

Summary Comments from November 2022 Rural Settlement Hierarchy Workshops

In consideration of the feedback received from previous consultations held in 2022, further consultation events were held where Members and Parish Councillors could work through the information in the format of workshops, forming the next steps regarding options for the Rural Settlement Hierarchy. It also gave a chance for some open floor discussion for ideas or other questions. In addition to this, we sent out to Parishes in October 2022 with a list of services to ensure we had consulted each listed settlement and allowed them to tell us if there were any additional services etc, or from local knowledge let us know if pubs and shops have closed down.

On the 9 November a members meeting was held at the Kindle Centre and on the 10 November 2022 this workshop was repeated with Parish Councillors at Saxon Hall. On the 15 November 2022 an online session was also held to reach those who were not able to make the in person event.

The 3 workshops involved a presentation and a set of 5 workshop discussions looking at:

- 1) What is sustainable in rural Herefordshire terms? Would this vary in different parts of the county?***
- 2) What is a key rural service or facility? How would you rank these services in order of importance for a sustainable 21 st Century village/settlement?***
- 3) Options for creating a settlement hierarchy and what should be the focus for growth***
- 4) Creating a settlement hierarchy and looking at a tiered option or a flat option.***
- 5) Creation of a new settlement.***

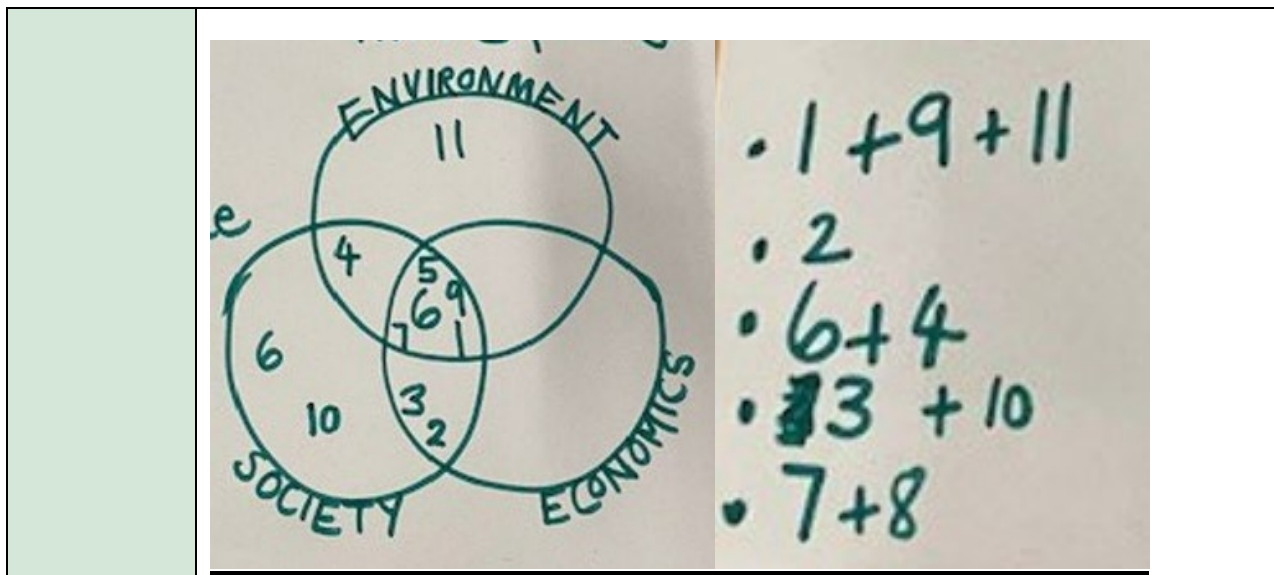
On the 6 December, another event for Members was held at the Kindle Centre. This was specifically a Market Towns place shaping event, where members could discuss the options that have been proposed for their Market Town and discuss any ideas of concerns as well as feedback from the Place Shaping consultation in June/July 2022.

Consultation Workshops	Date
Members (13 in attendance)	9 November 2022
Parish Council (in person)	10 November 2022
Parish Council (Online)	15 November 2022

Below is a summary of responses received at these workshops, which have been divided up by the five discussions.

Members Workshop discussion q1

What is sustainable (services) in rural Herefordshire terms?	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local(ish) school (primary) Pref walking distance • Convenience shop – walk • Primary Care Facilities (Defibs) • Community Hub Eg village hall and pub and post office (within walking distance) • Transport – ideally bus route • Access to: Hospital, further education, services eg railway, fuel/charging station, rail routes • Fast broadband • Open Space – Playground/football field • Focus for community volunteers • Village School most deterministic of sustainability • Place of worship?
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houses built only where local work available and services • Yes where no jobs or services are in place, little development • Post office bank, pubs, shops, schools, play open areas, employment • Doctors, road infrastructure, areas for rambblers, bus, limit to number of new builds in small towns • Bus travel, build no car workplaces, housing for local people • Sustainability is environment, economy and social. Mixture of housing, facilities for elderly and ageing population • Arrow ward has more than 1000 jobs and self employed • Greenfields of bungalows • Remove small settlements from 215 and use main settlement list as the centre of ideology
Group 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Community/public transport 2 Broadband 3 Affordable local shop 4 Good walking infrastructure 5 Parking Space 6 schools (1 and 2) 7 community hub 8 pub 9A sewage treatment with capacity 10 GP surgery 11 No biodiversity net loss



