

**Bartestree with Lugwardine  
Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031**

**Review**

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**Consultation  
Statement**



*Regulation 14 consultation material at Bartestree Village Hall*

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to accompany the submission of proposals to modify the made Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) to Herefordshire Council (HC), the local planning authority, and to ensure that the relevant statutory requirements are met.<sup>1</sup> The Statement:

- Contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the NDP as proposed to be modified;
- Explains how they were consulted;
- Summarises the main issues and concerns raised by those consulted; and
- Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the NDP as proposed to be modified.

## Format of the Consultation Statement

1.2 The Statement covers the following stages of work:

- The initial stages of work on modifying the NDP (section 2).
- Identifying potential land suitable for housing for allocation in the modified NDP (section 3).
- The Regulation 14 consultation on the NDP as proposed to be modified (section 4).
- The issues and concerns raised in response to the Regulation 14 consultation, and how they were addressed (section 5).

1.3 In summary, the following principal consultation methods were used in preparing the modified NDP:

- Formation of a Working Group comprising Parish Councillors and other parish residents.
- Regular posting of material online via an NDP tab on the Parish Council website at <https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/bartestree-with-lugwardine-neighbourhood-development-plan/>. Documents referred to in this Consultation Statement can be found here. This includes notes of the Working Group meetings, details of the Call for Sites process and technical assessments, details of the Regulation 14 consultation, and the made NDP.
- Posting NDP consultation material and other information on the parish notice boards, in the Parish Magazine, and on social media (Parish Facebook).
- Circulating printed NDP material to households and businesses in the Neighbourhood Area at key stages in the review process (an introductory leaflet, housing site consultation and the Regulation 14 flyer/comment form).
- Display banner at Bartestree Village Hall, in a prominent position facing the A438.
- Public deposit of NDP documentation at the Village Hall and other local venues.
- Consultation on the draft NDP held in accordance with Regulation 14 of the 2012 Regulations and including three drop-in events in Bartestree and Lugwardine.

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<sup>1</sup> Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, SI 2012/637, Regulation 15 (2) as amended.

## 2. ANNOUNCING THE REVIEW

2.1 The Bartestree with Lugwardine NDP was made in December 2016. In November 2019 the Parish Council formed an NDP Working Group to consider options for reviewing the NDP, taking account of experience of using the Plan in practice. A series of actions to progress the Review were agreed at the Parish Council meeting in January 2020. These included:

- Contacting parishioners via Facebook, email, newsletter and leaflet drop.
- Funding for a leaflet publicising the NDP review.
- Seeking planning consultancy support for the process.
- Canvassing support from parishioners for volunteers to sit on a working group.

2.2 The leaflet referred to above was produced by the NDP Working Group, approved by the Parish Council in March 2020, and hand delivered to all households in the Neighbourhood Area. A copy is included at Appendix 1. In response to the leaflet, several parishioners volunteered their services and this led to the Working Group being expanded. Terms of reference for the Group were agreed by the Parish Council in January 2021.

2.3 The issues and concerns raised in this initial stage of the plan-review process comprised in summary:

- Practical issues which had been experienced with the wording of some of the NDP policies, particularly with regard to windfall development outside the settlement boundary.
- The amount of new housing that had taken place or been committed since 2011 vis a vis the minimum requirements of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2011-2031, which requirements had already been met for the Neighbourhood Area.
- How best to keep the NDP up-to-date, taking into account the fact that Herefordshire at the time had a less than five years' supply of deliverable housing sites, and the provisions of paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
- A recognition that the made NDP did not include policies on certain matters, such as protecting the longstanding physical and visual separation between the settlements of Bartestree and Lugwardine, whilst incorporating some policies which re-iterated existing Core Strategy policies without adding material local value.

2.4 These issues and concerns were considered and addressed by:

- Seeking and obtaining advice from HC Neighbourhood Planning officers on the process of reviewing the neighbourhood plan. Feedback was also provided by HC Development Management officers on their experience of using the made plan to guide the determination of planning applications.
- The establishment of the Working Group comprising elected parish councillors and other volunteers, and open to all in the community.
- Obtaining grant funding and seeking professional support.
- Circulation of a leaflet in the Neighbourhood Area to publicise the NDP review and invite feedback and support, with supporting information in the Parish Magazine.

### 3. IDENTIFYING LAND FOR HOUSING

- 3.1 As part of the review, a Call for Sites was held in October 2020. This resulted in the submission of 27 sites for consideration. These sites were independently and professionally assessed in terms of their suitability, availability and achievability.<sup>2</sup> The assessment identified seven sites which were suitable candidates for allocation or had potential for allocation for housing development if outstanding issues could be addressed.
- 3.2 The Working Group undertook public consultation on the shortlist of sites. The consultation was held by means of a leaflet and short questionnaire which were circulated by post to all households in the Neighbourhood Area. This format was chosen due to the then-prevailing COVID-19 restrictions which precluded face-to-face methods, and because it enabled those without internet access to participate. The questionnaire asked respondents to rank the seven sites in order of preference, with space also allowed for free-write comments. The consultation was publicised on the Parish Council website, Parish Facebook page, notice boards, and Parish Magazine, and by display banner. The consultation was held over a four-week period closing on 15 March 2021. Questionnaires were returned by hand to drop boxes at Bartestree Village Hall and Lugwardine church, or by post/email to the Parish Clerk.
- 3.3. A total of 248 completed questionnaires were received. This represents a response rate of 13.8% based on the mid-2019 population estimate for the group parish (1800 aged 16+). Data entry was carried out by the Parish Clerk and a results report produced.<sup>3</sup> The site submission form, housing site assessment, questionnaire and results report can be seen at <https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/bartestree-with-lugwardine-neighbourhood-development-plan/>.
- 3.4 On consideration of the consultation results, the Working Group decided to progress the three most-preferred sites in the NDP. These sites were the smallest of those shortlisted, so that their selection also reflected the main themes in the free-write comments, relating to the need for new development; a preference for smaller sites; and the limited capacity of existing infrastructure, particularly the ability of the local highway network to accept more development. The other sites on the shortlist were not taken forward. This position was agreed by the Parish Council on 4 May 2021.
- 3.5 During this period the COVID-19 pandemic was preventing public discussions of the ongoing work and so particular care was taken to ensure that Working Group meeting notes were posted promptly and regularly to the Parish Council website, to keep the community informed.

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<sup>2</sup> DJN Planning, Housing site assessment, December 2020.

<sup>3</sup> DJN Planning, Results of consultation on housing site options, April 2021.

## 4. CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT NDP REVIEW

- 4.1 The draft NDP Review and the accompanying Statement of Modifications was approved for public consultation by the Parish Council on 8 March 2022. Consultation was carried out in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended. The consultation ran for seven weeks from 9.00 a.m. on 11 April 2022 to 5.00 p.m. on 30 May 2022.
- 4.2 The Environmental Report and the Appropriate Assessment Report which had been provided by HC to the Parish Council in April 2022 were also published for consultation.
- 4.3 The draft NDP Review, the Statement of Modifications, a consultation and publicity notice setting out the requisite details of the consultation, a flyer/comments form, the Environmental Report and the Appropriate Assessment Report were all posted on the Parish Council website.
- 4.4 Ahead of the start of the consultation period the flyer/comment form was distributed by hand to households and businesses throughout the Neighbourhood Area. The flyer explained how and where the draft NDP Review could be viewed and provided an opportunity to make comments. Notices carrying these details were placed in the Hereford Times on two successive weeks. Further publicity was given in the Parish Magazine, by poster in the parish notice boards and on social media. A display banner was erected alongside the A438 in Bartestree, at the entrance to the Village Hall. Printed copies of the NDP were available on request from the Parish Clerk. Printed copies of the documents were also deposited for inspection in venues in both settlements, as follows:

### Bartestree

- Village Hall.
- Bartestree Village Stores.
- The Godwins.

### Lugwardine

- St. Peter's Church.
- The Crown and Anchor.

