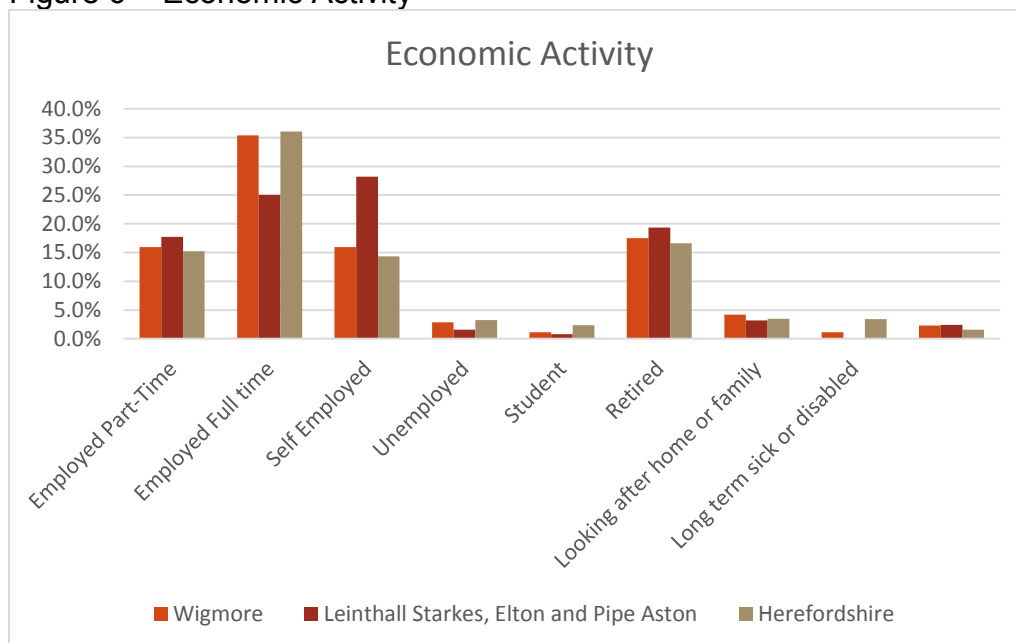
Figure 5 – Accommodation size



Economic Activity

- 3.30 In Wigmore, 71.3% of residents aged between 16 and 74 are economically active which is comparative with Herefordshire as a whole. In Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston it is 73.4%.

Figure 6 – Economic Activity



Education and Qualifications

- 3.31 19.8% of Wigmore residents aged over 16, and 19.9% of residents of Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston have no qualification. However, this is below the Herefordshire average of 22.9%.
- 3.32 Although in Wigmore 32.4% of residents over 16 have achieved a level 4/5 qualification or above. The figure in Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston amounts to 34.8% compared to Herefordshire which is 27.5%

Car Ownership and travel to work

- 3.33 8.6% of households in Wigmore, and 2.7% across Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston do not own a car or van, compared to 16.4% in Herefordshire. 51.2% of Wigmore residents drive a car or van to work, compared to 42.7% in Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston and 42.4% in Herefordshire. 7.3% of Wigmore residents and 16.9% of residents in Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston work from home.

Health

- 3.34 82.6% of residents in Wigmore, and 83.3% in Leinthall Starkes, Elton and Pipe Aston define their health and good or very good. In the two parishes, 0.1% and 1.2% respectively define their health as very bad.

Natural Environment

3.35 The Natural England National Character Area classification identifies the Wigmore Group as within NCA 98: Clun and North West Herefordshire Hills. It defines the key characteristics of the landscape as follows: -

- This is an undulating, tranquil, rural area, divided by the narrow valleys of the River Clun and River Teme. The steep-sided, shallow-domed hills of Clun Forest are similar in character to the Welsh hills. Small, wooded, enclosed upper valleys broaden to flat-bottomed, farmed lower valleys.
- The area is composed of two distinctive geological regions as a result of earth movements along the Church Stretton Fault, which runs diagonally south-westwards through the NCA. To the north-west, the deep-water deposits of the Silurian Period give rise to a dissected plateau with glacially deepened valleys running eastwards out of Wales. To the southeast, the shallow water deposits are characterised by a continuation of the dip-and-scarp topography of the adjacent Shropshire Hills NCA. The landscape expression of these geological differences epitomises the transition eastwards from upland to lowland Britain.
- Cool climate, high rainfall and acidic brown earth soils give rise to moorland vegetation in the uplands, while arable cultivation is carried out on lower slopes, where the soils are silty but free-draining.
- The main rivers in the NCA are the east-flowing rivers Teme and Lugg. The rivers Redlake, Clun, Unk and Kemp flow south-eastwards, meeting to form flood plains of alluvial sands and silts. Many watercourses are 'unimproved', retaining a great deal of physical and biological diversity, and are noted for their high-water quality and associated riparian habitat. They provide important habitats for species such as Atlantic salmon, freshwater pearl mussel and dipper.
- Well wooded area with semi-natural woodland, upland oak and wet woodland, especially on steep valley slopes. Ancient woodland and Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites are important features. Woodland habitats hold important assemblages of nationally declining bird species, including wood warbler, pied flycatcher, redstart and tree pipit. The straight edges of large, conifer plantations contrast with the remnant, ancient, semi-natural woodland.
- Ancient wood pasture and parkland is extensive and an important habitat, with fine specimens of veteran trees in unimproved pasture supporting nationally rare lichens and insects such as scarlet longhorn beetle and high brown fritillary.
- Moorland, extensive areas of unimproved semi-natural grassland, purple moor-grass, rush pasture and lowland flood plain grazing marsh can be found across the area.
- Irregular field patterns in valleys and around settlements contrast with large, rectilinear fields on higher ground.
- A Welsh settlement pattern of isolated farmsteads, small fields

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and Welsh farm names in the uplands contrasts with nucleated villages, castles, and English and anglicised names in the valleys.

- The area holds a large number of heritage features from Offa's Dyke to iron-age hill forts, castles and the conical mounds of mottes and planned boroughs on the eastern edge.
- The NCA offers an extensive network of rights of way and open access land, as well as the Offa's Dyke National Trail. There are a number of other local trails such as the Herefordshire Trail, Mortimer Trail, Shropshire Way and Jack Mytton Way.

3.36 There are six SSSIs within or adjacent to the Wigmore Group designated neighbourhood area

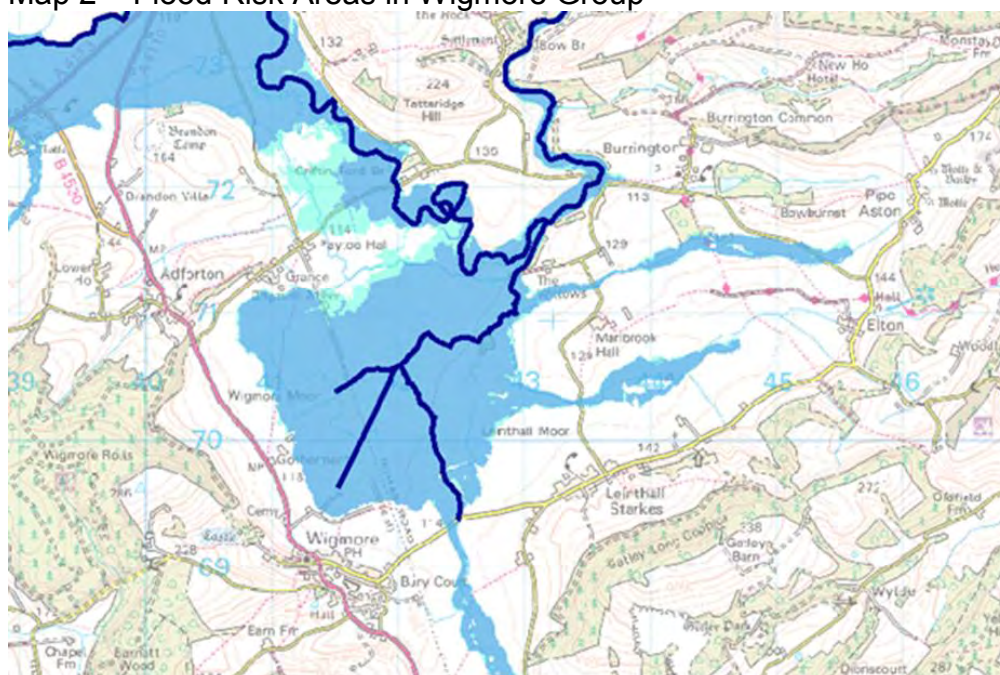
- Burrington Meadows
- Elton Lane Cutting
- Mortimer Forest
- Burrington Sections
- Burrington Farm Stream Sections
- River Teme