Group 4

- Keeping Families together
- Promoting independent living
- Avoid flood zones (2/3)
- Parallel infrastructure
- Development
- Circular economy (EV Structure, waste resolution)
- S106 contribution! (avoid under 10 houses)
- Public Transport Provision (Avoid dependence on a car)
- Mix use walk ability (15 min neighbourhoods)
- No more than 5% of second homes (double council tax on them)
- Minimum density of housing (more apartments, terraces/tall houses) or maximum no of detached houses
- Encourage SME growth in parallel
- Abandon minimum parking required

Would this vary in different parts of the county?

Possibly depending on settlement

In-Person Parish Council Workshop discussion q1

What is sustainable in Herefordshire terms?

Group 1

- Is it sustainable to grow and thrive?
- Respect the existing settlement boundaries
 - If we keep adding more housing we may change the character of rural Herefordshire.
 - What does sustainable mean?
 - Respect the NDP which defines sustainable as voted on by the local community!
 - + Is govt policy (17000 new homes)
 - Sustainable in rural Herefordshire?

Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of the environment. • Retirement properties for local people. • Maintain enhanced local facilities. • Local housing for local people. • Better local transport.
Group 3	<p>Can community support growth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eg bus services. Road quality, stop, community hall para 8 NPPF - 3 pillars of sustainable development easy access to gp surgery and school (not necessarily in Parish) • County facilities must be able to support growth • Broadband, sewage..... <p>1. Water (tap water)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More sustainable transport facilities
Group 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we want all villages to grow? Sustainable as a small villages • Capacity of sewerage to growth in housing _ can there external bodies cop with growth fisted upon them? • Disconnect with development and infrastructure available to deal with it, water, sewage et. This capacity must be addressed alongside development • Some areas targeted for growth but have no gas mains sewerage etc. not sustainable • Planners have no statutory control over these bodies and insist on an upgrade • Easier for larger communities to grow and these bodies can provide services and more at cheaper cost
Group 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport • Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ school ○ Pub ○ Shop ○ Doctors ○ (proximity to all above) • Cycle Paths • Power (Utility Supply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ water ○ electricity • A Road fades (to ensure public transport) • Road Safety • Incentives for affordable housing • Self Sufficiency
Group 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For what? => housing? => transport? etc • In terms of a settlement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Village hall, church, shop • Employment - accessibility to. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conflict- industrialisation of countryside ○ Agricultural diversification pressures • What is deemed sustainable now will be very different in 5/10 yrs time

	<p>e.g:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change in farming? • electric vehicle use. • The metrics used to calculate, 'settlement' status + sustainability are one size fits all'- more
<p>Would this vary in different parts of county?</p>	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. • The more rural, the fewer services and greater need to travel. • More support from H.C. for local bus services including school transport.
Group 3	<p>Yes!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus services vary immensely • Not all areas are conducive to cycling • The plan should take into account • Long term issues/ ambitions
Group 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council, should have more Say/ clout in saying how services work in their area. NDP's need b be looked at taken more seriously. • Sustainable development must include building of schools doctors etc alongside development not an after thought • s106 monies should be given to the PC and help spend on sustainable issues known to the PC.
Group 5	<p>Intelligent analysis needed.</p>
Group 6	<p>YES- this does vary in different parts county AONB - preservation of asset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes NOT LONG ENOUGH, VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT NEEDS MORE CONSIDERATION • AONB – Preservation of asset, conservation area • NDP's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Growth in order to thrive. ○ Small development in proportion to existing 'settlement'/village • Sites for designated 'social' + 'affordable housing

Online Parish Council Workshop discussion q1

What is sustainable in Herefordshire terms?

Overall attendees

The ability to get to local towns by public transport in time for work.

Communications, both physical and virtual enabling access to services, shopping, and working opportunities

A range of housing to suit all stages of life.

environmentally sustainable requires net zero carbon, adequate protection of the river and biodiversity. That will require good design - proper consideration of energy efficiency and energy generation as well as water use and biodiversity

Society - suitable places for all members of society - so both young and old, those working and those learning and retired

affordable houses for all types of people, both private and social.local jobs for local peoplebalance between rural life and sustainable community re jobs, schools, health.good transport links if further housing is proposed

good interconnection with towns, good basic services

Having good access to communication infrastructure.Places for work whether it be hubs or homes.Practical sustainable travel aligned to demographic needs.

Growth that suits needs of rural villages.

do not get obsessed with growth - it is ultimately unsustainable

Community infrastructure has to come before housing. Roads, broadband, shops, public transport, shops, jobs, drainage. Building houses without any overarching plan is a disaster

For our community at Burghill we need a really good infrastructure which currently doesn't exist. We have poor drainage systems poor access on c class roads to many services such as the shop, pub and school. Most journeys are conducted by car.