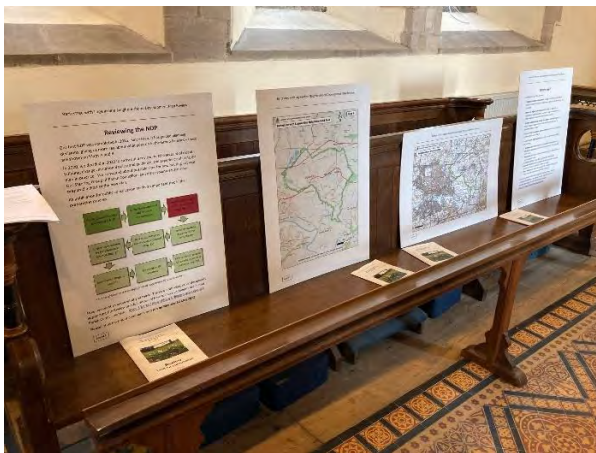
- 4.5 Comments could be made by hand to the collection boxes at Bartestree Village Hall, St. Peter's Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor; by post or email to the Parish Clerk, or at any of three drop-in events.
- 4.6 The drop-in events were held towards the start of the consultation period in both settlements. They were designed to give an opportunity for local residents to seek further details on any aspect of the NDP Review, and to make comments. The events were publicised in the NDP Regulation 14 publicity material. A set of display boards was prepared and copies of the draft NDP Review, Statement of Modifications and comment forms were available. The sessions were staffed by members of the Working Group, other Parish Councillors and the planning consultant. The events were held as follows (numbers attending in brackets):
- at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 20 April between 10 a.m. and 12 noon (20 members of the public attended).
  - at Bartestree Village Hall on Friday 29 April between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (11 attendees).



- at Bartestree Village Hall on Thursday 5 May between 10 a.m. and 12 noon (12 attendees).

4.7 A initial list of consultees was provided by HC and then added to by the planning consultant and the Working Group, having regard to the consultation bodies specified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the 2012 Regulations. The final list is at Table 1. Consultation was by email or letter, sent by the Parish Clerk at the start of the consultation period and explaining where the NDP Review and other documents could be viewed and how and by when to make comments. The owners of land which was to be proposed for designation as Local Green Space were notified about the proposals in advance of the start of the Regulation 14 consultation, and were then included in the list of consultees.

4.8 Copies of the consultation and publicity notice, flyer/comment form, Hereford Times notices, poster and the display material used for the drop-in events are at Appendix 2.



*Drop-in events at Lugwardine (above) and Bartestree (below left), and display banner at Bartestree.*





**Table 1: consultees on the draft NDP**

<b>Organisations</b>	
Campaign to Protect Rural England	National Highways
Diocese of Hereford	Historic England
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Homes England
English Heritage	National Grid
Environment Agency	National Trust
Education Funding Agency	Natural England
Forestry Commission England	Network Rail (West)
Natural Resources Wales	Hereford Travellers Support Group
Hereford and Worcester Chamber of Commerce	RWE Npower Renewable
Herefordshire Council (Neighbourhood Planning)	Severn Trent Water
Councillor. P. Andrews, Herefordshire Council	The Coal Authority
Herefordshire Nature Trust	Western Power Distribution
Herefordshire Primary Care Trust	Woodland Trust
Herefordshire Ramblers	
<b>Adjoining Parish Councils</b>	
Withington Group Parish Council	Hampton Bishop Parish Council
Weston Beggard Parish Council	Hereford City Council
Dormington and Mordiford Group Parish Council	Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council
<b>Local consultees</b>	
Parochial Church Council and Lugwardine Chapel	
Bartestree Village Hall	
The Godwins and the Crown and Anchor	
Lugwardine Primary Academy, St. Mary's RC High School, Gateway Centre	
St. Michael's Hospice	
Bartestree Village Stores, fish and chips shop and hairdressers	
Bartestree Mobile Post Office	
All those who submitted sites to the Call for Sites in 2020 and including owners of the proposed housing site allocations.	
Landowners of all Local Green Spaces (this was in addition to the advance notice of proposals which was given to owners/agents of new Local Green Spaces proposed in the NDP Review).	
Other businesses: 25 local businesses (list available on request).	
Other consultees: 15 local voluntary groups and clubs (list available on request).	

## 5. RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION

### Issues and concerns raised

5.1 Consultation body responses were received from:

- HC service providers: Neighbourhood Planning, Strategic Policy, Environmental Health, and Transportation and Highways.
- Coal Authority.
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water.
- Environment Agency.
- Historic England.
- National Grid.
- Sport England.

5.2 Comments were also received from 32 residents and one comment from an agent. All comments are reported verbatim in the Response Log at Appendix 3. Personal information has been anonymised. A response is provided to each comment and any necessary amendments to the draft NDP are detailed.

5.3 The principal issues and concerns raised in the consultation may be summarised as follows:

- HC Strategic Policy advised they considered the NDP to be in general conformity with the policies of the Local Plan Core Strategy.
- HC Neighbourhood Planning found that the plan was structured and written well, with clear objectives and policies. A nutrient neutrality policy was suggested although such a policy was included in the draft plan (policy BL12).
- HC Transportation and Highways sought inclusion of further requirements re active travel.
- Dwr Cymru Welsh Water and the Environment Agency supported the plan's approach to nutrient neutrality and water quality.
- Historic England supported the approach taken to the historic environment.
- Other statutory consultees who responded either had no comment or no comment specific to the Neighbourhood Area/the draft NDP.
- An agent acting for the landowner objected to a proposed Local Green Space designation. This proposal and other Local Green Space designations were supported by local residents.
- Other resident issues and concerns were raised in respect of the proposed housing site allocations, the amount and scale of recent and additional development, the protection of views, additional Local Green Space, preservation of settlement identity, sustainable (eco) design, use of land at the village hall, provisions for walking and cycling, public transport, and dog fouling

## Considering and addressing issues and concerns

5.4 All comments were passed to the planning consultant for review and to provide a recommended response, including amendments to the draft NDP. Table 2 provides a summary of the resulting principal amendments to the draft NDP. Full details may be found at Appendix 3.

**Table 2: Schedule summarising principal changes made to the draft NDP following consultation**

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Change made</b>
HC Transportation and Highways	Additions and amendments to objective 13 and policies BL1, BL3, BL8 and BL15 re enabling and promoting sustainable travel by walking, cycling and public transport.
Respondents 2 and 27	Clarification that the green pathway proposed to be included in Local Green Space L4 is not a public right of way (para. 3.10.2 and policy BL10).
Respondents 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, and 32	Addition of reference to opportunities to enable and promote active travel (para. 3.15.2).

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Leaflet announcing the Review March 2020**

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## BARTESTREE WITH LUGWARDINE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

# The Neighbourhood Development Plan

### Background Information:

**Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) are key legal pieces of planning documentation, that should be used by planning officers when making decisions about planning applications .**

The NDP for the parishes of Bartestree and Lugwardine was “made” into a legal planning document on 1st December 2016. This covered housing targets and planning policies up until 2031. Since then National Planning Policy (NPPF) has changed. This now says that once an NDP is over two years old it begins to carry less weight in terms of planning decision making processes. In recent Planning Committee decisions it has further become clear that Herefordshire Council planning officers do not always give the housing element of the NDP any weight once it is over 2 years old.

### What happens next?

The Parish Council has begun the process of reviewing the NDP. Once it has been through a significant review involving two public consultations; an examination and a referendum, the NDP will once again carry full weight for a further two years. The difficulty at present is that Herefordshire are slowly and belatedly - in the opinion of many parish councils - starting to review their Core Strategy - the Local Planning Policy Framework that all NDP's must adhere to. It will therefore be very difficult for the NDP review to be completed without this key policy document in place. However, the Parish Council firmly believe that it is prudent to begin to update policies in readiness of the NDP review.

### What needs to happen to ensure the review is underway?

The Parish Council has set up the beginnings of an NDP Working Group to oversee the process. They would like to open membership of this group up to parishioners. The group needs to be kept to a manageable size and it is suggested that therefore 4 Parishioners are needed to join. An army of parishioners is however needed behind the scenes to help deliver newsletters; help with mapping and in the many various other ways that tasks will come to light along the way! To be truly successful it needs the interest of everyone!

