



Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan

Consultation Statement

This Consultation Statement is prepared to meet the requirements of Regulation 15 (2) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 for the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan for Little Dewchurch. Regulation 15 requires that, at the time of the submission of a proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan, the qualifying body (in this case the Parish Council) also submits a Consultation Statement which: (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan; (b) explains how they were consulted; (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan .

This Consultation Statement was approved by Little Dewchurch Parish Council at its meeting on 15th March 2016 and reviewed before Regulation 16 submission on 20th September 2016.

1. Summary

1.1 Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan (LDNDP)

Little Dewchurch Parish Council, at its meeting on the 12th July 2013, agreed that it would undertake writing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the parish of Little Dewchurch.

An NDP Steering Group was set up as a full subcommittee by, and reporting to, the Parish Council. The Parish Council, in setting up the working group, invited non parish councillor residents to sit on the working group to ensure a fair representation of the parishioners in the NDP process.

The Steering Group, as listed, was made up of representatives of the Parish Council, and other independent parishioners of the parish

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The Steering Group met for the first time on 19th November 2013 and the Terms of Reference were agreed on the 10th December 2013.

The Steering Group has met regularly, usually monthly, since 2013 reporting its progress to the Parish Council. All meetings were open to the public and were held either in the village hall or the local pub, The Plough Inn.

To aid the process support was provided by Herefordshire Council in the form of, Samantha Banks, who explained the process of creating an NDP.

Public events were held to inform and engage the parish in the NDP and enable questions and feedback on the process. Feedback briefing events were held to report back on the findings of the questionnaire surveys.

Worcester Research were engaged to provide analysis and feedback on the first public questionnaire.

A consultant, Claire Rawlings from CR Planning Solutions, was engaged to assist in the formal NDP process of consultation with Herefordshire Council and other agencies.

1.2 Communication and Consultation

The NDP steering group has consulted the residents and businesses within the neighbourhood area at all stages of the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

To ensure that during all stages of the NDP process the residents of the parish were aware of and had the opportunity to guide and comment on the NDP, public consultation events were held, survey questionnaires were distributed and feedback communication events took place.

Local community notice boards, the village magazine The Diary, the village Facebook page have been used to publicise and communicate the NDP.

In addition, neighbouring local authorities, local and national bodies, and the principal Local Authority have been consulted during the formal pre-submission ('Regulation 14') consultation. These consultations have been undertaken by the NDP Steering Group which is a full sub-committee of the Parish Council with a balanced membership of councillors and other residents.

1.3 Key Dates

12th June 2013 Parish Council meeting to agree to proceed with a neighbourhood plan for the parish area.

17th June 2013 Parish Council set-up a Neighbourhood Planning Group consisting of 4 Parish Councillors and 3 volunteers from the parish. -

19th June 2013 Application was made to Herefordshire Council to Declare a Neighbourhood Area for Little Dewchurch.

25th July - 5th September 2013 Herefordshire Council held a period of Consultation of the proposed Little Dewchurch Parish Neighbourhood Area.

5th September 2013 Herefordshire Council Approve the Little Dewchurch Parish Neighbourhood Area.

11th September 2013 Herefordshire Council publicise application to proceed with a neighbourhood plan. -

11th February 2014 Samantha Banks, appointed by Herefordshire County Council to assist with the Little Dewchurch NDP, attends the LDNP meeting to explain the process of writing and implementing an NDP.

8th April 2014 budget proposals submitted to Herefordshire Council in preparation for a grant application.

June 2014 Budget Proposals accepted.

10th June 2014 Christian Aid coffee morning attended to present details of LDNDP.

July 2014 Budget Proposals accepted by Herefordshire Council.

July and August 2014 Training events held by Herefordshire Council on Historic Buildings and Affordable Housing as applicable to the NDP were attended by members of the steering group.

The steering group register their NDP to allow application for a grant. -

26th August the grant application from Community Development foundation approved.

July 2014 Parish Council approves questionnaires for residents and businesses.

17th - 20th July 2014 questionnaires delivered to all by hand; all completed questionnaires to be returned by the 27th July 2014.

During August 2014 Worcester Research carry out analysis of data from questionnaires.

On the 13th and 20th September 2014 feedback briefing events were held in the village hall to present the findings from Worcester Research. At these events the residents were encourage to feed back both on the results of the questionnaire and of the NDP process.

During April / May 2014 potential consultants to assist with the LDNDP were reviewed and it was agreed to appoint CR Planning Solutions.

23rd September 2014 Herefordshire Council submitted its Core Strategy for independent examination.

Due to the Local and National Elections from December 2014 to May 2015 the LDNP process was suspended.

1st August 2015 a Village Fun Day was held in the village and the opportunity taken to provide an LDNDP update presentation in the village hall.

A second Grant to carry on the process of the NDP was applied for and gained during 2015.

From the information gained from the first questionnaire of 2014 it was recognised that a second questionnaire would be required to validate some of the information previously obtained and to further explore issues that affected the residents of Little Dewchurch.

15th September 2015, Questionnaire No 2 was circulated to all households, by hand with a requested return date of the 29th September.