Ability to access basic day to day services without using a car - we need to be strong on this due to the climate emergency. Safe movement around the settlement / surrounding areas, so close access to higher quality roads & topography is important

Footpaths enabling people to walk from one settlement to another avoiding roads and speeding traffic

Mains drains that work, and do not back up and cause problems for residents!

Ensuring transport along safe routes (not solely car based) for all residents to services that may be needed both into and out of a place - if the necessary services are not available close by then consider how to get to them

consideration of affordability while looking at structure of settlements

Workshop discussion q2

Members, Parish Council and Online PC Combined

What is a key rural service or facility?
Key Service listed
Accessibility
Broadband
Broadband
Bus
Buses
Businesses
Café
Cash point
Cash points
Church
Church/ place of workshop
Church/ Village Hall
Church/place of worship
cycle routes
Community
Community / village hall
Community building
community hall (Not church)
Community village hall
Community/village hall
Community/village Hall
Community/village Hall
Community/village Hall
Community/village hall
Community/Villages Hall
Convenience store
Cycle ways
Decent broadband
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Defibrillator
Dental surgery
Doctor
Doctor surgery
Doctors
Doctors surgery
Doctors surgery

Doctors surgery
Doctors Surgery
Employment
EV charging point
EV charging point
EV Charging points
EV charging points
Fast broadband
Garage (mechanical)
General store
Good drainage
Good mobile network
Jobs
Library
Local / Village shop with additional facility of post office or standalone
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Local/village shop with additional post office or standalone post office
Local/village shop with additional post office or standalone post office
Local/village shops
Mains drainage
meeting areas - community gardens
Meeting place
Mains water, sewage
Multi-purpose church / place of worship
Nursery / pre school
Nursery / pre school
Nursery / Pre school
Nursery / Pre School
Nursery / pre school
Nursery/Pre School
Open space
Other – Utilities, broadband, electricity, water, sewage drainage
Other employment facilities
Other employment facilities
Other employment facilities
Other employment facilities
Other key retail and/or service
Other key retail and/or Service
Other medical facilities
Other public transport provisions
Other public transport provisions

Petrol station
Petrol Station
Pharmacy
Pharmacy
Pharmacy
Play area
Play areas
Play areas
Play areas
Play areas
Play areas
Play areas
Play areas
Post office
pre school
Primary School
Primary school
Primary school
Primary school
Primary school
Primary school
Primary school
Primary school
Primary school
Primary schools
Primary schools
Primary schools
Pub
Public House
Public house
Public House
Public house
Public house
Public House – depending on facilities
Public transport
Public transport
Public transport
Public transport
Public transport (daily services)
Public transport provision
Public transport provisions
Public transport provisions
Recreation ground
Retail and food outlets
School
Secondary school
Shop
Sports and Social clubs
Sports facility

Sports Hall (open to public)
Sports pitch
Sports pitch
Sports pitch
Sports pitch
sports pitch
Talk Community Hall
Talk Community Hub
Talk community Hub
Utilities
Village hall
Village hall
Village shop
Visiting facilities

How would you rank these services in order of importance for a sustainable 21st Century village/settlement?

For the suggested ranking see photos after table.

Members Workshop

Group 1 (Green)

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Local village shops with ad	Bank	
Other employment facilities	Other educational facilities	
Doctors surgery	Food outlets	
Public house	Financial facilities	
Community/village hall		
Public transport		
Dental surgery		
Pharmacy		
Garage (mechanical)		
Other key retail and/or service		
Other medical facilities		
Defibrillator		
Sports Hall (open to public)		
Primary school		
Cash point		
Nursery / pre school		
Petrol station		

Group 2 (Blue)

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Church/place of worship	Accountants	Public House
Nursery/Pre School	Insurance company	Garage (mechanical)
Primary school	Cash points	Other employment facilities
Secondary school	Bank	Sports and social clubs
Local / Village shop with additional facility of post office or standalone	Other financial facilities	Sports Hall (open to public)
Local/village shop	Other leisure and tourism	Construction/Maintenance Services
Doctors surgery	Dental surgery	
Pharmacy	Skate parks	
Defibrillator	Further education	
Library	Private schools	
Community/village Hall	Other educational facilities	
Talk community Hub		
EV charging point	Other key retail and/or services	
Public transport provision	Food outlets	
Play areas	Other medical facilities	
Sports pitch		

Group 3 (Dark Green)

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Primary school	Secondary school	
Nursery / Pre School	Other leisure and tourism	
Local/village shop	Other medical facilities e.g. Vets	
Local / Village shop with additional facility of post office or standalone	Talk community hub	
Defibrillator	Food outlet	
Community/village Hall	Garage (Mechanical)	
Public transport provisions	Community hospital	
Play areas	Care home	
Sports pitch	Dental surgery	
Public house	Sports and social clubs	
Doctors surgery	Cash point	
Pharmacy	Construction / Maintenance services	
Petrol Station	Library	
EV Charging points	Insurance company	
	Accountants	
	Bank	
	Further education	
	Church / place of worship	

Group 4 (Red)