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The Parish Council are very keen to hear from as many parishioners as possible, and therefore ask that you please fill in the form below and return it to:

Emma Thomas - Parish Clerk  
Hadleigh  
Bishops Frome  
Worcester  
WR6 5AP

Or email the details to her on:

[clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk)

The Parish Council would like to keep an email mailing list at this important time, to keep parishioners informed of progress. Your email will only be used by the clerk to contact you regarding parish matters.

Again please fill in the form below or by email if you consent to being contacted in this way. You may unsubscribe at any time.

The Parish Council has set up a FaceBook page too. Details can be found <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2773438352773161>

**FORM:**

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My email is: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be kept informed of parish matters by email: - YES / NO

I wish to be a member of the Working Group: - YES / NO

I think my skills would be helpful because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with the NDP Review by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Regulation 14 consultation material**

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Pre-submission consultation and publicity notice

Flyer/comment form

Hereford Times notices

Poster

Display boards for drop-in events



## Pre-submission consultation and publicity notice

A public consultation on proposals to modify the Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan held in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) will start at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 11 April 2022 for a period of seven weeks ending at 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 30 May 2022.

### Where you can inspect the modification proposals

The modification proposals may be inspected:

- on the Parish Council website at <https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/https://uptonbishop.org/neighbourhood-development-plan/>.
- at Bartestree Village Hall, St. Peter's Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor.
- on request from the Clerk to Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council, by email to [clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 07513 122918.

A Statement of Modifications and other supporting documents are available on the Parish Council website.

### How to make comments on the modification proposals

Comments must be made in writing and include the name and address of the person making the comments. Please make comments as specific as possible, quoting the relevant policy or paragraph number(s). All comments will be publicly available (personal information will not be published).

A form for making comments can be downloaded and printed from the website, requested from the Parish Clerk, or collected from any of the above locations where the Plan can be inspected.

Send us your comments:

- by hand to the collection boxes at Bartestree Village Hall, St. Peter's Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor.
- at the following drop-in sessions:
  - at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday 20 April between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
  - at Bartestree Village Hall on Friday 29 April between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
  - at Bartestree Village Hall on Thursday 5 May between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
- by post to the Clerk to Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council, 35 Benbow Close, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 4JJ.
- by email to the Clerk at [clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk).

If you have any questions, please telephone either Wendy Soilleux on 07970 032512 or Lin Hoppe on 01432 851536.

**All comments must be received by 5.00 p.m. on Monday 30 May 2022.** These will be considered by the Group Parish Council and will help shape the proposals to modify the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**Public Consultation:  
MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022 – MONDAY 30 MAY 2022**

Dear Parishioner,

As you may know, we have recently been reviewing our Neighbourhood Development Plan. We have revised the original policies, added new ones, and updated the maps, with three small sites allocated for housing and new areas of Local Green Space identified. We have now reached the stage where we have a draft Plan – and we want to know what you think.

To find out more, come along to one of our drop-in sessions:

- at St. Peter’s Church on **Wednesday 20 April** between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
- at Bartestree Village Hall on **Friday 29 April** between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- at Bartestree Village Hall on **Thursday 5 May** between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

You can read the draft Plan on-line at <https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/> or at <https://uptonbishop.org/neighbourhood-development-plan/> the Village Hall, St. Peter’s Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor. For a printed version, contact the Parish Clerk, either by email [clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 07513 122918.

You can use this form to give us your comments. Please return it:

- to the collection boxes at the Village Hall, St. Peter’s Church, Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor, or at any of the drop-in sessions.
- to the Parish Clerk, either by email [clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk) or post to 35 Benbow Close, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 4JJ.

Please include your name and address.\* Additional copies of the form can be downloaded and printed from the Parish Council website, requested from the Parish Clerk or collected from the Village Hall, St. Peter’s Church, Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor. If you have any questions, please telephone either either Wendy Soilleux on 07970 032512 or Lin Hoppe on 01432 851536.

**All comments must be received by 5.00 p.m. on Monday 30 May 2022. Thank you.**

Yours faithfully,  
Councillor Wendy Soilleux, Chairman of the Parish Council.

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**Your details:\***

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

**Please give us your comments overleaf.**

\* The personal information you provide on this form will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Policy on the Parish Council website. It will be used only for the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Personal information will not be published.

**Please give us your comments below. All comments will be publicly available.**

Which part of the Review are you commenting on? Please tell us the page number, paragraph number, or policy.	Are you supporting, objecting or just making a comment?	Comments and/or suggested changes

**Do you have any general comments?**

**Thank you – and don't forget please return this form by Monday 30 May 2022.**

## Hereford Times notices re Lugwardine (14 April 2022) and Bartestree (21 April 2022)

### Lugwardine

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#### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

– Public consultation runs until Monday, May 30. Our five-year old plan has been reviewed and revised, and there is a new draft plan. Find out more at one of our drop-in sessions: St Peter's Church, Wednesday, April 20, 10am to 12 noon; Bartestree Village Hall, Friday, April 29, 6pm to 8pm and Thursday, May 5, 10am to 12 noon. Find the draft plan online at [bartestree.withlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/](http://bartestree.withlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/). All households will receive a form for comments. Please return to the Village Hall, St Peter's Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins, the Crown and Anchor, at a drop-in session, or email [clerk@bartestree.withlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestree.withlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk)

### Bartestree

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## **Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan**

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We've reviewed our Neighbourhood Development Plan – and we want your views.

**You can read the new Plan and find out how to respond:**

- On the Parish Council website  
<https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/>
- At Bartestree Village Hall, St. Peter's Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor.
- By coming along to one of our drop-in sessions:
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- By contacting the Clerk at  
[clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 07513 122918.

**Let us have your comments by 5.00 p.m. on  
Monday 30 May 2022**

We look forward to hearing from you  
Bartestree with Lugwardine Parish Council



# Display boards for drop-in events

Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

## Reviewing the NDP

Our first NDP was completed in 2016. Since then, it has guided planning decisions, giving us more say about what goes on in the Group Parishes – these are shown on Maps A and B.

In 2020, we decided in 2020 to carry out a review, to take account of recent building, changes in national policy and guidance, and experience of using the Plan in practice. We consulted about possible sites for new housing last year. Our Steering Group of Parish Councillors and other volunteers has now prepared a draft of the new Plan.

Its publication for public consultation marks an important step in the preparation process.

\* the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended.

Now, we want to know what you think. The new draft Plan, other documents supporting the Review and full details of how to make comments are on the Parish Council website: <https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/>.

Please let us have your comments by **5 pm on Monday 30 May 2022**.

Board 1

Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

## Map A

### Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Area

Board 2

Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

## Map B

### Neighbourhood Area in Context

Board 3

### What's new?

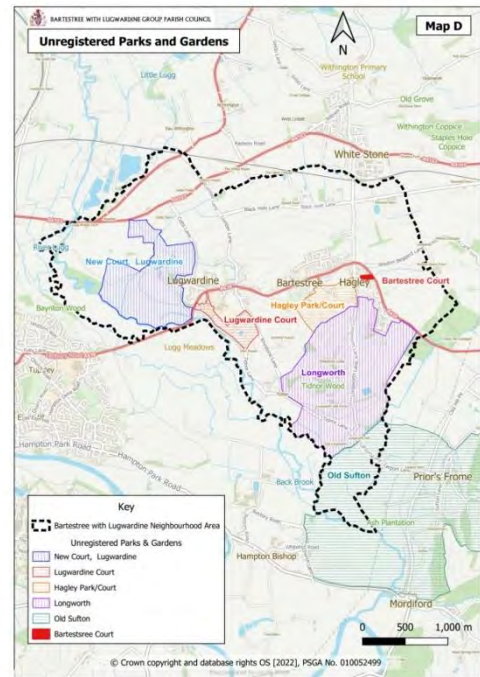
In reviewing the 2016 Plan, we have:

- **Updated the Vision and objectives**, to keep these relevant and ensure issues not covered in the Plan, such as water quality in the River Lugg, are addressed.
- **Revised the original planning policies** to clarify the approach to development outside settlement boundaries, add more local detail, remove duplication and update planning requirements.
- **Identified additional areas of Local Green Space**, including land east of Traberne Close in Lugwardine and land west of Longworth Lane in Bartestree (shown on Map C).
- Made sure **all six unregistered parks and gardens** in the area are properly documented (shown on Map D).
- Drawn up **six new planning policies** on topics not addressed in the 2016 Plan, covering:
  - **Settlement gap** between Bartestree and Lugwardine (policy BL4).
  - **Housing site allocations** (policy BL5), to help keep the Plan up to date in the future.
  - **Housing mix** (policy BL6), to ensure new housing is of a size and type to meet community needs.
  - **Community facilities** (policy BL8), to protect specified facilities.
  - **Landscape views** (policy BL11), identifying six views of the countryside around the villages for protection, shown on board 7.
  - **Water quality in the River Lugg** (policy BL12), requiring proposals to be 'nutrient neutral' to avoid adverse effects on the river.