3.37 There are a number of Local Wildlife Sites and Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS) in the Wigmore Group.

3.38 There are also many areas of ancient woodland in the Wigmore Group area.

3.39 The Wigmore Group area, around the Wigmore village, has a significant section of land designated as Flood Zone 3. Map 2 below identifies this area.

Map 2 – Flood Risk Areas in Wigmore Group



Source: Environment Agency Website

Historic Environment

- 3.40 There is a wealth of heritage assets in the Wigmore Group. Wigmore parish has 2 Grade I Listed Buildings, 1 Grade II*, 34 Grade II and 1 Scheduled Monument. In addition, the historic core of Wigmore is designated a Conservation Area.
- 3.41 Leinthall Starkes parish has 1 Grade II* Listed building and 4 Grade II.
- 3.42 Elton parish has 12 Grade II Listed Buildings.
- 3.43 Pipe Aston parish has 1 Grade I Listed Building, 3 Grade II Listed Buildings and 1 Scheduled Monument.
- 3.44 A full list is provided at Appendix B which is correct at the date of publication.

4. Key issues for the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan

Herefordshire Planning Policy

- 4.1 Herefordshire Council's strategic planning policy is now contained in the Herefordshire Core Strategy.
- 4.2 Policy RA1 identifies Wigmore as a settlement which will be the main focus of proportionate housing development, and Leinthall Starks as a settlement where proportionate housing is appropriate.
- 4.3 Following the adoption of the Herefordshire Core Strategy on 16th October 2015, as the strategic planning policy, the Wigmore village settlement boundary became obsolete. The Core Strategy does not identify a new settlement boundary for Wigmore, but sets out a development strategy for Herefordshire and Wigmore's place within that strategy.
- 4.4 Across Herefordshire's rural areas these main focal points will have to provide for a minimum of 5,300 new dwellings over the plan period of 2011-2031. Within the Leominster Housing Market Area, a minimum of 730 dwellings will have to be provided over this period. The Herefordshire Core Strategy sets a growth target for the Leominster Rural HMA of 14%.
- 4.5 The Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan is guided by the key principles identified in Policy RA2 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy. Wigmore is identified as being the hub of the group of Parishes, having all common services (e.g. Village Hall, community shop, mobile post office, leisure facilities and garage).
- 4.6 Within the Herefordshire Core Strategy, Wigmore is identified as a settlement which will be the main focus of proportionate housing development and Leinthall Starks as a settlement where proportionate housing is appropriate.
- 4.7 The Wigmore Group Parish Council consider it expedient to identify a settlement boundary for both settlements in order to ensure future development is sustainable.
- 4.8 The community field which adjoins Bury Lane in Wigmore and is the one with the Water treatment plant on it, is now registered with Fields in Trust as community land. This has also been registered as such with the Land Registry. The boundary of the Fields in Trust application has been inset away from Bury Lane for two reasons - 1 the Parish Council may wish to widen Bury Lane at some stage to relieve the traffic flow through the village (mainly due to the school), and 2 some housing may be appropriate along this same stretch.

Locally Identified Issues

- 4.9 As well as all the planning issues that the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan has to be aware of from national and local planning policy, there are also a number of issues that have been identified locally, including through the work of the Wigmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the consultations and surveys that took place in the development of this Draft Plan.
- 4.10 This work has identified the following issues from the survey carried out in Mid 2013:
- Traffic speeds, parking and improvements to existing roads;
 - Improvements to tourism in the area;
 - Improvements to community buildings and facilities in the area;
 - Environmental improvements required
 - Improvements to footpaths/cycleways and expansion of network
 - Improve signage to villages
 - The bus service needs to be improved.
 - Employment opportunities
 - Wigmore school,
 - No mid-range housing
 - Lack of things to do,
 - Poor transport links

Environmental issues and constraints

- 4.11 As well as planning policy and locally identified issues Wigmore needs to take account of a number of environmental issues and constraints.
- 4.12 Wigmore village is located adjacent to a Local Wildlife Site. Herefordshire Council has entered into a number of management agreements under Section 39 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 with owners of key nature conservation sites. These provide an effective way of sustaining and enhancing the wildlife value of these sites
- 4.13 Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS) are continuing to be identified by the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust. These geological and geomorphological sites are considered worthy of protection for their educational, scientific, historical and aesthetic importance. They are a unique natural heritage, providing a record of past biodiversity, climatic conditions and environmental processes. There is a RIGS located to the west of Wigmore village within the site of the Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- 4.14 The designation of these sites mean the Neighbourhood Plan will have to take account of these by ensuring that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is produced to ensure the plan will not have any adverse impacts. This is undertaken by Herefordshire Council in consultation with the relevant bodies.

5. Aims and objectives of the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan

5.1 Our aim for the Wigmore Neighbourhood Plan is to:

- Retain and protect the distinct character of Wigmore Group Parish;
- Develop Wigmore Group Parish as a more sustainable settlement, providing a better range of services and increased local employment opportunities;
- Respond to the housing needs of our residents by sympathetic, organic and relevant growth;
- Enhance and protect all aspects of our rural environment and its economy.

5.2 To achieve this aim we have identified the following objectives for the Wigmore Neighbourhood Plan.

OBJECTIVE 1

To promote a level of housing growth that is proportionate to the size of Wigmore village.

OBJECTIVE 2

To ensure that new housing in the group of parishes, is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in the village and parish in a suitable home, families are attracted to the area, and local housing needs are met.

OBJECTIVE 3

To maintain the existing character of the group of parishes whilst allowing appropriate limited development, and by protecting and improving existing facilities and services.

OBJECTIVE 4

To ensure future development in the area reflects the existing styles of buildings and is sympathetic with local traditional building styles.

OBJECTIVE 5

To promote local employment and ensure future development supports existing strengths of the area to enhance the rural economy and improve tourism facilities.

OBJECTIVE 6

To ensure that the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan promotes sustainable development for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. greenspaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).

6. Policies and Proposals

This section of the Wigmore Neighbourhood Plan sets out the policies and proposals that will be used up to 2031 to achieve our aims and objectives. Each policy, or set of policies is set out under the appropriate objective, with a justification for each section following the policies.

6.1 Housing

OBJECTIVE 1

To promote a level of housing growth that is proportionate to the size of Wigmore village.

OBJECTIVE 2

To ensure that new housing in the group of parishes, is provided in a suitable range of tenures, types and sizes so that local people of all ages can continue to live in the village and parish in a suitable home, families are attracted to the area, and local housing needs are met.