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Community	Bank	
Doctors Surgery	Dental surgery	
Local / Village shop with additional facility of post office or standalone	Defibrillator	
Other key retail and/or Service	Sports pitch	
Play areas	Sports and social clubs	
Public House	Other public transport provisions	
Primary School	Repair shop (Cycle)	
Other employment facilities		
Multi-purpose church / place of worship		
EV charging points		
Public transport		
Cycle ways		

In-person Workshop discussion 2 meeting with parishes**Group 1**

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Community village hall	Bank	Local/village shop
Public transport (daily services)		Local/village shop with additional post office or standalone post office
Nursery / pre school		Doctors Surgery
Decent broadband		Church / place of worship
Defibrillator		EV charging point
Primary school		Sports pitch
Play area		Sports hall (open to public)
		Sports and social clubs
		Other leisure and tourism
		Cash point
		Other employment facilities

Group 2

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Public transport	Private school	Other key retail and/or services
Retail and food outlets	Secondary school	Local/village shop with additional post office or standalone post office
Local/village shops	Further education	Food outlets
Primary schools	Sports hall (open to public)	Nursery / pre school
Defibrillator	Skate parks	Public House
	Other educational facilities	Multi- purpose Church / place of worship
	Accounts	Talk Community Hub
	Insurance company	Other employment facilities
	Other leisure and tourism	Garage (mechanical)
		Cash point
		Pharmacy
		Community/ village hall
		Library
		EV charging point
		Construction/ maintenance services
		Doctors surgery
		Dental surgery
		Petrol station
		Other public transport provisions
		Other medical facilities
		Bank
		Play areas

Group 3

Workshop 2 – all depends on settlement size

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Community / village hall	library	Food outlets
Talk Community Hub	Petrol station	Other educational facilities
Public House – depending on facilities	Other Key retail and/or services	Further education
Local/village shop with additional post office or standalone post office	Doctors surgery	Secondary schools
Sports pitch	Sports and social clubs	Private schools
Nursery / pre school	Construction/maintenance services	Skate parks
Play areas	Garage (mechanical)	Sports hall (open to public)
Defibrillator	Other leisure and tourism	
Other employment facilities		
EV charging point		
Other public transport provisions		
Primary School		

Group 4

Workshop 2

Key Service	Non Key Service	Nice to Have
Defibrillator	Doctors Surgery	EV charging points
Other public transport provisions	Dental surgery	Construction /Maintenance services
Primary schools	Pharmacy	Other employment facilities
Nursery / Pre school	Other medical facilities (e.g. Vets)	Further education
Local/village shop	Garage (mechanical)	Secondary school
Local/village shop with additional post office or standalone post office	Cash point	Private schools
Public house	Petrol station	Other educational facilities
Sports pitch	Other key retail and/or services	Bank
Sports and Social clubs	Food outlets	Accountants
Play areas	Skate parks	insurance company
Community/Villages Hall	Other leisure and tourism	Other financial facilities
Talk Community Hall		Sports hall (open to public)
Church/ place of worship		Library
Open space		
Meeting area – community garden		
Mains water, sewage		

Online Workshop discussion 2 meeting with parishes

Key Services from word cloud (all groups) Ranked high to low

Doctor surgery
Fast broadband
Convenience store
Post office
Public transport
Village shop
Employment
Good drainage
Visiting facilities
Jobs
Utilities
Businesses
Village hall
Church
Broadband
Doctor
Pub
Village hall
School
Bus
Shop
Doctors
Primary school
Recreation ground
Community building
Good mobile network
Accessibility
Mains drainage
Café
General store
Meeting place

Members Workshop discussion q3

Options for creating a settlement hierarchy and what should be the focus for growth?	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5000 houses • Main driver to reduce non-essential travel so ideal settlement has: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Primary school 2 Public transport route (s) or potential routes 3. Shops/farm shop [Big monthly/online] 4 Hairdresser – personal services 5 Active travel links (cycle, bridleway, footpath) 6. Employment, business light industrial
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Jobs and business • Capability of development to deal with flooding and sewage capacity • Community facilities such as e.g. primary schools, post office, surgery and pub, village hall, open spaces • Road infrastructure • Foot paths, circular walks
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy based on <u>schools</u>: • +/- capacity • Builds community • Reduces carbon footprint (school miles) • Reduces congestion in market towns • Improves Air quality • Schools tend to work best pooling children from different areas Not sure that this should be growth focus point • Employment land • Link with rail stations • Walk to work/cycle • Rail- TOP PRIORITY • Reduce congestion • Improve air quality • Enables bike users • Reduced carbon footprint • Access to employment
Group 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue – availability of background data. • 1st choice - transport routes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. rail (develop?) 2. bus (land purchase or lease) • 2nd choice - Employment land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What about the retired Type of employment, could encourage travel into area Skills ? • -3rd choice - retail /shops • -Not Schools • -Parental choice, lack of teachers, car usage, sustainable transport plan