For more information and detailed explanation of these changes, see the Statement of Modifications. Remember, the new draft Plan and other supporting documents are on the Parish Council website:

<https://bartestreewithlugwardinegroup-pc.gov.uk/>.

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### Landscape views – protected by policy BL11



LV1: north towards Dinmore Hill



LV2: east towards the Woolhope Dome



LV3: south towards Hampton Bishop



LV4: south-west over the River Lugg



LV5: north-west towards Dinmore Hill



LV6: west towards Lugwardine

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### What happens next?

- Please let us have your comments - by email or post to the Parish Clerk, at this session, or to one of our collection boxes at the Village Hall, St. Peter's Church, Bartestree Village Stores, The Godwins and The Crown and Anchor.
- Close of consultation: **5.00 p.m. on Monday 30 May 2022.**
- All comments will be independently and professionally assessed.
- Our consultant will provide recommendations to the Steering Group, who will advise the Parish Council on how the draft should be amended to take account of comments made.
- We will provide full feedback in our Consultation Statement as to how your issues and concerns have been addressed.
- The NDP is submitted to Herefordshire Council, together with supporting documents – the Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement, and Statement of Modifications.
- Herefordshire Council carry out further public consultation over six weeks.
- Independent Examination
- Referendum – at this stage we do not think the changes being proposed are significant to require a referendum, because they do not 'change the nature of the plan'. If Herefordshire Council and the Examiner agree, the Plan will proceed to be finalised. If they do not, a referendum will be held, when a majority of those voting will need to support the Plan for it to go ahead.
- Adoption – the reviewed NDP will then have full weight when Herefordshire Council determines planning applications, replacing the 2016 Plan.

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## **Appendix 3**

### **Regulation 14 consultation Response Log**

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Part 1: Comments from consultation bodies

Part 2: Community and other comments

### **Abbreviations**

AA: Appropriate Assessment (April 2022)

CIL: Community Infrastructure Levy

HC: Herefordshire Council

LPCS: Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted 16 October 2015)

NPPF: National Planning Policy Framework (2021)

NDP: Neighbourhood Development Plan

NPPG: National Planning Practice Guidance

SAC: River Wye Special Area of Conservation

SEA: Strategic Environmental Assessment (April 2022)

SSSI: Site of Special Scientific Interest

## Part 1: Comments from consultation bodies

Consultee	NDP Review ref	Type C = Comment O = Object S = Support	Comment received	Response	Amendments to draft Bartestree with Lugwardine NDP Review								
Avison Young for National Grid	NDP	C	National Grid has appointed Avison Young to review and respond to Neighbourhood Plan consultations on its behalf. We are instructed by our client to submit the following representation with regard to the current consultation on the above document. An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines. National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.	Comment noted.	No change.								
Coal Authority	NDP	C	Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.	Comment noted.	No change.								
HC Neighbourhood Planning	NDP	C	<p>The plan is structured and written well, and the objectives and policies set out are clear. Overall it appears the plan is in general conformity with the Local Plan Core Strategy. To improve the robustness of the plan it is recommended for the plan to include a nutrient neutrality policy or to add criteria to an existing policy. The need for the NDP to include nutrient neutrality criteria is highlighted in the AA report.</p> <p>[NB no comments received from HC Development Management, Environmental Health (noise), Landscape/archaeology/conservation, Economic Development, Education, Property Services, Parks and Countryside, and Waste].</p>	Comment noted. Nutrient neutrality policy included at policy BL12.	No change.								
HC Strategic Policy	NDP	C	<p>Overall the plan is in general conformity with the Local Plan Core Strategy.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Draft Neighbourhood plan policy</th> <th>Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)</th> <th>In general conformity (Y/N)</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BL1 Criteria for the Design of New Housing</td> <td>SD1 Sustainable design and energy efficiency RA2 Housing in settlements outside Hereford and the market towns</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Draft Neighbourhood plan policy	Equivalent CS policy(ies) (if appropriate)	In general conformity (Y/N)	Comments	BL1 Criteria for the Design of New Housing	SD1 Sustainable design and energy efficiency RA2 Housing in settlements outside Hereford and the market towns	Y		Comment noted.	No change.
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			Policy BL2 Extensions to properties	SD1 Sustainable design and energy efficiency	Y			
			Policy BL3 Bartestree and Lugwardine settlement boundaries	RA2 Housing in settlements outside Hereford and the market towns	Y			
			Policy BL4 Settlement Gap between Bartestree and Lugwardine	RA2 Housing in settlements outside Hereford and the market towns	Y			
			Policy BL5 Housing site allocations	N/A				
			Policy BL6 Housing mix	H3 Ensuring a range and mix of housing types	Y			
			Policy BL7 Affordable housing	H1 Affordable housing	Y			
			Policy BL8 Community facilities	SC1 Social and community facilities	Y			
			Policy BL9 Conserving Historic Character	LD4 Historic environment and heritage assets	Y			

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			Policy BL10 Local Green Spaces, allotments and rights of way	OS2 Meeting open space, sports and recreation needs OS3 Loss of open space, sports or recreation facilities	Y			
			Policy BL11 Landscape views	N/A	Y			
			Policy BL12 Water quality in the River Lugg	Policy SD4 Wastewater treatment and water quality	Y			
			Policy BL13 Supporting local businesses	E1 Employment provision E2 Redevelopment of employment land RA6 Rural economy	Y			
			Policy BL14 Redundant rural buildings	RA5 Re-use of rural buildings	Y			
			Policy BL15 Transport and highways	MT1 Traffic management, highway safety and promoting active travel	Y			
HC Environmental Health (Environmental Protection – air, land, water)	Policy BL5 H1	C	Having reviewed records readily available, I would advise the following regarding the proposed sites indicated shown on map C allocated for the development of housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H1: land adjacent to Newcourt Farm, Cotts Lane 3</li> <li>• H2: land adjacent to October Cottage, Longworth Lane 5</li> <li>• H3: land at Figgynut Cottage 4</li> </ul> H1: land adjacent to Newcourt Farm, Cotts Lane 3				Comment noted. As indicated in the comment, this matter would be routinely addressed on consideration of a planning application.	No change.