POLICY WG1

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN WIGMORE

Proposals for new housing development within the settlement boundary (Map 3) of Wigmore village will be supported, where the proposed development satisfies the following criteria:

- a. Is small scale development comprising of a group of no more than 11 dwellings;
- b. Is located on an infill site within the settlement boundary;
- c. Maintains an appropriate density in keeping with the context of the immediate surrounding area;
- d. Gives priority to the use of previously development land and/or the conversion of existing buildings;
- e. Provides appropriate residential amenity for future occupiers (not located adjacent to noise or nuisance generating agricultural, industrial or commercial activities);
- f. Reflects the size, role and function of the village and relates well to the existing layout of the village;
- g. Is of a high standard of design in accordance with Policies WG7, and WG11 (where relevant) and makes a positive contribution to the surrounding environment and landscape;
- h. Demonstrates an appropriate mix of dwelling sizes and types including affordable housing, where possible to

- meet local housing needs;**
- i. Ensures appropriate and safe access can be achieved from the existing highway network;**
- j. Does not lead to the loss of existing community facilities, or local green space;**
- k. Ensures sufficient parking is provided on site in accordance with Herefordshire Council's Highway Design Guide;**
- l. Does not lead to the loss of local employment opportunities, including tourism; and**
- m. Is not at significant risk of flooding and they can demonstrate they will not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.**

Proposals for development outside of the settlement boundary will only be supported in accordance with the relevant Herefordshire Council policies.

POLICY WG2 NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN LEINTHALL STARKES

In order to retain the rural character of the settlement of Leinthall Starkes, proposals for new housing will be considered within the settlement boundary (Map 4), and subject to the following criteria:

- a. Located on an infill site within the settlement boundary;**
- b. Small scale development comprising of 2-5 dwellings in the context of the existing settlement;**
- c. Maintains an appropriate density in context with the immediate surrounding area;**
- d. Ensures appropriate and safe access can be achieved;**
- e. Provides appropriate residential amenity for future occupiers (not located adjacent to noise or nuisance generating agricultural, industrial or commercial activities);**
- f. Is of a high standard of design in accordance with Policies WG7 and WG11 (where relevant) and makes a positive contribution to the surrounding environment and landscape;**
- g. Demonstrates a contribution to the delivery of an appropriate mix of dwelling types and sizes, where possible, to meet local housing needs; and**
- h. Ensures sufficient parking is provided on site in accordance with Herefordshire Council's Highway Design Guide.**

Development outside the settlement boundary will be assessed

against Herefordshire Council's policies relating to open countryside.

**POLICY WG3
ENSURING AN APPROPRIATE RANGE OF TENURES
TYPES AND SIZES OF NEW DWELLINGS**

All proposals for new housing development will have to demonstrate how they contribute to maintaining an appropriate mix of tenures, types and size of dwelling in the Parish. In particular, smaller dwellings of one or two bedrooms will be encouraged in order to even out the size range of dwellings available in the Parish.

6.1.1 For the purposes of policies WG1 and WG2, infill is defined as:

- Development which fills a restricted gap in the continuity of existing buildings where the site has existing building curtilages, normally residential, adjoining on at least two sides; and
- Development within the settlement which does not involve outward extension of that area; and
- Development of the site is a complete scheme and not the first stage of a larger development.

Background/Justification

6.1.2 Policy RA1 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy (2011-2031) identifies the rural housing strategy and states that within the Leominster Rural HMA a minimum of 730 dwellings will be required over the plan period and villages should have a target of 14% growth.

6.1.3 Policy RA2 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy (2011-2031) states that the growth target in each rural Housing Market Area will be used to inform the level of housing development to be delivered in the various settlements set out in Figures 4.14 and 4.15 of the Core Strategy. Neighbourhood Development Plans will allocate land for new housing or otherwise demonstrate delivery to provide levels of housing to meet the various targets, by indicating levels of suitable and available capacity.

6.1.4 The Core Strategy indicates that the proportional growth is based on the number of dwellings in the Parish. This has been identified as a figure of 369 dwellings. Applying the housing growth target of 14% for the plan period, Wigmore Group Parish is required to find in the region of 52 dwellings. However, planning completions and commitments to date

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account for 10 dwellings in total as detailed in Figure 7 below. Therefore, a figure of in the region of 42 dwellings should be accounted for within this Neighbourhood Plan.

6.1.5 Following a Regulation 14 consultation held early 2017, the WGPC was notified of 4 potential sites in Wigmore where landowners may wish in the future to make an application for housing development. All 4 were adjacent to the settlement boundary that was proposed at that time. Following consideration, it was agreed by the WGPC that the Wigmore village settlement boundary would be extended to include two of these sites and part of the third site within this revised settlement boundary. These areas are shown on Map 3 and are as follows:

1. Part of Perrys Field measuring 1 hectare in size. The proposal is that this site will be developed in two phases, each phase to be of 11 houses. This development will allow for the widening of Bury Lane. Total 22 dwellings.

2. Land at Moorview to the north of the village measuring 1 hectare in size allowing a potential capacity for 20 dwellings.

3. Land at Ford Street to the north east of the village comprising an area of 0.55 Ha allowing for a potential capacity of 10 dwellings.

The inclusion of these sites within the settlement boundary does not imply that WGPC has made any decision in relation to the granting of planning permission.

6.1.6 The Leinthall Starkes settlement boundary has been loosely drawn to allow for the development of 6-8 dwellings over the plan period in the context of the form and size of the existing village

Figure 7 – Planning completions and commitments (as at Sept 2017)

Application Number	Address	Description	Decision
N110453/F	Limebrook Farm, Leinthall Starkes	Erection of 3-bedroom detached local needs dwelling, single garage and attached woodstore and repositioning of existing field access	Granted 14/6/2012
P150115/P	Pear Tree Farm, Wigmore	Proposed residential development of four detached houses	Granted 23/3/2015
P151270/F	Land at Burnt House, Castle Street, Wigmore	Proposed demolition of an outbuilding and erection of a single detached dwelling house.	Granted 6/7/2015
P160282/F	Land at Wigmore	Conversion of redundant farm	Granted

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	Hall, Wigmore	buildings to form a single dwelling	6/4/2016
P162083/F	Land behind 4 Glen View, Wigmore	Single detached dwelling with garage and gardens	Approved with conditions 20/10/2016
P164064/F	The Stables Leinthall Starkes	Proposed conversion of two redundant stable buildings into two bed residential dwelling	Approved with conditions 24/02/2017
P171130/F	Land to east of Brooklyn, Leinthall Starkes	Single detached dwelling with garage	Approved with conditions 08/08/2017

- 6.1.7 The Core Strategy identifies Wigmore as being the settlement which will be the main focus of proportionate housing development, with Leinthall Starkes being identified as other settlements within the parish where proportionate housing is appropriate.
- 6.1.8 Other relevant Herefordshire Core Strategy Policies are– SS1, RA3, RA4, RA5, H1 and H2

Local Evidence

- 6.1.9 A key issue arising out of the questionnaire carried out in 2013 is that further development should reflect the existing size and function of the village of Wigmore, in addition to there already being a significant level of affordable housing Wigmore grouped on Kings Meadow. In response to the questionnaire the community expressed a wish to limit the number of houses in a single group and suggested a maximum of 6. However, given the number of houses that have to be accounted for in this development plan period and also in accordance with the ministerial advice that more than 10 houses are required before affordable housing policies can apply, the WGPC have set this maximum at 11 houses. This would be in keeping with the character of the village and would result in organic growth.
- 6.1.10 The Steering Group agrees that Wigmore is the hub of the Wigmore Group of parishes; having all common services (e.g. Village Hall, Community Shop, mobile Post Office, leisure facilities and a garage. It is essential any future development recognises and reflects this function, and the village develops accordingly.
- 6.1.11 Any future development will provide housing in sizes, types and tenures in accordance with local needs, as determined by the most up-to-date housing needs survey or other evidence available. The 2011 Census figures for tenures, types and sizes are included in Figures 3, 4 and 5 in Section 3.

