



Herefordshire Local Plan - Core Strategy Infrastructure Delivery Plan

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Introduction

Purpose

The purpose of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) is to support the Local Plan by pointing towards the infrastructure capacity which will be required during the plan period, because growth of the scale proposed in the Plan will create a requirement for both reinforcement and in cases completely new provision.

The IDP is not static, but will be a continually evolving document, that will respond to changes through a process of regular monitoring and updating as infrastructure is delivered, and as pressures change.

Context

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The NPPF was introduced by government in March 2012. The NPPF replaced Planning Policy Statements and Guidance into a more succinct Framework to guide sustainable development.

The NPPF promotes achieving sustainable development and notes this can be achieved by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure. As part of the Framework's core planning principles delivery of infrastructure should be proactively delivered to help support sustainable economic development.

The identification of priority areas for infrastructure provision and environmental enhancement is promoted in the Framework as is the need to plan positively for the development and infrastructure required. It identifies that local planning authorities should work with other authorities and providers to assess the quality and capacity of infrastructure for the District. By identifying issues with quality and capacity the need for infrastructure will be highlighted and promoted through the IDP.

Localism Act

The Localism Act was introduced by Government in November 2011. The Localism Act sets out a series of measures with the potential to achieve a substantial and lasting shift in power away from central Government and towards local people. The Act contains provision to make the planning system clearer, more democratic and more effective. The Act also reforms the CIL and gives Government the power to require that some of the money raised from the levy go directly to the neighbourhoods where development takes place. This will affect the gross amount of CIL money available to deliver infrastructure in the IDP.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 came into force on 6th April 2010. Those Regulations have been subsequently amended in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014

CIL is intended to be a fairer, quicker and more transparent method than the previous system of agreeing planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Herefordshire Council has undertaken viability work to inform its CIL. The emerging Charging Schedule will set rates for developer contributions based on the size and type of new development. The CIL will be one of the funding sources used to deliver infrastructure identified in the IDP.

Local Plan

The Local Plan, when adopted will be the framework used to determine planning applications. Applications will need to be in accordance with the policies of the Local Plan. The vision and objectives of the Plan will be achieved through policy and the delivery may be subject to new or improved infrastructure as result of planned growth, some of which is contained in this IDP.

Vision and objectives of the Core Strategy

The infrastructure planning process provides the opportunity to identify what infrastructure is needed to implement the vision, objectives and policies of the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy sets out twelve objectives to implement the Vision for Herefordshire.

Objective 10 aims:

“To achieve sustainable communities and protect the environment by delivering well-designed places, spaces and buildings, which use land efficiently, reinforce local distinctiveness and are supported by the necessary infrastructure including green infrastructure”.

The IDP should only include infrastructure required to support growth and not remedy existing deficiencies unless they would be made more severe by new development. Local Plan Policies seek to achieve an improved quality of life for local communities and ensure environmental, economic and social wellbeing. This, however, will only be achieved if the strategy can be successfully delivered.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

The IDP schedule at Appendix 1 contains a list of the currently known strategic infrastructure requirements for Herefordshire to support the vision set out in the Core Strategy. Changed requirements may become apparent as areas of development are designed in more details and/or new ways of delivering services or facilities are brought forward.

The IDP schedule is not intended as a one-off document. The schedule is work in progress - a living document, based on ongoing collaboration with infrastructure providers. The schedule will be added to and amended as more information becomes available.

Over the life of the Local Plan there will be changes to the internal policies and strategies of delivery partners, together with the introduction of new regulations and technological advances, which when they occur will have implications for infrastructure delivery and costs.

Funding

Potential funding sources will be highlighted in the IDP. Not all infrastructure will be funded through CIL or s106 contributions. Some infrastructure will be funded directly by private enterprise or other public organisations. It is anticipated that levels of Public funding are likely to vary over the life time of the Plan, therefore Herefordshire Council together with its partners will need to look for innovative ways to fund and provide the necessary infrastructure

Many items may be funded by more than one source and these may change through the plan period. Costs identified in the IDP will be refined as further technical work progresses.