In person Parish Council workshop discussion 3

Options for creating a settlement hierarchy and what should be the focus for growth?	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Question 1.</i> Based on previous workshops, what is considered to be the most important sustainable factors which could assist in determining a settlement hierarchy? Centres of physical employment and good connectivity for remote working and Nursery and Primary Schools proximity (with capacity). is the correct/key hierarchy and you need both elements above for it to be sustainable= • <i>Question 2.</i> What could the implications be of focusing on any one of these aspects? • <i>Question 3.</i> Which element would assist to reduce the need to travel and create more sustainable communities? What we have said above • <i>Question 4.</i> Is there an additional factor which could be included? There should be a tiered system within the chosen hierarchy! • There should be a fifth map showing high speed broadband.
Group 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to goods a services (every day) 2. Access to primary education. 3. Good daily public transport. 4. Good internet + mobile phone signals, 5. General accessibility – good transport routes, 6. Good access to employment locations. 7. Subsidised school bus transport. Non- subsidised means more children being driven to school (secondary) 8. Potential for opening more stations.
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure – sewage, water, power, roads, range of services, • Education • Access to employment, access to sustainable transport (existing & potential) road network • Needs a holistic approach - all are interlinked focussing on one man have unintended consequences for others. • access to employment land • access to facilities to enable flexible broadband & mobile coverage if possible
Group 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on any of these is a good idea - but the basics of electricity, water etc. must be in place first. • Once this is sorted - look at flood risk etc. ... then focus on how to stop people having to travel e.g., schools. These are the ideal once the basics are in place. • Should be looking at general environmental issues of specific developments e.g. solar, water containment etc. This should be more achievable than theoretical settlements in the first instance. • Implications: miss obvious opportunities if development only allowed by a school for example

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must restart looking at basic infrastructure from a bottom up model - not top down, alternative hierarchy structure. • Herefordshire has varied and many issues, disparate county, one model unlikely to fit all • Why doesn't HC just say no to target housing numbers – Would there really be repercussions
Group 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential rail links seen to correlate with employment hubs <u>Hierarchy</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hereford 2. Market Towns 3. Rural Hubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport - Employment - Services. - Schools
Group 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parish choice - NDPs 2. Current mechanism too prescriptive. More flexibility. 3. Land use strategy- definition of open countryside. 4. Small villages do not want large development imposed upon them. 5. Road infrastructure to be a factor considered. 6. Location of primary/ secondary schools should <u>not</u> be factor influencing location of housing growth. 7. Location of Employment - map given is 2012 - 10yrs old. Move to home working. 8. Rail - could be helpful in the future - not currently a priority. National Government funding needed.

Online Parish Council Workshop discussion 3

<u>Options for creating a settlement hierarchy and what should be the focus for growth?</u>	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of key services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pubs are not guaranteed to make a settlement sustainable. However a social hub is important, not necessarily a church. Linton - A community hall is a small part of the church. It is small in comparison to others at Mansel Lacy - transport routes – narrow small roads will experience issues with growth. Linton - Topography – houses on hills have enormous amounts of soil moved to make way for building work. Upsets soil and ecosystems. Can affect roads and drainage. E.g Linton - Employment should not be ignored. Herefordshire is becoming a retirement county. should be close to employment centres without reliance on car. Rotherwas is difficult to get to. Where are the major employment areas – need accessible routes to them. - Bus routes lead to Hereford, not going to work if work is elsewhere. Especially if located far out in the rural areas - Schools – should not be the main reason why a village is sustainable. Need to be accessible. Freedom with catchment is an issue - Infrastructure – a lot of additional traffic from Hereford.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drainage – is an issue as there is no mains drainage. Strategy is not picking this up and should be looked at properly. - Shops – generate a lot of traffic and can reduce the need to travel. However, weekly shop is difficult to do in a local shop. People still drive to get to their local shop. - Size of these facilities vary and some are better than others. More granularity needed. Same applies to employment areas – how big should they be.
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan no infrastructure no housing in a haphazard way, huge resentment-need to start off with a plan deal with carbon footprint. • Public transport, Ilkley highest footprints in the county oil, transport, • Plan-public transport-plan sticking to it, roads needs to be aware of....cars are not going to go away 18 miles from Hereford. Good transport is already there aligned for people using it- • Infrastructure. Balance between two points. • Weobley good bus service in weobley-commuter times very full, not going to drive any more people onto the buses. Road repair, more houses more infrastructure-water is a major problem. Infrastructure has to come first, transport shops, broadband have to have a mix of housing. Need a mix to attract young families and people. • Schools/doctor surgery are full-need to factor this in • Factor in character. • Employment...employers will place in the cities-underpopulated and under skilled county. Can attract hard for care to get to. small businesses-benefit of having a good road. • People for social care social care in the rural setting-hall to facilitate that is not relevant. Medical intervention is required/ medical services- • Health and social shortage of people/doctors to cater for the services. • Doctors travel to community centres-in a central location. • Infrastructure and cables, poorly served –not big enough cables/ grid capacity issues. • Building a commuter belt. • Services for the elderly-care in the rural areas....care in rural community • Schools are important-are struggling with space within the school all becomes very difficult for families moved in. Look at different schools outside the village more traveling about in difficult situation. Parents can choose where they go, do have people travelling long distances to add to this. Village schools are fine in principle but a significant number of people travel from outside the village not seen as a benefit attracts speeding and congestion. Weobley has a primary and a high school has a large catchment area, high schools in other areas. Primary school for more high schools. • Decent internet! What you need depends on which group of the population you are thinking of - don't get fixated only on schools - there is a demand for older people to live out here and they need their services too - that's a growth industry. Transport is central.
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is most important? • Issues with Sewage • Lack of bus services • Engagement of villagers, no one gets involved outside of PC. Issues with ageing population, who carries on with the village community when members are no longer around. • Communication is key