6.2 Community Facilities

OBJECTIVE 3

To maintain the existing character of the group of parishes whilst allowing appropriate limited development, and by protecting and improving existing facilities and services

POLICY WG4 WIGMORE VILLAGE

The role of Wigmore village will be enhanced by protecting valuable community services and facilities. When considering planning applications, there will be a presumption in favour of the protection of existing facilities.

The proposed re-use of local community facilities will only be permitted for other health, education or community type uses.

The change of use of existing facilities to other uses will not be permitted unless the following can be demonstrated:

- a. The proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the locality, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and have adequate car parking; or
- b. Satisfactory evidence is produced that there is no longer a need for the facility; or
- c. Satisfactory evidence is produced to demonstrate that the existing use is not viable and that there are no viable alternative economic or community uses.

Proposals for new, and improvements to existing community facilities is acceptable provided that:

- d. The site is, wherever possible adjacent or within Wigmore settlement boundary;
- e. Where possible proposals should integrate with and enhance existing services;
- f. The site is accessible by walking and cycling;
- g. Detrimental impacts on road safety or traffic flow can be satisfactorily mitigated in the interests of both road users and users of the proposed development; and
- h. The proposal would not have an adverse effect on neighbouring residential amenity by way of noise or nuisance.

**POLICY WG5
WIGMORE SCHOOL**

There will be a presumption in favour of the protection of existing education facilities in Wigmore village.

Further expansion of the school will be supported where it meets the following criteria:

- a. Is of a high standard of design in accordance with Policies WG7, WG11 and WG12 (where relevant) and makes a positive contribution to the surrounding environment and landscape;**
- b. Is not at significant risk of flooding and it can demonstrate it will not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere;**
- c. Does not have an unacceptable impact on traffic; and**
- d. Does not have an adverse effect on neighbouring residential amenity.**

**POLICY WG6
SECTION 106 AND/OR
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

Development will be required to support proposals for improved community facilities and infrastructure in the Group Parish.

Background/Justification

- 6.2.1 Policy SC1 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy states that development proposals which protect, retain or enhance existing social and community infrastructure or ensure that new facilities are available as locally as possible will be supported. Such proposals should be in or close to settlements, have considered the potential for co-location of facilities and where possible be safely accessible by foot, by cycle and public transport.
- 6.2.2 In addition, the Herefordshire Core Strategy states that the provision of appropriate open space, sports and recreation facilities will arise in the following proposals for planning applications:
1. all new residential dwellings; or
 2. retail and employment proposals of greater than 1000 square metres of floor space or the equivalent of 15 or more full-time employees; or
 3. residential institutions, student accommodation, assembly and leisure, hotels or hostels.

- 6.2.3 Other relevant Herefordshire Core Strategy Policies include SS1, SS6, SS7, SC1, OS1, OS3, SD1, SD3, SD4.

Local Evidence

- 6.2.4 The Questionnaire results indicated that local services were important to the community. Wigmore School is seen to make an important contribution to the village
- 6.2.5 However, there are concerns in the community relating to school traffic congestion, especially at the entrance to Ford Street between The Oak and Queens House where the road is particularly narrow. Local parents have problems walking their children to school as it is extremely dangerous when the school buses drive through as there is simply no room, the buses only just fit. The volume of traffic is constantly increasing which not only exacerbates the congestion issue but also the pollution from car and bus emissions, in particular the elderly school diesel buses. As there is no designated parking area for parents dropping off or picking up their children, they have to park in Ford Street. This is a particular problem in the afternoon when Ford Street becomes almost impassable.

6.3 Design & Heritage

OBJECTIVE 4

To ensure future development in the area reflects the existing styles of buildings and is sympathetic with local traditional building styles.

POLICY WG7 DESIGN OF DEVELOPMENT IN WIGMORE GROUP PARISH

All new development will be expected to enhance the positive attributes of the villages and local design features. Development will not be supported where it has a detrimental impact on the character of the area in which it is located.

New development within the designated neighbourhood area will be supported when it meets the following.

- a. Demonstrates consideration has been given to the use of brownfield sites or the conversion of existing buildings;
- b. Is capable of being connected to essential infrastructure with services with capacity;
- c. Does not have a detrimental effect on residential amenity by reason of noise or other nuisance;
- d. Does not have an adverse effect on the safe and efficient operation of the existing highway network;
- e. Does not lead to the loss of existing community facilities, or local green space;
- f. Makes a contribution to local identity, and sense of place;
- g. Is suitable in terms of the overall design and appearance of the proposed development (including size, scale, density, layout, access) when assessed in the context of surrounding buildings, spaces, and other features of the street scene;
- h. Uses, and where appropriate re-uses, local and traditional materials where possible;
- i. Ensures sufficient parking is provided on site in accordance with Herefordshire Council's Highway Design Guide.

Proposals regarding self-build and custom build housing are supported provided they meet all other necessary criteria.

POLICY WG8 DESIGN OF DEVELOPMENT IN WIGMORE CONSERVATION AREA

Within the Wigmore conservation area development will not be supported where it has a detrimental impact on the setting of a heritage asset or the character of the Wigmore Conservation Area. In addition to the criteria in Policy WG7, new development within the conservation area will be supported when it meets the following criteria:

- a. Maintains the historic pattern of the built form in the Conservation Area by respecting the historic layout associated with the evolution of the Conservation Area;**
- b. Complements the scale, height and massing of the existing historic development in the context of the immediate surrounding area and the wider conservation area;**
- c. Reflects the proportion of wall to opening found in the elevations of traditional buildings and employ robust detailing, avoiding use of applied features or detailing;**
- d. Reinforces local identity by the use of the traditional materials used in the conservation area;**
- e. Re-uses traditional buildings which contribute to townscape quality.**

Background/Justification

6.3.1 Policy SS6 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy states:

Development proposals should conserve and enhance those environmental assets that contribute towards the county's distinctiveness, in particular its settlement pattern, landscape, biodiversity and historic assets and especially those with specific environmental designations. In addition, proposals should maintain and improve the effectiveness of those ecosystems essential to the health and wellbeing of the county's residents and its economy.

Development proposals should be shaped through an integrated approach to planning the following environmental components from the outset, and based upon sufficient information to determine the effect upon each where they are relevant:

- landscape, townscape and local distinctiveness, especially in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- biodiversity and geodiversity;
- historic environment and heritage assets;
- the network of green infrastructure;
- local amenity, including light pollution, air quality and tranquillity;

- agricultural and food productivity and soils;
- physical resources, including minerals, management of waste, the water environment, renewable energy and energy conservation.

6.3.2 Policy LD4 of Core Strategy states that development proposals affecting heritage assets and the wider historic environment should achieve the following objectives:

- the conservation, and where appropriate enhancement of, heritage assets and their settings that positively contribute to the character of a site, townscape and/or wider environment, including conservation areas;
- the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets and their settings through appropriate management, uses and sympathetic design;
- the retention, repair and sustainable use of heritage assets as a focus for wider regeneration schemes; and
- the appropriate recording of heritage assets in mitigation of development impact, in cases where agreed loss occurs.

The scope of the works required to protect, conserve and enhance heritage assets and their settings should be proportionate to their significance. Development schemes should emphasise the original form and function of any asset and, where appropriate, improve the understanding of and public access to them.