Herefordshire Core Strategy

Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Appendix 1

	Anticipated date of delivery	Total Cost £ 000s	Delivery Lead	Funding Source	
				Public Investment	Developer Contributions
Social Progress					
Housing - General					
Countywide target of 35% Affordable Housing	2015 - 2031		Herefordshire Council	HCA, RP's	s106
Education					
Pre school provision (provided in a number of locations)	2015-2031	2000	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Post 16	2015-2031	370	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Youth provision	2015-2031	2230	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Special Needs	2015-2031	1190	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Education - New facilities associated with strategic housing growth					
Hereford Western urban expansion :- a) Relocation and/or expansion of primary school resulting in a 630 place (1FE) school, b) 1 x 1FE (5 classroom extension) to Whitecross High School	2015-2020	5500 (Primary School) 1000 (Secondary)	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Hereford Southern urban expansion :- a) 1 X Primary School 1FE capacity (210 places)	2015-2020	3700	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Hereford Urban Village :- a) Expansion of Aylestone secondary school from 630 to 750 places	2020-2025	800	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Ledbury :- a) Additional 1FE capacity (210 places) to augment existing primary school	2015 - 2020	3700	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Ross-on-Wye :- a) Additional capacity at John Kyrle Secondary School	2015 - 2020	370	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Leominster :- a) 1 x Primary school to allow for 2FE - 420 places	2020 - 2025	5000	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Bromyard :- Additional capacity at existing primary school	2015-2025	400	Herefordshire Council	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Community Facilities & Services - General					
Provision of general sports facilities to serve new development across Herefordshire	Phased in line with rate of development	3400	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Provision/enhancement of sufficient community facilities throughout the county - actual provision based on deficiency by area	2015 - 2031	6000	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Community Facilities & Services - New provision associated with strategic housing growth					
Neighbourhood community hubs serving each strategic expansion area; incorporating meeting space	2015-2031	1500	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Active transport links from each strategic site, to include new pedestrian and cycle links connecting to existing network	2015-2031	n/k	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Lower Bullingham - Creation of a country park to incorporate new footpaths linking with the existing Public Right of Way network	2015- 2031	1500	2011- 2031	Herefordshire Council	CIL / Sec106
Ledbury - A new linear informal park to link to the existing town trail, riverside walk and recreational open space and existing allotments	2022	n/k	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106

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Economic Prosperity					
Broadband					
Provision of universal coverage to all areas of the county. Broadband Delivery UK (Borders Project) and HC funded in part. The Border UK Project covers all homes and businesses which would otherwise not have received faster broadband without government intervention.	2015	20000	"Fastershire"	BDUK in partnership with BT/Openreach	n/a
Transport - Hereford					
South Wye Transport Package					
1) Southern Link - A49 Ross Road to A465 Abergavenny Road 2) Sustainable mode measures and public realm improvements to encourage walking, cycling and public transport, particularly to and from Enterprise Zone.	2015 - 2020	34700	Herefordshire Council	Local Growth Fund indicative for £2.76m	CIL / Sec106
Hereford City Centre Transport Package					
1) City Link Road - connecting the A49 Edgar Street with the A465 Commercial Road, reducing traffic on the existing inner ring road and enabling expansion of the city centre. This scheme will also enable the redevelopment of the rail station forecourt and the enhancement of this location as a transport interchange. 2) City centre regeneration and expansion to include upgrading Blueschool Street, Commercial Street and improvement interchange at rail station (hub);	2015 - 2017 2016-2018	33500	Herefordshire Council	£16m LGF secured Balance secured from Capital Programme	None
Hereford Transport Package					
1) Wye / Three Elms Link - A465 Abergavenny Road, river crossing, A438 Brecon Road, A4013 Roman Road (west).	2020 - 2025	82000	Herefordshire Council	LGF (or subsequent programmes) / Other contributions	CIL / Sec106
2) Holmer Link -West A4103 Roman Road (west), A49 Leominster Road	2020-2025	23700			
3) Holmer Link - East - A49 Leominster Road, A4103 Roman Road (east).	2025 - 2031	32000			
4) Historic Core - 20mph zone, flexible cycle access in one way streets, public transport access and off site lay over, de-cluttering of street signs, refurbishment in key locations;	2015-2020	26000			
5) Comprehensive cycle network, linking the city centre with residential areas and new communities with peripheral parking areas to encourage park and cycle;	2015-2020				
6) City wide residential 20mph zones and walking / cycling measures	2020-2025				
7) a) Current route of A49 and other A roads - public realm improvements b) urban traffic control system	2025-2031				
8) a) reduce parking within the historic core to reduce traffic and support re-development; b) introduce on-street parking charges in the historic core to provide greater control of traffic seeking to access that area; c) limited programme of car park extensions and new parking to accommodate the anticipated loss of car parking resulting from the development of Merton Meadow d) Micro park and ride sites for walking, cycling , and interchange with scheduled public transport, with capacity to eventually serve as strategic park and ride sites (as below) e) Park and ride schemes : 150 car parking spaces located in proximity of A49 (Holmer) 350 spaces, located in proximity of the A49/Rotherwas access road 350 spaces, located in proximity to Hereford Western Relief Road	2015-2031 2015-2031 2015-2031 2015-2020 2020 - 2031 2020 - 2031 2020 - 2031	10000	Herefordshire Council	LGF (or subsequent programmes) / Other contributions	CIL / Sec106