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring infrastructure is there • Growth should be in areas that reduce the need to travel • Improve broadband and mobile signal, especially for people working at home • Make sure unique rural characteristic of Hereford is not lost • New development seem to become split from village and mix of housing is poor, only executive housing. But how do you mix social housing within this. Villages are no longer being allowed to be communities • Reduce threshold for affordable housing • ‘Social’ services, eg pubs, village café have drawn people into the village and creates a community. Cultural services. • Engagement of younger families is an issue, community split seems to be lost. If people don’t engage, facilities will be lost. • Should be focusing growth on schools, but then people will travel to go to preference of school.
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Members Workshop discussion q4

<i>Creating a settlement hierarchy and looking at a tiered option or a flat option.</i>	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier option, level 1 primary school, linkage to secondary, public transport, pub/ leisure services, surgery and employment leisure. • Level 2 some of the above. • Level 3, any key settlement NDPs. • Level 4 NDPs and windfall. •
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small percentage of affordable houses where appropriate. • Preference for local people. • Appropriate local services and adequate police services • Job opportunities
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not good housing in Kingstone/Clehonger /Eywas Harold • Clifford overcrowded in a prime beauty spot on small private roads • 1. Growth settlements, rail and local transport plan and employment land. 40%. • 2. Sustainable primary schools, gp surgery, church, shop and community hub and pub. 25%. • 3. Env, sust reduced growth. AONB Conservation areas. 10%. • 4. Affordable self build-even distribution over all rural communities. 25%. • 5. Open Countryside-Only for sustainable rural enterprise. 10% (E.g One Planet scheme wales).
Group 4	<p>Tier option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1-Transport (points-based employment based on relevance- retail/ other. Services-Railway station 5 points , shop points, surgery 3 points and so on. • Level 2-Settlment that complies with out county plan objectives. • Proportionate growth could lead to unsustainable development. • Level 3-Depends on type of growth (glamping/tourist based activity). • Level 4- use NDPs. • Level 5- No/No

In-person Parish Council Workshop Discussion 4

<i>Creating a settlement hierarchy and looking at a tiered option or a flat option.</i>	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer the tier option with site allocations defined by the local NDP and local people. • Growth settlements will depend on the availability of suitable development land.
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favour the tier option provided that the settlements are in the correct tier. • Proportional growth should be based on the housing numbers in the main settlement. • Conservation or AONB areas should not affect the overall proportional housing target for that settlement. • Will consideration be given to those settlements who have already delivered minimum target number as their new proportions will be based on larger figure than that of 2011.
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSSI-Cumulative effect to be taken into account in area where there are multiple SSSIs. • Tier option more focused on local needs and more nuanced to local needs. • No one size fits all model relating to local needs which are diverse and important to residents. • NDP Should determine distribution of growth within parish-it should be given more strength. • Need to avoid easy route being taken by individuals. • Tier option should be implemented rather than flat option.
Group 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under present system housing has just been focused on the settlement with little regard for sustainability. • Tier option would allow for greater variance within a variety of settlements. • Level 1-criteria should be basic infrastructure of mains water/elec broadband etc. Not schools or services. This should be under another level. • Need to keep ability within matrix for anomalies e.g-flooding issues persistent of the parish.
Group 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier option preferred.
Group 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier option preferred more nuanced than flat option. • But proposed 5 levels need clarification. • AONB and conservation are good things not a negative. They are also 2 very different things and maybe should not be grouped together and/or • Affordable housing and self build are also 2 very different things. • Reference needed to previous development prevent over development. • What ££ financial assistance will be available to P.Cs? For new NDP's which will be needed? •

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Creating a settlement hierarchy and looking at a tiered option or a flat option.	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the tiered option – will mean some settlements will take more growth where they will have a level of service. Better for climate change. Linton • Tiered option – Addition of 50 houses to a village is very big. Concerned about the actual size of growth being put in level 1. Some villages like Weobley which has seen with a lot of growth have issues- this can cause problems. There is a tipping point where other social factors are not being met like you would have in a town which has more to offer. • Kington stood out as not taking as much growth as some villages would be expected to. • Level 3 – not just about the designations, need to think about other environmental issues. • Look at where people are working and locate the growth there. • Level 4 – need to link this to public transport. NDPs are a better option
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build infrastructure first if you do nothing there will be huge resentment more housing in • See tensions old residents and new residents in one or two settlements, incredibly divisive whether infrastructure or social care has to come before houses. • Need infrastructure before houses. • Issue with growth and retaining character, it is what makes Herefordshire. • Roads full of traffic, not much to do with the highway infrastructure. School, dentists doctors are full. • Conservation areas Good balance some growth but not destroying character. • Tiers to be responsive of that issue. Should it drop down a level because of the conservation issues. • Bring people along with you rather than imposing targets building an issue for generations to come. Issue with current targets 91, what has that done has it created a community or just provided houses-no facilities or infrastructure has come with this. Were they responsive to these areas. • Building on green fields upset people in rural areas, agricultural land has been contentious. • Focus growth on certain thing. • Take into account is the impact of previous building. Some villages • Should be a factor in what happens in the future what has happened the past. • Neighbouring villages in AONB is an arbitrary line, neighbouring villages are just as important. Can't see why they shouldn't have proportionate growth. • Affordable housing you need the jobs, lower income need the jobs in public transport distance are linked .
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to comment without knowing criteria, access to services and access to roads, will drainage and roads and infrastructure be updated to address criteria. • Need jobs • Is land available for development, should this be used to grow food not to build houses. • Parking provision for new builds • Having the right criteria and making sure they are met. • Will there be a preference for brownfield?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road infrastructure, need this before we distribute the housing and create influx especially in rural areas
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Members Workshop discussion 5