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Other relevant Herefordshire Core Strategy policies are SS1, SS6, LD1, LD4,

Local Evidence

6.3.4 The Questionnaire results indicated that a pleasant environment is important to the community. The Conservation Area is considered to be an asset to be maintained and enhanced.

There are a significant number of Listed Buildings within the Wigmore Group of Parishes. The protection and enhancement of these is an important issue for the community.

6.4 Local Employment

OBJECTIVE 5

To promote local employment and ensure future development supports existing strengths of the area to enhance the rural economy and improve tourism facilities.

POLICY WG9 PROMOTING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND TOURISM

New proposals for employment, tourism and working from home opportunities will be supported when they:

- a. Re-use brownfield land and/or conversion of existing buildings, where appropriate;
- b. Are of a high standard of design in accordance with Policies WG7 and WG11 (where relevant) and makes a positive contribution to the surrounding environment and landscape;
- c. Do not lead to the loss of existing community facilities, or green space;
- d. Are not at significant risk of flooding and they can demonstrate they will not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere;
- e. Are located close to existing highways and do not have an unacceptable impact on traffic; and
- f. Would not have an adverse effect on neighbouring residential amenity by way of noise or nuisance.

POLICY WG10 NEW COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES

The development of new high speed broadband infrastructure to serve the Parish will be supported where it is sympathetically designed and when appropriate suitably camouflaged.

All new development will be required to make provision for high speed broadband and other communication networks.

Background/Justification

- 6.4.1 Policy E1 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy states that the focus for new employment provision in Herefordshire is to provide a range of locations, types and sizes of employment buildings, land and offices to

meet the needs of the local economy. Larger employment proposals will be directed to the strategic employment sites of Hereford, the market towns and rural industrial estates where appropriate.

Development proposals which enhance employment provision and help diversify the economy of Herefordshire will be encouraged where:

- the proposal is appropriate in terms of its connectivity, scale, design and size;
- the proposal makes better use of previously developed land or buildings;
- the proposal is an appropriate extension to strengthen or diversify an existing business operation;
- the proposal provides for opportunities for new office development in appropriate locations.

The provision of viable live/work units as part of mixed use developments will also be encouraged.

6.4.2 Policy RA6 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy relates to the rural economy and states that employment generating proposals which help diversify the rural economy such as knowledge based creative industries, environmental technologies, business diversification projects and home working will be supported. A range of economic activities will be supported, including proposals which:

- support and strengthen local food and drink production;
- support and/or protect the vitality and viability of commercial facilities of an appropriate type and scale in rural areas, such as village shops, petrol filling stations, garden centres and public houses;
- involve the small scale extension of existing businesses;
- promote sustainable tourism proposals of an appropriate scale in accordance with Policy E4 - Tourism;
- promote the sustainable use of the natural and historic environment as an asset which is valued, conserved and enhanced;
- support the retention of existing military sites;
- support the retention and/ or diversification of existing agricultural businesses;
- Planning applications which are submitted in order to diversify the rural economy will be permitted where they;
- ensure that the development is of a scale which would be commensurate with its location and setting;
- do not cause unacceptable adverse impacts to the amenity of nearby residents by virtue of design and mass, noise and dust, lighting and smell;
- do not generate traffic movements that cannot safely be accommodated within the local road network and
- do not undermine the achievement of water quality targets in accordance with Policies SD3 and SD4.

6.4.3 Other relevant Herefordshire Core Strategy policies include SS1, SS4, E2, E3 and E4.

Local Evidence

- 6.4.4 The Questionnaire results indicated that local employment opportunities are important to the community. The encouragement of new employment opportunities and encouraging homeworking should be included.

6.5 Natural Environment

OBJECTIVE 6

To ensure that the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan promotes sustainable development for this and future generations by protecting key environmental assets (e.g. greenspaces and landscapes) and taking account of constraints (e.g. flooding).

POLICY WG11 PROTECTING AND ENHANCING LOCAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

Development proposals will be supported where they take account of the following landscape design principles:

- a. Those parts of the locally significant views identified on Maps 5 and 6 that are visible from locations that are freely accessible to members of the general public (for example from a public footpath, right of way, roadside, or other publicly accessible land) should be preserved and not significantly detracted from. Developments should take into consideration any adverse impacts on these views through landscape appraisals and impact studies.
- b. The existing development form of scattered villages, hamlets and farmsteads within the wider setting of the area should be enhanced.
- c. Local landscape features should be conserved where possible.
- d. Mature and established trees should be incorporated into future landscaping schemes where possible.
- e. Local habitats and wildlife corridors should be preserved and enhanced. Landscaping schemes will be required to incorporate planting schemes which use traditional and locally appropriate species to support and enhance biodiversity. Species should be appropriate to the location and setting in terms of type, height, density and the need for on-going management.
- f. Developments will be required to design and deliver high quality green infrastructure, informed by the Herefordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy, linking settlements and creating ecological and recreational networks and maximising opportunities for residents and visitors to have a high-quality experience of nature and heritage.

- g. Using appropriate local building materials, including timber-framed (black-and-white) buildings with stone and red brick.**
- h. Retaining existing field patterns and boundaries, including low hedgerows and sparse tree cover.**

POLICY WG12 DARK SKIES

To minimise light pollution and to maintain the views of our night time skies, planning proposals that include external lighting and significant openings that would allow internal lighting to be seen externally will have to demonstrate the following:

- a. They have undertaken an assessment of the need for lighting and can demonstrate need; and**
- b. The nature of the proposed lighting is appropriate for its use and location. The Institution of Lighting Professionals (ILP) has provided guidance on acceptable levels of illumination for specific areas.**

Applicants will be required to assess the need for lighting, whether the benefits of the lighting outweigh any harm caused and any alternative measures available.

It is recognised that many traditional buildings may have 'significant openings' where internal lighting will be a natural consequence.

Background/Justification

6.5.1 Development proposals should be in accordance with landscape management objectives and townscape assessments and achieve all the following objectives.

- demonstrate that character of the landscape and townscape has positively influenced the design, scale, nature and site selection, including protection and enhancement of the setting of settlements and designated areas;
- conserve and enhance the natural, historic and scenic beauty of important landscapes and features, including Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, nationally and locally designated parks and gardens and conservation areas; through the protection of the area's character and by enabling appropriate uses, design and management;
- incorporate new landscape schemes and their management to ensure development integrates appropriately into its surroundings; and

- maintain and extend tree cover where important to amenity, through the retention of important trees, appropriate replacement of trees lost through development and new planting to support green infrastructure.

6.5.2 Policy LD3 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy states that development proposals should protect, manage and plan for the preservation of existing and delivery of new green infrastructure, and should achieve the following objectives:

1. identification and retention of existing green infrastructure corridors and linkages; including the protection of valued landscapes, trees, hedgerows, woodlands, water courses and adjoining flood plain;
2. provision of on-site green infrastructure; in particular proposals will be supported where this enhances the network and
3. integration with, and connection to, the surrounding green infrastructure network.

6.5.3 Other relevant Herefordshire Core Strategy policies include SS1, LD2, LD4.

Local Evidence

The Questionnaire results indicated that a pleasant environment is important to the community.