Transport - New provision associated with strategic housing growth					
Leominster - Southern urban expansion :- Direct link between the B4361 Hereford Road to A44 Baron Cross Road	2015 - 2025	12000	Herefordshire Council	n/a	CIL / Sec106
Community Services					
Divisional Police Headquarters	2018 - 2025	30000	WMPA PCC	Central government	
Employment Land - Model Farm					
Enabling infrastructure to provide additional employment space	2015 - 2020	4000	Herefordshire Council	Local Growth Fund / HCC Capital Programme	CIL / Sec106
Canal restoration (in Hereford and Ledbury)					
Land and contributions to facilitate a restored canal; associated with major housing and regeneration projects in Hereford & Ledbury	2015 - 2031	17000	HGCT	HGCT	CIL / Sec106
Provision of canal basin with associated wharfage and visitor centre (Hereford, Urban Village)	2020 - 2025	500	HGCT	HGCT	CIL / Sec106

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Environmental Quality					
Water supply					
Increase flow to trunk mains serving Hereford	Phased in line with rate of development	n/k	DCWW	DCWW	Required upgrades funded by requisition using Water Industry Regulatory powers
Utilities					
Reinforcement of the Hereford's electrical capacity with Western Power.	2014	8000	WPD	n/a	n/a
Sewerage Treatment					
Manage levels of phosphates and nitrates in River Wye and Lugg - multi solution options. No measures or costs identified at this time	n/a	n/a	DCWW and EA	DCWW and EA	CIL / Sec106
Improvements at treatment works and other related facilities to increase capacity at various settlements (including Goodrich)	2015 -2031	n/k	DCWW	DCWW	Required upgrades funded by requisition using Water Industry Regulatory powers
Improvements required in Hereford, Leominster and Rural Areas to alleviate sewer system overflows during times of flood. DCWW lead agency.	2011 - 2031	24000	DCWW	DCWW	CIL / Sec106
Waste Facilities					
Energy from Waste Facility to accept and treat residual waste from Herefordshire and Worcestershire.	2015 - 2020	Subject to contract	Herefordshire Council	n/k	n/a
Proposed Kington Household Recycling Centre.	2015	Subject to contract	Herefordshire Council	n/k	n/a
Provision of recycling facilities to serve new development across Herefordshire	Phased in line with rate of development	1400	Herefordshire Council		CIL / Sec106
Open Space					
Provision of open space to serve new development on non-strategic sites across Herefordshire	2015- 2031	20100	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Open Space - New provision associated with strategic housing growth					
Hereford Northern urban expansion :- Off-site public open space - allotments - Holmer	Phased in line with rate of development	540	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Hereford Northern urban expansion :- New green buffers and linear green routes, particularly along Ayles Brook	Phased in line with rate of development	620	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Hereford Southern urban expansion :- Creation of Country Park, incorporating links to existing Public Rights of Way network	Phased in line with rate of development	1500	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Hereford Southern urban expansion :- On-site open space - sports, orchards and allotments	Phased in line with rate of development	n/k	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Bromyard :- New park, including information recreation and biodiversity enhancement	Phased in line with rate of development	360	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Ledbury urban expansion :- On site open/recreation space Off site open/recreation space	Phased in line with rate of development	900 700	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Leominster urban expansion :- On site open/recreation space Off site open/recreation space	Phased in line with rate of development	2400 250	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106
Ross-on-Wye urban expansion :- On of Off site open/recreation space as an alternative to existing provision provided by former John Kyrle High School playing field which is now part of the housing allocation	Phased in line with rate of development	222	Herefordshire Council	None	CIL / Sec106