Potential New Settlement	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New settlement • Transport is key • Railway • Road linkages • Include Brownfield • Solar Farm/Wind Turbine • West Carclaze 'Ecotown' • Old Gravel Beds eg. Wellington
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New settlement in Greenfield areas if necessary with population of approximately 5000. • Near adequate transport facilities (railway link) • South of City with dual carriageway to m50. • New schools • Doctors • Post Office • Chemist • Police station • Sporting and leisure facilities • Pub • Employment and industry • Negatives • Less interaction with surrounding areas.
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the new community sustains Herefordshire economy. • Passivhaus build, Sustainable energy – ensures affordable homes • Rail Connection • Support the growth of eco build in this county • Removes ad hoc approach • Pontrilas
Group 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lower Bullingam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pontrilas • Off m50 j 3 • Moreton on Lugg • Quarries that are unused 2. Timescale (availability of land) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A49 (transport network limitations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a settlement that is based on sound eco sustainable principles (passivehaus) (real exemplar for good design)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exciting, puts county on map <p>3. Danger of proper infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services to support it Could become a white elephant House prices/low wages in rural areas <p>4. none</p> <p>5. see workshop conversation 2</p>
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In-person Parish Council Workshop Discussion 5

Potential New Settlement	
Group 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moreton on Lugg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On main road On railway line Existing employment Brownfield site in location Flat land Minimal negative impact on Hereford Access to Hereford facilities Possible alternative is doubling size of existing market town assuming need 2000 homes, 4000-6000 people. Needs commensurate infrastructure development.
Group 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Madley airfield - in gap in ring of existing Market towns Expand on airfield, B. T. Communications centre, Industrial units at Kingstone. Positives: Well designed, planned facilities. Negatives: Destruction of green field area. Takes a long time affect adversely facilities in neighbouring settlements, increase school sizes No nearby Market towns, Schools, Shops, Pubs, Community Hall, Transport, Medical Centre - all facilities needed.
Group 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bromyard – Good connections to Worcester and motorway system. Needs improved transport links/sustainable transport links. Ewyas Harold – Same as above – Connection to Newport and Pontrilas Avoid anything on the A49 North as it will add to traffic congestion in Hereford City
Group 4	<p>On brownfield sites. – Not take away more countryside. Little impact on existing towns of a new settlement was sited sensitively - New area Rotherwas? Positives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco-sustainable infrastructure Innovative design could be included Must have employment. Encourage young families School Medical Transport Social- pubs/clubs Church/hall.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports <p>Negatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't artificially create a community easily. • Might end up creating a dormitory town.
Group 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing main hubs- city and market towns. • Invest in expanding services, communication and transport links at existing hubs
Group 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential locations - 2 - one North, one South. • Examples given - 3 out of 4 are Brownfield. • Do we have suitable Brownfield sites in the county? ex MoD land? Duchy? <p>Expanding existing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bromyard • Kington. <p>Positives of New –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blank canvas • Economy of scale • Right housing mix • Environmental credentials. <p>Negatives –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timescale, • Competition with existing services/provision, • Challenge of building 'community' • Diverting attention/ investment away from other areas (e.g. Kington) that need investment.