7. How to comment on this document

- 7.1 This is the Regulation 14 Consultation Draft of the Wigmore Group Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation period will run from 8am on Monday 11th December 2017 to 5pm on Monday 29th January 2018. All comments must be received by 5pm on the 29th January 2018.
- 7.2 If you would like to comment or make representations on this document, please use a representation form for each separate comment.
- 7.3 The document, and representation form are available to view and download at the following website address:

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- 7.4 Hard copies of these document are available to view at the following locations:

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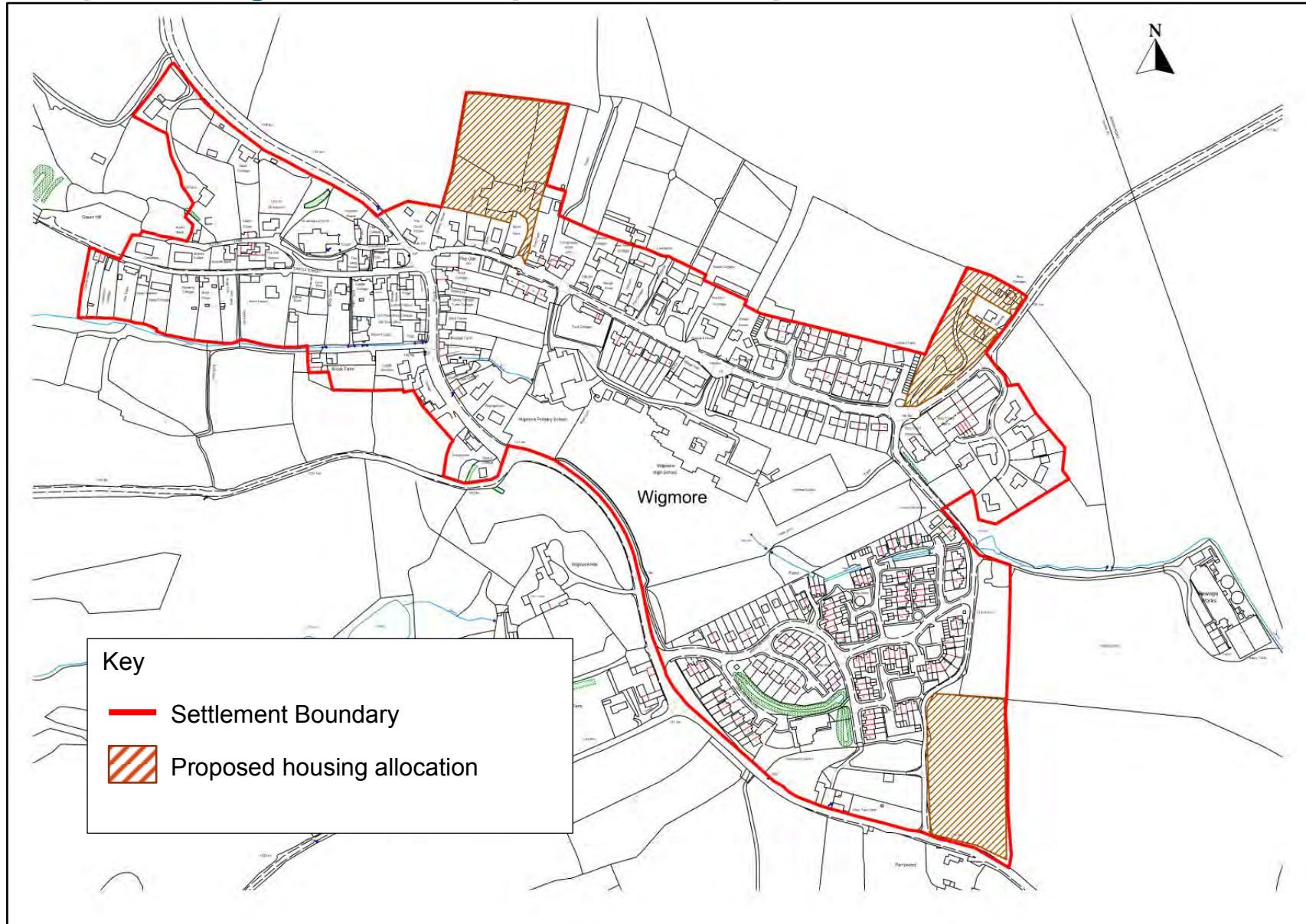
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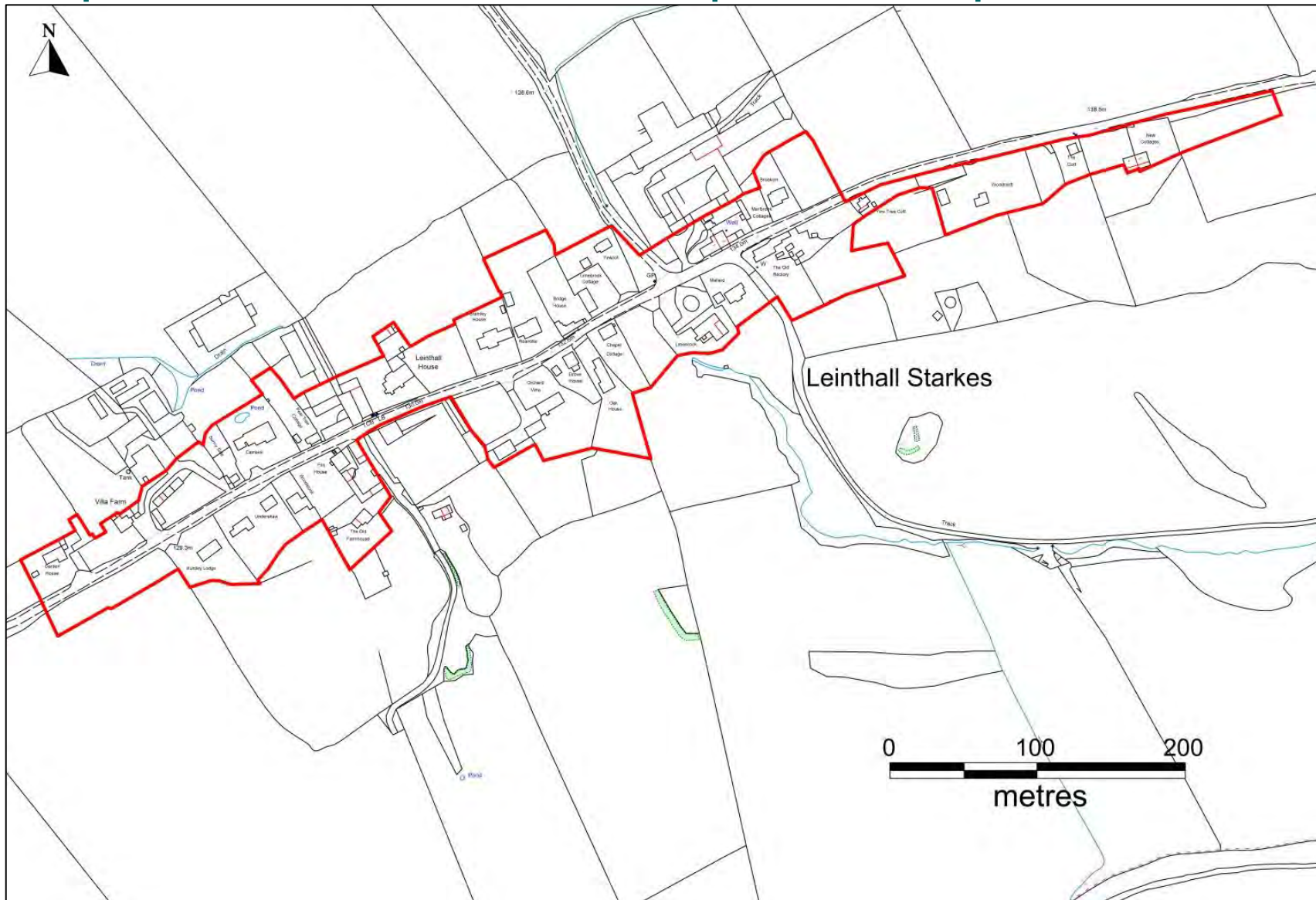
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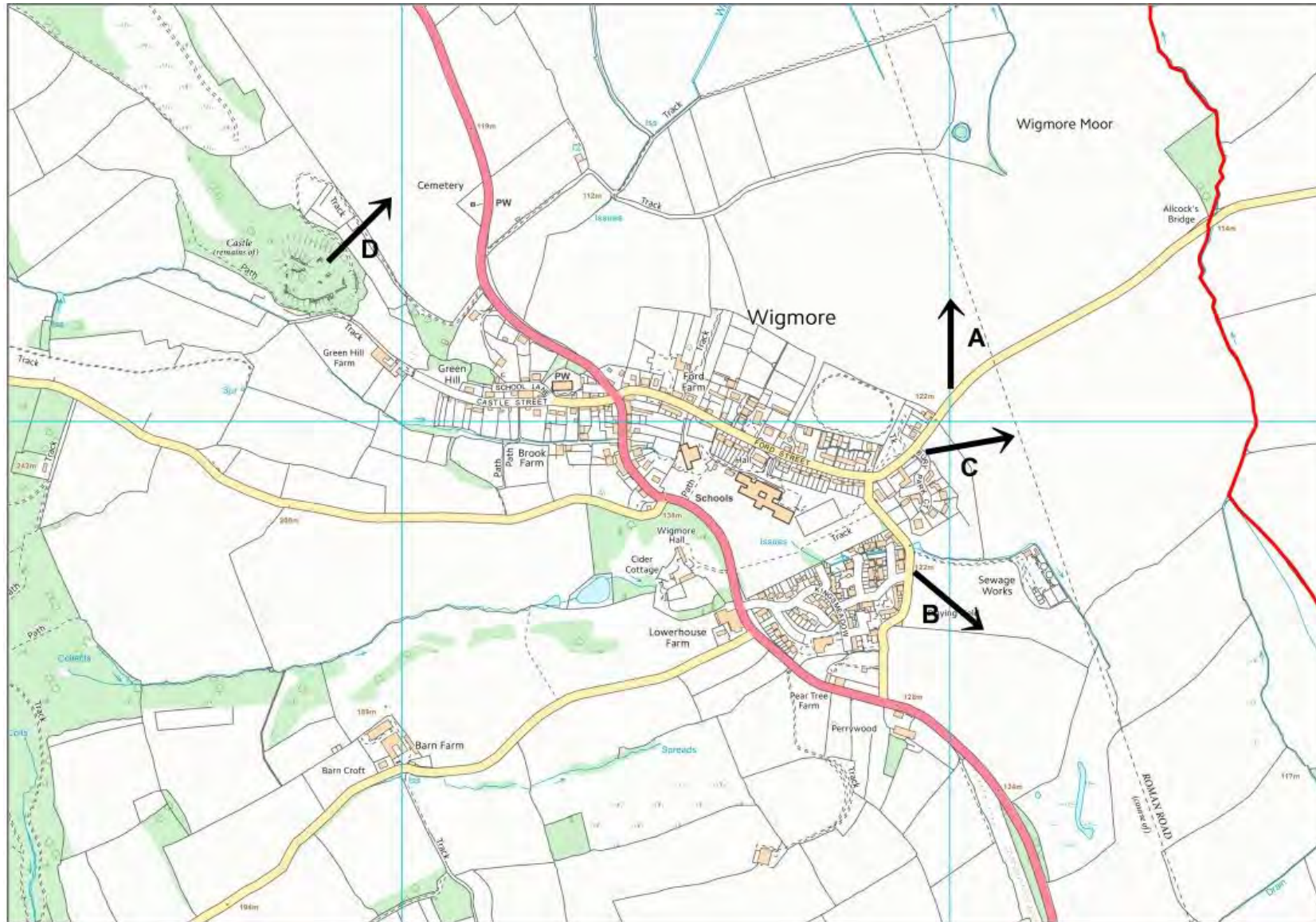
Map 3 Wigmore Proposals Map