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protection, contaminated land)			<p>Historical maps from 1889 indicate the proposed site is located on a former quarry. By 1987 the area been classed as unknown filled ground. Sites identified as unknown filled ground can be associated with contaminative fill material. In practice, many sites identified through the historical mapping process as unknown filled ground are instances where hollows have been made level with natural material, have remained as unfilled 'hollows' or have filled through natural processes. However, there are some instances where the nature of the fill is not inert and would require further investigation. Without any additional information it is not possible to comment further on this site. Any additional information you may be able to obtain will help in determining the exact nature of the site. The site's former potentially contaminative use will require consideration prior to any development. Any future redevelopment of the site would be considered by the planning services division of the council however, if consulted it is likely this division would recommend any application that is submitted should include, as a minimum, a 'desk top study' considering risk from contamination in accordance with BS10175:2011 so that the proposal can be fully considered. With adequate information it is likely a condition would be recommended such as that included below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. no development shall take place until the following has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a 'desk study' report including previous site and adjacent site uses, potential contaminants arising from those uses, possible sources, pathways, and receptors, a conceptual model and a risk assessment in accordance with current best practice</li> <li>b) if the risk assessment in (a) confirms the possibility of a significant pollutant linkage(s), a site investigation should be undertaken to characterise fully the nature and extent and severity of contamination, incorporating a conceptual model of all the potential pollutant linkages and an assessment of risk to identified receptors</li> <li>c) if the risk assessment in (b) identifies unacceptable risk(s) a detailed scheme specifying remedial works and measures necessary to avoid risk from contaminants/or gases when the site is developed shall be submitted in writing. the remediation scheme shall include consideration of and proposals to deal with situations where, during works on site, contamination is encountered which has not previously been identified. any further contamination encountered shall be fully assessed and an appropriate remediation scheme submitted to the local planning authority for written approval.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

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			<p>Reason: in the interests of human health and to comply with policy SD1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>2. the remediation scheme, as approved pursuant to condition no. (1) above, shall be fully implemented before the development is first occupied. On completion of the remediation scheme the developer shall provide a validation report to confirm that all works were completed in accordance with the agreed details, which must be submitted and agreed in writing before the development is first occupied. Any variation to the scheme including the validation reporting shall be agreed in writing with the local planning authority in advance of works being undertaken.</p> <p>Reason: in the interests of human health and to comply with policy SD1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>3. if, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority) shall be carried out until the developer has submitted, and obtained written approval from the local planning authority for an amendment to the method statement detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with.</p> <p>Reason: in the interests of human health and to comply with policy SD1 of the Herefordshire Local Plan – Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>Technical notes about the condition</p> <p>1. assessment is required to be undertaken in accordance with good practice guidance and needs to be carried out by a suitably competent person as defined within the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.</p> <p>2. all investigations of potentially contaminated sites are required to undertake asbestos sampling and analysis as a matter of routine and this should be included with any submission.</p> <p>3. where ground gas protection measures are required, they shall be validated in accordance with current best practice guidance.</p>		
	NDP	C	<p>Developments such as hospitals, homes and schools may be considered ‘sensitive’ and as such consideration should be given to risk from contamination notwithstanding any comments. Please note that the above does not constitute a detailed investigation or desk study to consider risk from contamination. Should any information about the former uses of the</p>	<p>Contamination is a material planning consideration and is addressed within the NPPF and LPCS policy SD1. Proposals coming forward as planning applications will be considered under the</p>	<p>No change.</p>



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			proposed development areas be available I would recommend they be submitted for consideration as they may change the comments provided. It should be recognised that contamination is a material planning consideration and is referred to within the NPPF. I would recommend applicants and those involved in the parish plan refer to the pertinent parts of the NPPF and be familiar with the requirements and meanings given when considering risk from contamination during development. Finally it is also worth bearing in mind that the NPPF makes clear that the developer and/or landowner is responsible for securing safe development where a site is affected by contamination. These comments are provided on the basis that any other developments would be subject to application through the normal planning process.	existing planning policy framework. No further reference is needed in the NDP.	
HC Transportation and Highways (Development Control)	Para. 2.3	C	Should include to locate development in places which allow for travel by sustainable modes.	This change is agreed.	Para. 2.3, amend objective 13 to read: “to locate development in places which allow for travel by sustainable modes and otherwise manage the impact of traffic arising from development.”.
	Policy BL1	C	Developments should provide good, convenient pedestrian and cycle links both within the development and linking the development to services and amenities.	This change is agreed. The proposed amendment also incorporates comments by HC Transportation and Highways (Active travel) (see below).	Policy BL1, VIII, amend to read: “providing safe, suitable and convenient pedestrian and cycle links within the development and linking to local services and amenities, and contributing to off-site measures such as supporting infrastructure to enable and promote active travel and sustainable drainage to serve a wider range of properties where appropriate;”.
	Policy BL3 IV	C	IV – have a safe and suitable access for pedestrians and cyclists as well as vehicles to the public highway and local services and amenities.	This change is agreed.	Policy BL3, IV, amend to read: “have a safe and suitable access for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles to the public highway, and to local services and amenities.”.

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	Policy BL8 IV	C	IV - Good pedestrian and cycle links are available and/or proposed to the proposed facility.	This change is agreed. The proposed amendment also incorporates comments by HC Transportation and Highways (Active travel) (see below).	Policy BL8, III, amend to read: "sufficient provision is made for off-street vehicle and cycle parking, and for active travel access."
HC Transportation and Highways (Active travel)	NDP	C	General comment is that there is often a lack of links between parishes within comfortable cycling distance to the city. There could usefully be policy in the NDPs for these parishes to redress this. Bartestree and Lugwardine in BL15 para IV is an interesting example of how this might usefully be applied to other parishes close to the City and Market Towns.	Comment noted.	No change.
	Policy BL15	C	I notice in the useful statement of changes that BL15 had an extra phrase in para IV which appears to have been missed off – I thought that public transport had been left out a bit- Should this be reinstated "Developer or CIL contributions will be sought from new development where appropriate to fund improvements towards improved public transport services and facilities and to mitigate the impact on the highway network"?	The phrase referred to is retained in policy BL15 as a standalone provision. It has been updated in respect of CIL (which is not operative in Herefordshire).	No change.
	Policy BL1		Comments in red as follows: Good design and the maximum possible reduction in carbon footprint whilst as a minimum complying with Building Regulations will be sought by: VIII. <del>contributing to assisting</del> off-site measures such as supporting infrastructure to <del>enable and</del> promote <del>sustainable active</del> travel ...	This change is agreed.	See amendments to policy BL1 in response to comment by HC Transportation and Highways (Development Control).
	Policy BL8		Comments in red as follows: Development proposals for the enhancement of existing community facilities and for new provision will be supported provided that: III. sufficient provision is made <del>to enable active travel access and</del> for off-street vehicle and cycle parking.	This change is agreed.	See amendments to policy BL8 in response to comment by HC Transportation and Highways (Development Control).
	Policy BL15		Comments in red as follows: Proposals for development will need to show: IV. that every available opportunity is taken to ensure that the site is linked to the village by an existing footway/cycleway or through the creation of a new footway/cycleway that provides safe, attractive and well-designed passage to the range of village facilities including bus stops, and including consideration as relevant to the proposal of a foot/cycle bridge across the River Lugg near to the A438.	These changes are agreed.	Policy BL15, include new criterion V to read: "V. provision of active travel infrastructure including links and cycle storage that extends the range of public transport."  Amend final para. to read:

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			Developer contributions will be sought from new development where appropriate to fund improvements to public transport services, <b>the active travel network</b> and facilities and to mitigate the impact on the highway network. <b>V. provision of active travel infrastructure (links, cycle storage etc) that extends the range of public transport.</b>		"... public transport services, the active travel network and to mitigate the impact on the highway network."
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	NDP – water quality	S	Thank you for consulting Welsh Water on the modifications to the Bartestree with Lugwardine Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are supportive of the modifications set out, in particular the addition of the River Wye SAC criterion to the Core Objectives, the modifications to criterion VII of Policy "BL1 Criteria for the Design of New Housing" and the proposed addition of "Policy BL12 Water Quality in the River Lugg" – each of these elements are key to ensuring that the water quality issue is addressed.	This support for the NDP modifications is welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL5	C	With regard to the proposed new allocations, there are no issues in providing any of these with a clean water supply or in connecting to the public sewerage network. We will provide further detail as and when consulted by Herefordshire Council as part of any planning applications.	Comment noted.	No change.
Environment Agency	NDP	C	As part of the adopted Herefordshire Council Core Strategy updates were made to both the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) and Water Cycle Strategy (WCS). This evidence base ensured that the proposed development in Hereford City, and other strategic sites (Market Towns), was viable and achievable. The updated evidence base did not extend to Rural Parishes at the NDP level so it is important that these subsequent plans offer robust confirmation that development is not impacted by flooding and that there is sufficient waste water infrastructure in place to accommodate growth for the duration of the plan period. Herefordshire Council are shortly to begin the Local Plan review process including updates to the evidence base. <b>Flood Risk:</b> We note that the NDP recommends the inclusion of three modest site allocations, with a cumulative number of 12 dwellings (indicative), all of those being located within Flood Zone 1 (low risk). We would not, in the absence of specific sites allocated within areas of fluvial flooding, offer a bespoke comment on flood risk at this time. However, it should be noted that the Flood Map provides an indication of 'fluvial' flood risk only. You are advised to discuss matters relating to surface water (pluvial) flooding with the drainage team at Herefordshire Council.	Comment noted.	No change.