Online Parish Council Workshop Discussion 5

Potential New Settlement	
Group 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Herefordshire would be better rather than Western. Newtown in Herefordshire is an option. • Pontrilas could be an option as there was a former station there. Rail is good but would also need to be located close to a road. • A new settlement would need good transport links. Also need to factor in the infrastructure not just local services but the wider strategic implications. • Look at Leominster or Ross. • Should be done with trying to contain the population and prevent travel • Need to be able to bring a lot of services in to one area. • An extension to a town would be easier to deliver. • Think about the effect on market towns if delivered in a rural area.
Group 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity is import need good connectivity with the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look eastwards....Ledbury-Road, rail quite close to things, car park. Starting place really good road and rail and access to employment. Give employers a good reason to come. • Put new settlement near where road and rail links. • Area towards Ross, m50 and a40 because it is important to have a good road network connection nationally with major cities. • Good communication is vital to get bigger employment figure which you would need of you were making larger settlements. Need employment as well • Connectivity-haulage and roads, new settlement needs to have to have the jobs to go with it • The east of the county join the rest of the county connect to other villages. • New housing in st weonards houses very close to the road. Road Safety, near the A49 near the a • About place making/ safe places. • Improvements haven't been made. Interesting concept starting from scratch, learning from mistakes that have gone before. • Makin an existing settlement even bigger, perhaps it wont happens until the next plan period. • Lack of brownfield • Implications of new settlement other areas/ what else do you expect new settlement to be • 15-20 years • Starting of think about again....good places • National government look at how they deliver housing figures. Least population figures.
<p>Group 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put it somewhere else! • Non starter. Nowhere we would want to inflict this new settlement on in Herefordshire. Where are people going to work. Herefordshire is agricultural not industrial and also self employed people and people working from home. • Road and rail links? • Communities and housing have traditionally developed from necessity and historically have naturally evolved. • Eg Milton Keynes, how successful is this, is this just a commuter town? • Difficulty to get mix of new housing to create communities.

Summary Comments, Key Themes and Notes

Members

- County plan links
- Links to employment necessary if lots more housing planned
- NMITE Centre at Pontrilas
- We should plan to reduce movement of people and consider how we work

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- Much of the rural public transport is focussed along A-roads and other main routes, creating safety concerns for accessing them.
- Villages must grow *and* thrive.
- Affordable housing delivery in rural areas should be council led.
- More specific housing needs of agricultural workers needs to be considered.
- NDP definitions of sustainability at a local level must be respected, that carries a democratic mandate from the local community.
- Providing for employment that allows people to work locally is important.
- Community bus services (dial-a-ride) should be included in the public transport services.
- First priority should be given to utilities capacity and flooding constraints before considering available local services.
- A lot of the potential rail links seem to correlate with the employment centres.
- Consideration must be given when identifying settlements to those that have delivered significantly over and above their requirement in the current plan period- reduce numbers or exclude these settlements altogether (Bartestree/Lugwardine eg).
- A large extension of one of the market towns such as Bromyard or Kington should be considered before a new settlement.

Q: What is sustainability?

- Whether the community can support growth? Ie. School capacity, bus services, road access, village hall, retail, etc.
- Access to GPs, schools via public transport.
- Fast broadband.
- Key health facilities such as hospitals need to grow to provide enough capacity in line with additional housing.
- Good quality mobile phone network coverage.
- Local employment hubs.
- Sustainable transport facilities.

Q: Does this vary in different parts of the county?

- Active travel not practical in some very remote parts of the county.
- Bus services vary in quality.

Comment Key point from each table at the end of the session:

- Recognise that housing is needed, no clear consensus about where but do need to consider flood zones.
- Whatever comes out of it all, NDPs need to be respected above all.
- Need to get ducks in a row re infrastructure, sewerage, water, gas & electricity. Old infrastructure can't cope with the new development which is coming on stream ahead of private companies investment plans of which the council has no control.
- Infrastructure is of paramount importance. AND Need to anticipate unintended consequences of proposals.
- Need to look more at consequences of options e.g. Ashperton coming out as a most sustainable settlement but isn't in practice.
- Chicken and egg situation – facilities or development - which should come first? But conclude that more sensible to locate development where it is possible to expand existing infrastructure and services.

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Key Messages

- Infrastructure first then build
- Environment tier think about of topography
- Need services and infrastructure first, infrastructure hasn't grown although village has doubled in houses in 20 years.
- Take the village of Burghill, need to look at infrastructure. Need to improve links and drainage etc before expanding.
- Infrastructure roads, sewers, water, flooding problems need to be taken into consideration all part of an infrastructure overall that is needed.
- Infrastructure get in place before housing its really important.
- Internet and wifi important especially for wfh.
- Employment is critical, look at employment sites where people work. Can't judge villages on the criteria people are using. Each villages are different. Need to look at individual detail on sites.
- Villages are unique, each had individual needs-climate change flooding is only going to get worse.
- Nuance thing on paper the same kid of thing when it comes to planning the pcs are consulted and taken into account. Have a better feel for what's in the village
- Infrastructure and employment. Double-check if they get the number right with the 17000 target.
- General utilities overhead cables, a lot of village are supported by outdated facilities that can't cope for growth that has been developed in the past let alone the future.

Place can focus growth

Notes: Should some areas get a higher proportion of growth than others

Proportionate growth

The theory of whether should we have hubs/sustainable settlements

Overall strategy 17000 houses, consultation split Hereford and the rural areas
Hereford main focus, market towns then rural areas option 3.

Can you fit 2500 in the rural area

Key message

- Infrastructure in place first X 10. Infrastructure hasn't grown but more houses have come along. Drainage, sewerage, roads, flooding, Wifi and mobile signal, overhead cables. Outdated facilities need attention before new development.
- Environmental tier – topography
- Employment and where people work x 2
- Can't judge villages with current hierarchy system, villages are unique with own needs.
- Think about climate change and flooding
- Parish councils should be taken in to account with planning apps
- Employment, Primary School, Shop, Public Transport, Social centre