Map 4 Leinthall Starkes Proposals Map



Map 5 Locally significant views - Wigmore



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View A



View B



View C



View D

Map 6 Locally significant views – Leinthall Starke



Appendix A: National and Local Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Para 6: The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.

Para 7: There are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. These dimensions give rise to the need for the planning system to perform a number of roles:

- **an economic role** – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure;
- **a social role** – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community's needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; and
- **an environmental role** – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

Delivering Sustainable Development

There are a number of elements to delivering sustainable development. These are outlined below with any specific references NPPF makes to neighbourhood plans.

1. ***Building a strong, competitive economy.***
2. ***Ensuring the vitality of town centres***
3. ***Supporting a prosperous rural economy***
4. ***Promoting sustainable transport***
5. ***Supporting high quality communications infrastructure***
6. ***Delivering a wide choice of high quality homes***
7. ***Requiring Good Design***
8. ***Promoting healthy communities***
9. ***Protecting green belt land***
10. ***Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change***
11. ***Conserving and enhancing the natural environment***
12. ***Conserving and enhancing the historic environment***
13. ***Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals***

Neighbourhood plans

Para 183: Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need. Parishes and neighbourhood forums can use neighbourhood planning to:

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- set planning policies through neighbourhood plans to determine decisions on planning applications; and
- grant planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders for specific development which complies with the order.

Para 184: Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community. The ambition of the neighbourhood should be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. To facilitate this, local planning authorities should set out clearly their strategic policies for the area and ensure that an up-to-date Local Plan is in place as quickly as possible. Neighbourhood plans should reflect these policies and neighbourhoods should plan positively to support them. Neighbourhood plans and orders should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies.

Para 185: Outside these strategic elements, neighbourhood plans will be able to shape and direct sustainable development in their area. Once a neighbourhood plan has demonstrated its general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and is brought into force, the policies it contains take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan for that neighbourhood, where they are in conflict. Local planning authorities should avoid duplicating planning processes for non-strategic policies where a neighbourhood plan is in preparation.”

Herefordshire Core Strategy 2011-2031

The Core Strategy was adopted in 2015 and is the principal element of Development Plan for Herefordshire for the purposes of Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The following policies are relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan

SS1 – Presumption in favour of sustainable development

SS2 – Delivering new homes

SS4 – Movement and transportation

SS6 – Environmental quality and local distinctiveness

SS7 - Addressing climate change

Place Shaping

RA1 – Rural housing strategy

RA2 – Herefordshire’s villages

RA3 – Herefordshire’s countryside

RA4 – Agricultural Forestry and rural enterprise dwellings

RA5 – Re-use of rural buildings

General Policies

H1 – Affordable housing – threshold and targets

H2 – Rural exception sites

H3 – Ensuring an appropriate range and mix of housing

H4 – Traveller sites

SC1 Social and Community Facilities

OS1 - Requirement for open space, sports and recreation facilities

OS2 – Meeting open space, sports and recreation needs

OS3 – Loss of open space, sports or recreation facilities

MT1 – Traffic management, highway safety and promoting active travel

E1 - Employment provision

E2 – Redevelopment of existing employment land and buildings

E3 - Homeworking

E4 – Tourism

LD1 – Landscape and townscape

LD2 – Biodiversity and geodiversity

LD3 – Green infrastructure

LD4 – Historic environment and heritage assets

SD1 – Sustainable design and energy efficiency

SD3 – Sustainable water management and water resources

SD4 Wastewater treatment and river water quality

Appendix B: Statutory Listed Buildings

This list was produced at the time of writing. Please check with Historic England for the most up to date information.

Wigmore - 39 RECORDS

RUINS OF WIGMORE CASTLE

- List Entry Number: 1178673
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: I
- Location: Ruins of Wigmore Castle, Wigmore.