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			<p><b>River Wye SAC Catchment:</b> It is noted that the Bartestree and Lugwardine NDP area is located at the southern point of the River Lugg Sub-catchment and that an AA has been undertaken in light of recent comments from Natural England (NE). As confirmed within the AA document the most significant issue within the River Wye SAC Catchment (included the River Lugg) relates to water quality and the potential impact of policies and site allocations within the NDP's. Section 3.12 of the NDP focuses on this issue and the importance of demonstrating that 'development can only proceed if it can be shown that there will be no adverse effect on the integrity of the (SAC) site'. We have previously provided comment on similar NDPs' with a view to ensuring a robust submission and that development can be achieved without impact on the integrity of the SAC, primarily within the Lugg Catchment. It is noted that Policy BL12 (Water Quality in the Lugg) now makes specific reference to impacts on the Catchment, including the need for nutrient neutrality and mitigation measures to secure such. The Phosphate Budget Calculator Tool, and associated guidance, is also referenced in the Policy. In consideration of the above Herefordshire Council should be satisfied, consultation with Natural England as the primary consultation body on this matter, that this approach, including possible mitigation, is a viable and deliverable and that there is a reasonable degree of certainty provided to take forward the sites in the plan.</p>		
Historic England	NDP	S	<p>Historic England is supportive of both the content of the document and the vision and objectives set out in it. We commend the commitment in the Plan to support limited well designed locally distinctive development that is sympathetic to the character of the area including its rural landscape character, heritage assets and green infrastructure. Beyond those observations we have no further comments to make on what Historic England considers is a good example of community led planning that takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish.</p>	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
Sport England	NDP	C	<p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan. Government planning policy, within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for</p>	Comment noted.	No change.

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			<p>sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important. It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 98 and 99. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy</a></p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications</a></p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 99 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery. Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.</p> <p><a href="http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance">http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</a></p>		

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			<p>If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.  <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/">http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</a></p> <p>Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.</p> <p>In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how any new development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.</p> <p>Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.</p> <p>NPPF Section 8: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities</a></p> <p>PPG Health and wellbeing section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a></p> <p>Sport England's Active Design Guidance:  <a href="https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign">https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</a></p> <p>(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)</p> <p>If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.</p>		

## Part 2: Community and other comments

Consultee	NDP Review ref	Type C = Comment O = Object S = Support	Comment received	Response	Amendments to draft Bartestree with Lugwardine NDP Review
Respondent 1	Policy BL5 Land adjacent to Newcourt Farm, Cotts Lane	O	<p>I have read the NDP with interest and would like to say it is far far better than its predecessor. A lot of work has been done and the Parish Council should be thanked. Taking these high ideals forward, I would hope that Hereford/Parish Councils seriously takes into account the issues of biodiversity, habitat, flooding, water quality espoused quite clearly throughout on future decision making.</p> <p>With this thought in mind, I have point of concern on the impacts of a suggested housing estate at New Court Farm, west of Cotts Lane, in contravention of these ideals particularly, water quality/pollution/biodiversity etc on the Lugg part of the Wye SAC/SSSi etc etc (condition unfavourable, phos levels etc). This plot is adjacent to (near enough c. 50m) Quarry Fields (immediately south) and to the land east of Cotts Lane (a single lane road), which are assessed as negative within the SEA on all counts. We are actually looking at the same place but different sides and alongside of the same road; New Court being opposite and to the north where the impacts are given as Neutral/Uncertain; given the latter's proximity to the negative, I am (more than) quite surprised. If the other sites. are unsuitable what makes this site better? In addition, there is a spring/drain into the Lugg quite close by to the north (water pollution run-off), it is home to Barn Owls, Bats etc (protected species) and adjacent to the Lugg Meadows, an historic site traditional managed with roman drains etc and one of, I believe, only two original / natural water meadows in the country the other being a Nature Reserve at Cricklade famous for fritilleries and cuckoo flowers. All in all the whole forms a really nice landscape/wildlife/wetland area (woods alongside etc), why put in another housing estate? I understand that (this is hearsay) before these new estates Cotts Lane did not flood at least not so severely, now one anticipates every winter that it will be under water and at times impassable – with a consequent effect of run off, phos, sewerage overflows etc into the Lugg, the condition of which is considered to be one of the most unfavourable in the country, it and its environs need protection and to be very carefully managed. The impact of development at New Court (a greenfield site and therefore cheaper for developers as a brownfield site is classed as contaminated land and therefore costs increase) will impact on the River and its meadows as well as on the landscape and panoramic views, clearly visible from Tupsley, the water meadows, Hemhill and the SAM etc. I cannot therefore understand why it has been chosen – in short, unfortunate impacts are directly on an</p>	<p>This objection is to the NDP proposal for around three dwellings on land at Newcourt Farm. The NDP Housing Site Assessment found that the site has a reasonable relationship to the built form of Lugwardine. No adverse issues were identified with biodiversity habitat, flood risk, heritage assets or access using Cotts Lane. The proposal will only generate a modest increase in vehicle numbers and no objection has been made by the highway authority. Because of the small size of the site (0.44 ha.) and its close visual relationship with nearby buildings at Newcourt Farm and other village properties, its development will not have a material impact on landscape views including from Hereford across the Lugg Meadows. The other sites referred to in the objection as scoring negative against SEA objectives (sites 14 and 15 in the Housing Site Assessment) are not comparable in terms of their relationship to the built form and/or biodiversity/heritage asset impacts to the proposal site. These variable impacts are appropriately reflected in their SEA scores.</p>	No change.



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			SAC/SSSI/ Unregistered Park/Garden as well as on water quality itself, run off, flooding, access (a one lane road) and landscape. There are others (eg St James Close) which appear to have far less an effect on any of these issues and fit in beautifully with the issue of biodiversity, habitat, etc etc adopted throughout the whole document as well as accessible.		
Respondent 2	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L4 Burial ground including footpath	S	The ref L4 on page 13 should clarify that it refers to the green pathway and not the public right of way LU9, which both join the A438.	Comment noted. The green pathway is identified on Map C with separate public right of way LU9 shown to the west. However, amendments to the text in clarification are proposed.	Para. 3.10.2: amend to read: "The green pathway (not public right of way) ...". Policy BL10, L4, amend to read: "...including green pathway (not public right of way) between ...".
	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land east of Traherne Close	S	Land east of Traherne Close L5 to become a Local Green Space.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	NDP	S	In general I am in favour of the published draft plan.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
Respondents 3 and 4	NDP	S	Support all proposals. New safer cycle routes are needed in the area especially alongside the A438. A new foot/cycle bridge is needed where A438 crosses the River Lugg. It is currently very dangerous to walk across this bridge as there is no pavement in places.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
Respondent 5	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land east of Traherne Close	O	Further to my recent telephone conversation with you, I am writing to confirm that I strongly object and do not give permission for my paddock to be classified as LGS under the NDP. The paddock in question is situated at the back of New Rents Farm and in between the graveyard and Traherne Close. As mentioned I have consulted an independent planning consultant who has advised that this proposal cannot be applied to privately owned land without the owners permission and is usually applied to public land such as village greens etc. Can you please confirm that you will consult to remove this privately owned land from the list of proposals with immediate effect in order for me not to incur professional fees in order to achieve the same.	See response to CR Planning Solutions.	No change.