CHURCH OF ST JAMES

- List Entry Number: 1178822
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: I
- Location: Church of St James, Church Street, Wigmore.

UPPER LIMEBROOK FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081743
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II*
- Location: Upper Limebrook Farmhouse, Limebrook, Wigmore.

LODGE FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081737
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Lodge Farmhouse, Deerfold, Wigmore.

QUEEN'S HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081738
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Queen's House, Ford Street, Wigmore.

FORD FARMHOUSE AND ADJOINING STABLE

- List Entry Number: 1081739
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Ford Farmhouse and adjoining Stable, Ford Street, Wigmore.

BARN ABOUT 5 YARDS WEST OF PLOUGH FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081740
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Barn about 5 yards west of Plough Farmhouse, Ford Street, Wigmore.

FORD COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1081741
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Ford Cottage, Ford Street, Wigmore.

BARN ABOUT 20 YARDS NORTH WEST OF GREEN HILL FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081742
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Barn about 20 yards north west of Green Hill Farmhouse, Green Hill, Wigmore.

OUTBUILDING ABOUT 20 YARDS NORTH EAST OF UPPER LIMEBROOK FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081744
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II

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- Location: Outbuilding about 20 yards north east of Upper Limebrook Farmhouse, Limebrook, Wigmore.

CALLIS CLOSE

- List Entry Number: 1081745
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Callis Close, School Lane, Wigmore.

BARN AND COW HOUSE ABOUT 100 YARDS SOUTH EAST OF WIGMORE HALL

- List Entry Number: 1081772
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Barn and Cow House about 100 yards south east of Wigmore Hall, A4110, Wigmore.

COURT HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081773
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Court House, Broad Street, Wigmore.

BRICK HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081774
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Brick House, Broad Street, Wigmore

METHODIST CHAPEL

- List Entry Number: 1081775
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Methodist Chapel, Broad Street, Wigmore.

OAK COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1081776
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Oak Cottage, Broad Street, Wigmore.

BROOK HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081777
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Brook House, Brook Lane, Wigmore.

GREENHILL COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1081778
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Greenhill Cottage, Castle Street, Wigmore.

CHAPEL FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081779
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: I
- Location: Chapel Farmhouse, Deerfold, Wigmore.

WIGMORE HALL

- List Entry Number: 1178687
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Wigmore Hall, A4110, Wigmore.

OUTBUILDING ABOUT 20 YARDS NORTH EAST OF COURT HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178723
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Outbuilding about 20 yards north east of Court House, Broad Street, Wigmore.

TANNERY HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178745
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Tannery House, Broad Street, Wigmore.

GATE PIERS AND RAILINGS ABOUT 16 YARDS WEST OF THE METHODIST CHAPEL

- List Entry Number: 1178764
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Gate Piers and Railings about 16 yards west of the Methodist Chapel, Broad Street, Wigmore.

STEPS HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178773
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Steps House, Broad Street, Wigmore.

BARBERRY COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1178792
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Barberrry Cottage, Castle Street, Wigmore.

YEW TREE HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178811
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Yew Tree House, Castle Street, Wigmore.

K6 TELEPHONE KIOSK, A4110

- List Entry Number: 1277997
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: K6 Telephone Kiosk, A4110, Wigmore.

The PARISH ROOM

- List Entry Number: 1302228
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: The Parish Room, Church Street, Wigmore.

THE BROOK

- List Entry Number: 1302280
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: The Brook, Broad Street, Wigmore.

PERRYWOOD

- List Entry Number: 1302286
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Perrywood, A4110, Wigmore.

OAKLEY HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1302295
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Oakley House, Broad Street, Wigmore.

PEAR TREE FARM

- List Entry Number: 1349890
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Pear Tree Farm, A4110, Wigmore.

ROCK COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1349891
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Rock Cottage, Broad Street, Wigmore.

THE POST OFFICE

- List Entry Number: 1349892
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: The Post Office, Broad Street, Wigmore.

THE OLD POST OFFICE AND ADJOINING
OUTBUILDINGS

- List Entry Number: 1349893
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: The Old Post Office and adjoining outbuildings, Broad Street, Wigmore.

OLD COBBLERS SHOP AND ADJOINING
TWO DWELLINGS ABOUT 50 YARDS
SOUTH EAST OF THE CHURCH OF ST
JAMES

- List Entry Number: 1349894
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Old Cobblers Shop and adjoining two dwellings about 50 yards south east of the Church of St James, Castle Street, Wigmore.

CHURCHYARD CROSS ABOUT 7 YARDS
SOUTH EAST OF THE CHURCH OF ST
JAMES

- List Entry Number: 1349895
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Churchyard Cross about 7 yards south east of the Church of St James, Church Street, Wigmore.

OUTBUILDING ABOUT 30 YARDS EAST
OF UPPER LIMEBROOK FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1349915
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Outbuilding about 30 yards east of Upper Limebrook Farmhouse, Limebrook, Wigmore.

Wigmore Castle

- List Entry Number: 1001793
- Heritage Category: Scheduling
- Location: Wigmore.

Leinthall Starkes - 5 RECORDS

CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

- List Entry Number: 1081770
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II*
- Location: Church of St Mary Magdalene, Leinthall Starkes.

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081771
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Old School House, Leinthall Starkes.

LIME BROOK COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1178651
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Lime Brook Cottage, Leinthall Starkes.

THE OLD FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178662
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: The Old Farmhouse, Leinthall Starkes.

MARLBROOK COTTAGES

- List Entry Number: 1349889
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Marlbrook Cottages, 1 and 2, Leinthall Starkes.

Elton – 12 records

EVANHAY FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081766
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Evanhay Farmhouse, Elton.

BARN AND BYRE ABOUT 30 YARDS WEST OF MARLBROOK HALL

- List Entry Number: 1081767
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Barn and Byre about 30 yards west of Marlbrook Hall, Elton.

ELTON HALL

- List Entry Number: 1081768
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Elton Hall, Elton.

HOLLY TREE COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1081769
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Holly Tree Cottage, Elton.

MARLBROOK HALL

- List Entry Number: 1178521
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Marlbrook Hall, Elton.

PETCHFIELD FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1178522
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Petchfield Farmhouse, Elton.

STABLES ADJOINING ELTON HALL TO THE NORTH

- List Entry Number: 1178638
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Stables adjoining Elton Hall to the north, Elton.

OLD ROSE COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1178644
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Old Rose Cottage, Elton.

ELTON FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1302354
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Elton Farmhouse, Elton.

FIRCROFT AND ADJOINING HAYBARN

- List Entry Number: 1349925
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Fircroft and adjoining haybarn, Elton.

CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN

- List Entry Number: 1349926
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Church of St Mary the Virgin, Elton.

OUTBUILDING ABOUT 5 YARDS SOUTH OF ELTON HALL

- List Entry Number: 1349927
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Outbuilding about 5 yards south of Elton Hall, Elton.

Pipe Aston – 5 records

CHURCH OF ST GILES

- List Entry Number: 1349901
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: I
- Location: Church of St Giles, Aston, Pipe Aston.

GREENAWAY COTTAGE

- List Entry Number: 1081795
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Greenaway Cottage, Aston, Pipe Aston.

HALFWAY HOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1081796
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: Halfway House, Aston, Pipe Aston.

THE FARMHOUSE

- List Entry Number: 1349902
- Heritage Category: Listing
- Grade: II
- Location: The Farmhouse, Aston, Pipe Aston.

ASTON TUMP

- List Entry Number: 1001753
- Heritage Category: Scheduling
- Location: Pipe Aston.