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			<p>My apologies about the private ownership, I think I was misinformed here and jumped the gun. However, I have commissioned a professional report, at cost, and it does appear that the paddock does not meet LGS requirements and is simply being put forward as an attempt to thwart a planning application. Naturally I strongly object to this site being considered by the parish council, primarily for their self-serving reasons and would ask that you please remove this site from further considerations. A copy of this report will be submitted in due course.</p>	<p>See response to CR Planning Solutions.</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>CR Planning Solutions for Respondent 5</p>	<p>Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land east of Traherne Close</p>	<p>O</p>	<p>[The following is the summary provided in the comment. The full text of the comment can be obtained from the Parish Clerk].</p> <p>In summary, Land East of Traherne Close, Lugwardine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• forms a large tract of agricultural land, a 2.5 acre pasture field in private ownership outside of the defined settlement boundary,</li> <li>• has never been regarded previously as demonstrably special to the local community or of local significance until it was appraised for its development potential,</li> <li>• is not available for a recreational use,</li> <li>• has no public access, and</li> <li>• has no specific landscape or biodiversity interest or richness.</li> </ul> <p>As detailed in this representation, Land East of Traherne Close does, along with other fields on the edge of Lugwardine, have heritage value as it lies within the Conservation Area, with a Scheduled Ancient Monument located to the north east. That said, and in line with paragraph 11 of the PPG, these existing heritage designations along with the defined settlement boundary for Lugwardine will protect these assets with no additional local benefit being gained by the designation of Land East of Traherne Close as a Local Green Space.</p> <p>Furthermore and as per paragraph 15 of the PPG, blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements, such as Land East of Traherne Close, as an LGS is not appropriate.</p> <p>In addition, no robust and rigorous technical or corroborated evidence has been provided within the review draft BLNDP to demonstrate that designation of this pasture field as an LGS meets the tests in paragraph 102 of the Framework.</p>	<p>Land east of Traherne Close (L5) is demonstrably special green space to the local community. This is evidenced by the level of response to the 2021 NDP consultation on housing site options (33 comments, only one of which favoured development) and to the regulation 14 consultation (10 comments in support of policy BL10). Comments show that its particular local significance stems from its historic quality, wildlife interest and tranquillity, which complements the adjacent St. Peter's graveyard. The fact that the land is in private ownership with no public access does not prevent its designation as Local Green Space. It can be readily appreciated by members of the community from the public footpath which runs alongside its eastern boundary, and from the graveyard. L5 has clearly-defined and well-established boundaries which endow the site with an enclosed and secluded local character.</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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			<p>Given the above, the inclusion of Site L5, Land East of Traherne Close, as a Local Green Space is contrary to national and local plan policy and as such the review draft BLNDP does not meet the Basic Conditions</p> <p>On behalf of our client, and to ensure that the Basic Conditions are met, we therefore recommend that:</p> <p>The review draft BLNDP is amended so that Site L5 Land East of Traherne Close is omitted from the list of Local Green Spaces in Policy BL10 and Map C, and accordingly the site is not designated a Local Green Space.</p>	<p>Planning Practice Guidance confirms there are no hard or fast rules about how big a LGS can be; places are different and a degree of judgment will inevitably be needed (Planning Practice Guidance ID: 37-015-20140306). L5 at 1 ha. is smaller than other areas of Local Green Space already designated as such in the NDP, such as L2 (1.3 ha.) and B1 (3.3 ha.). Applying judgement, it is evident that L5 is not 'extensive' in the local village context and landscape setting, and that the proposal to designate it as Local Green Space does not amount to the blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements.</p> <p>Finally, LGS designation will provide additional local benefit to the existing designation as a Conservation Area. This is because these designations are intended to achieve different purposes. Whilst Conservation Area status protects character or appearance, it does not necessarily preclude development, whilst Local Green Space designation gives effect to the aspiration of the local communities to identify and protect green areas such as L5 which are of particular importance to them.</p>	

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Respondents 6 and 7	Map C	C	Map C is confusing.	Map C provides the necessary information to clearly illustrate the NDP's planning policies as these apply to Bartestree and Lugwardine.	No change.
	NDP	C	Well done! Excellent under demanding conditions.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
Respondents 8 and 9	Policy BL11	S	Excellent idea to preserve these wonderful views.	These expressions of support for the NDP are welcomed.	No change.
	NDP	S	We have read the plan on line. We really appreciate the hard work put into it and approve of all of it.		
Respondent 10	Paras. 1.3.5 and 1.3.8	S	I agree that great consideration should be taken with any development with protecting the River Lugg from pollution and the minor lanes mentioned that cannot take ever increasing traffic.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land east of Traherne Close	S	I strongly support the land east of Traherne Close being designated a Local Green Space. The tranquillity of the grave yard alongside is vitally important to so many. I also agree with the land west of Longworth Lane being included.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	NDP	S	I would love to see greater provision made for cyclists but see the difficulties in doing this. This is an excellent report.	Policy BL15 seeks that new development makes provision for active travel including cycling.	No change.
Respondent 11	Policy BL10	S	I support all these green spaces, especially L4.	These expressions of support for the NDP are welcomed.	No change.
	Para. 1.3.5	S	Important to conserve our local rivers.		
	NDP	S	A well prepared and useful document. Thank you.		
Respondent 12	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land	S	I support this as being a green space.	These expressions of support for the NDP are welcomed.	No change.

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	east of Traherne Close				
	Policy BL10 Local Green Space B8 Land west of Longworth Lane	S	I support this as being a green space.		
Respondents 13 and 14	Policy BL10	S	There is a necessity to retain Local Green Space for the community.	These expressions of support for the NDP are welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL3	S	These are certainly 2 distinct settlements.		
	Policy BL11	S	Very important to rural life.		
	Policy BL12	S	Essential to keep out rivers clean.		
	NDP	S	This is an excellent, professional NDP. Thank you.		
Respondent 15	NDP	S	Just wanted to comment that I think the NDP is a great piece of work and provides a strong framework for the Parish.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
Respondent 16	NDP	S	In general I think it is a fair proposal.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
Respondent 17	Para 1.3.3	S/O	Keeping the village settlements as separate blocks is important. Must be the same as with Bartestree and Whitestone.	NDP policy BL4 serves to protect the countryside gap between Bartestree and Lugwardine. It is justified by the history of development pressures in the area, the sensitivity of the location and the proximity of the two settlements (around 230m). The distance between Bartestree and Whitestone (which is outside the Neighbourhood Area) is significantly greater at 860m and the risk of coalescence notably	No change.
	Key issues	S/O	As above – separation of villages must also include Bartestree and Whitestone.		

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				less. For instance, the railway line and Black Hole Lane provide barriers to development. Maintaining the separation between Bartestree and Whitestone is most appropriately delivered through the normal operation of development plan settlement boundary and countryside protection policies.	
	Objective 2	S	[No comment]	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL1	S/O	<u>All</u> new properties in these villages should have highest possible eco standards and have good green space. <u>No</u> repeats of Malvern View.	Policy BL1 sets out a number of criteria to encourage sustainable design whilst as a minimum complying with Building Regulations.	No change.
	NDP	C	Thank you for producing NDP. What is the PC's view of the proposed Eastern bypass? This will have a negative effect on the village roads.	Comment noted. An initial feasibility study of the Eastern Access Road is being undertaken by HC and at this time the Parish Council does not have a formal view on the proposal.	No change.
Respondent 18	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land east of Traherne Close	S	This land is in a Conservation Area and adjoining the burial ground. It should be retained as a green space for numerous reasons inc heritage.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL10 Local Green Space B1 Village Hall open space	C	The open space surrounding the various pitches on the village hall should be kept as open green spaces for children and adult use and not for sports pitches, there is no other general green space for friends to gather or just kick a ball without playing in a team!	Local Green Space B1 makes provision for a range of formal and informal recreational pursuits.	No change.

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	Policy BL10 Local Green Space B8 Land west of Longworth Lane	C	Although B8 is an open field it has no communal facility apart from walking across it! It would be good to keep it as green space but as the PC do not own it – it holds no extra value than any other surrounding field that has a footpath. The view however is an asset!	NPPG makes clear that land may be considered for designation as Local Green Space even if there is no or restricted public access, provided relevant criteria in the NPPF are met. To this end, NDP para. 3.10.2 explains why B8 is proposed for designation as Local Green Space.	No change.
	Policy BL11	S	I support the asset of all landscape views.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	NDP	C	Whereas the sporting teams are an asset I am advised that a considerable amount of the players are from outside our area. We wish to support all the children and therefore I consider that the adjoining field should provide more general usage and not competitive. The last NDP wished us to list our wants for the parish and they took no notice of these whatsoever!	Local Green Space B1 includes open space to the east of the access and makes provision for a range of formal and informal recreational pursuits.	No change.
Respondent 19	Section 3.10	C	Would it be possible for a comment/reminder that dogs are to be on leads when walking through Willow Lea. Willow Lea is very open with lots of grass areas – but is still a housing development like Traherne Close and Quarryfield. I live in Willow Lea and its disappointing to see dog mess on the grass areas. These grass areas are not public spaces they are residents lawns. Very often the owners are unaware of their dogs making a mess.	This is outside the scope of the NDP.	No change.
Respondent 20	Policy BL1	C	Agree strongly with BL1 III, VII, and VIII.	These expressions of support for the NDP are welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL10	S	Support Local Green Spaces especially L4, L5 and B8.		
Respondents 21 and 22	Paras. 1.3.9 and 1.3.12		The three suggested plots for housing are suitably restricted. Dwellings should be designed for elderly and people with physical disabilities.	Policy BL6 requires proposals for housing to demonstrate that they meet the latest assessment of housing needs, including for adapted and easy access homes.	No change.

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	Para. 1.4.1	C	The River Lugg water quality should be given high priority.	Comment noted. Policy BL12 provides the necessary safeguards.	No change.,
	Para. 1.3.7	C	The two parishes clearly have a “critical mass” in social and economic terms, but any further growth would threaten environmental quality and quality of life for the community.	Comment noted. The NDP sets out the approach to further development in the remainder of the plan period at para. 3.3.2 (policy BL3), with small-scale growth provided for. The minimum LPCS requirement to 2031 has already been met (see NDP para. 1.2.3).	No change.
	Policy BL10 Para. 1.4.1	C	Creation of a ‘loop’ route south of the current linear Longworth-Rhystone Lane path.	See response to respondents 23 and 24.	See amendment in response to comment by respondents 23 and 24.
	NDP	C	We implore the PC to take a hard line on further development, and stay firmly to the recommendations and proposals set out in the consultation draft.	Once made, the NDP Review will form part of the statutory development plan, the starting point for decisions on planning applications made by Herefordshire Council as the local planning authority.	No change.
Respondents 23 and 24	Policy BL15	C	I am very keen for improved cycle/footpath routes but feel an essential here is improved bus services as we have a growing elderly population and the current 2 hour service is quite abysmal. In order to meet decreased traffic flow and improve the environment, a bus service on at least an hourly basis is required. Improvements to footpaths, cycleways and the bus service may also encourage more school children to walk, cycle or take a bus.	Policy BL15 including amendments to be made following comment by HC Transportation and Highways deals with public transport and active travel improvements. The expressed desire in comments for such improvements should be recorded in the plan text supporting policy BL15, in order to support implementation initiatives and developer provision as opportunities arise.	Add new para. 3.15.2: “Comments to the draft NDP highlighted the desire for improvements to public transport and active travel facilities, with reference made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foot/cycle bridge across the River Lugg, adjacent to the A438.</li> <li>• Continuous footway alongside the A438 between Bartestree and Lugwardine.</li> <li>• Off-road footpath/cycleway linking the two villages.</li> </ul>



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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvements to the frequency of bus services.”.</li> </ul>
Respondent 25	Policy BL10 Local Green Space L5 Land east of Traherne Close and B8 Land west of Longworth Lane	S	I support these two additions to the list.	This support for the NDP is welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL10	C	I suggest that the piece of land (Lotties Plot) in Lugwardine to the east of the burial ground is also added as a Local Green Space. The reasons are identical to those for L5: it is outside the settlement boundary, it is inside the Conservation Area, it is adjacent to the scheduled ancient monument, it enhances the tranquillity of the burial ground.	Whilst noting the similarities with L5, it is considered that the case for this designation remains to be fully made at this time, notably as to whether the green space can be shown to be demonstrably special to the local community. This is without prejudice to any future consideration of this proposal in a future review of the NDP.	No change.
	NDP	C	I think that the reviewed NDP is an excellent, improved document apart from the photograph on the front cover. Although a very attractive photograph, it does not tell the reader anything about Bartestree or Lugwardine. I would suggest that a map of the group parish would be informative and uncontroversial.	This change is agreed.	Front cover to include a map of the Neighbourhood Area based on the existing Map A.
Respondent 26	NDP	S	Support changes to the core objectives in the made NDP and to made policies BL3 and BL4.	These expressions of support for the NDP are welcomed.	No change.
	Policy BL5	S	Support the housing site allocations.		
	Policy BL9	S	Good to see this a strengthened priority.		
	Policy BL10	S	Support the amended and additions to Local Green Spaces.		

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	Policy BL15	S	A new walkway/cycleway across the Lugg adjacent to A 438 is a major priority for safety and the environment.		
Respondent 27	NDP	S	The access from St Peters Church to the cemetery at L4 is not a “public right of way” although it is regularly used without hindrance by members of the public.	Comment noted. The description at L4 does not refer to a public right of way. However, related amendments in clarification are proposed in response to respondent 2.	See amendments in response to comment by respondent 2.
Respondent 28	NDP	C	In light of recent announcements by Michael Gove on behalf of the UK Government regarding the future consultation process for planning, I suggest the Parish Council pause its work on the NDP until such times as the full details are available and the implications fully understood.	The NDP facilitates greater community input into local planning, pending recent proposals to give residents more involvement in local development.	No change.
Respondent 29	Policy BL1	S	However we do not need any more large housing schemes in Bartestree and it's a pity this criteria has not been there before.	Policy BL1 applies to the design of new housing irrespective of their scale. A preference for small-scale growth for the remainder of the plan period is recorded in the NDP at para. 3.3.2 (policy BL3) and reflects the fact that the minimum LPCS requirement has been met.	No change.
	Policies BL5 and BL6	C	If any further houses or bungalows to be built they are on smaller sites. The villages would benefit from more bungalows but to date this provision in Bartestree is too small in the recent developments.	Policy BL6 requires a suitable mix of new housing including bungalows.	No change.
	Policy BL10	C	Retain and maintain existing green spaces. Allotment provision is a good idea – gardens especially in the ‘new builds’ are small. * for families for recreation and veg growing.	Comment noted.	No change.
	Policy BL15	C	Ensure that a foot/cycle way is made across the River Lugg. Consider with landowners support a cycleway is made between Bartestree and Lugwardine that does not go on the road but across fields etc.	See response to respondents 23 and 24.	See amendment in response to comment by respondents 23 and 24.

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	NDP	C	Reference the return collection boxes at various points in the village – the one I have observed at the Village Hall is just an open box by the door – any forms left there can be seen, read and destroyed. I think there should have been a more secure letter box type collection box that could only be open by someone on the Parish Council.	Comment noted.	No change.
Respondent 30	Policy BL3	C	Obviously not possible to comment on the impact of overlooking surrounding buildings.	Issues of amenity associated with neighbouring property are addressed at criterion II.	No change.
	Section 3.10	c	Supporting resident 19's comment – as I don't want to see hedges everywhere which could be the long-term solution to having to clean the grass.	This is outside the scope of the NDP.	No change.
Respondent 31	Policy BL5	O	Begrudgingly supporting site 3 if has to be building. A NDP that is not a plan (as such) as it changes "when feels like it"! The plan is to change the plan when select individuals feel like it. Suggest original plan as it was sold across – is honoured.	This is presumably a reference to site H3 Land at Figgynut Cottage. This and the other proposed site allocations were identified through a Call for Sites, Housing Site Assessment and public consultation. The proposed site allocations reflect this due process and will keep the NDP up to date.	No change.
Respondent 32	Policy BL15	O	Despite the (agreed but deferred) crossing outside St Mary's School and the proposed cycle/footbridge over the Lugg, there is still no mention of a continuous pavement between Bartestree and Lugwardine which would seem to be a necessity. Also, no mention of the inadequate sewage system and poor water pressure. Incidentally, the pedestrian/cycle crossing over the river has been a matter of discussion between various bodies for at least 20 years, I understand.	See response to respondents 23 and 24.	See amendment in response to comment by respondents 23 and 24.