Analysis of this second questionnaire was carried out by the Steering Group during October.

16th October 2015 Herefordshire Council approves its amended Core Strategy.

A feedback briefing event to review the results of the 2nd Questionnaire was held in the village hall on 21st November 2015.

15th March 2016 Parish Council agree draft for publication.

28th March - 16th May 2016 Regulation 14 Formal consultation on NDP. Every household and relevant local businesses sent a letter informing them of the consultation process, a copy of the Draft LDNDP and a copy of the Comments Sheet, Emails or letters sent to statutory consultee bodies.

Draft plan displayed in public buildings on parish notice boards in the parish, on the village Facebook page and sent to Herefordshire Council.

16th April 2016 Public consultation awareness meeting held.

22nd June 2016 all comments received from Regulation 14 consultation reviewed and LDNDP amended as required.

26th July 2016 Parish council reviewed and approved the LDNDP and associated documents for submission to Herefordshire Council for SEA and HRA review.

August 2016 the reviewed SEA and SEA-HRA received from Herefordshire Council.

20th September Parish council Reviewed and approved the submission draft LDNDP and associated documents for Regulation 16 submission and Consultation.

1.4 First Questionnaire

The NDP Steering Group decided that one of the most effective ways of engaging the residents of Little Dewchurch was to send them a questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed taking into account the aims of the LDNDP process and the perceived needs of the Parish of Little Dewchurch. The aim of the questionnaire was to gather and quantify support of the residents of Little Dewchurch for particular views, issues, opinions and preferences that were believed to be at the centre of the plan. There was also the opportunity on the questionnaire for respondents to make free text comments.

Inspiration for the questionnaire came from

- A similar questionnaire produced in 2006 for the Village Plan.
- Questionnaires used by other parishes.
- Brainstorming session by the Steering Group.

In July 2014 the questionnaire was hand delivered to every household within the Parish.

In total 320 questionnaires were delivered. The residents were asked to either return the questionnaires to members of the steering group or to post them through the letter box at the village hall.

The questionnaire also provided names and contact details for members of the Steering Group for any queries or help with the questionnaire.

The analysis of the returned questionnaires showed a 71% response rate covering 201 people of the Parish. The split in age group was 21% under 25, 18% between 25 and 44 and 61% over 45.

To ensure that the results were analysed without bias, a company, Worcester Research Limited, was engaged to collate the information from the returned questionnaires and present the findings at feedback briefings to the residents in the village hall in September.

Questionnaire 1 - Appendix 1

Analysis Questionnaire 1 - Appendix 2

1.5 Second Questionnaire

Following the development of the LDNDP using the results of the 1st Questionnaire and considering the overall requirements of the finished NDP and the Herefordshire Core Strategy it was recognised that further support for identified issues and qualification of further items for the parish of Little Dewchurch was required.

The LDNDP steering group, using information provided from the analysis of Questionnaire 1 and items raised through the feedback briefing sessions and other public events, designed the second questionnaire.

One key item for this questionnaire was to gauge support for the NDP process from the developed and published Vision for Little Dewchurch. The steering group also wanted to confirm views on whether a development boundary for the village was important as well as looking at the parishes view on renewable energy provision, employment needs and, very importantly, the view of the younger residents as they will be the ones who will be both supported by the LDNDP and will be the generation that takes it forward up-to and beyond 2031.

The questionnaires were hand delivered to all households during the middle of September 2015.

Analysis of this second questionnaire was carried out by the Steering Group during October 2015.

A feedback briefing meeting was held in the village hall on the 21st November 2015 where the results of the analysis were presented.

Due to the questions being asked this time it was felt that the analysis of the returned questionnaires could be handled by the LDNDP steering group.

Questionnaire 2 - Appendix 3

Analysis Questionnaire 2 - Appendix 4

1.6 Significant Issues

It was clear from the Questionnaire returns, both the structured questions and the free text comments with added information being obtained during the briefing feedback meetings, that there were issues in the Parish residents believed should be addressed through the LDNDP in helping to develop the village in a sustainable way through the life of the plan, 2031, and beyond.

The Table below correlates the issues and how they have been addressed in the Plan.

Significant issue	Included in Questionnaire Q1 or Q2	Addressed in Vision	Addressed in Objectives	LDNDP Objective ref	LDNDP Policy ref
Environment	Q1 - 14,15,16,17 Q2 - General Questions 4,5	Protected AONB and the general environment	1, 6	4.2 - O1, O6	LD ENV1 LD ENV2
Housing	Q1 - 1,2,3,4,5,6 Q2 - General Questions 1,2	Housing with a range of types, sizes tenures appropriate for the needs of local people	2	4.2 - O2	LD SB1 LD H1
Employment	Q1 - 8,9,10,11,12, 13 Q2 - Employment Section 1,2,3,6,7,8,9, 10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17	Small businesses encouraged to the area to help people to work nearer their homes.	3	4.2 - O3	LD E1
Infrastructure	Q2 - Employment Section 4,5 Youth Section 5	The local infrastructure e.g. roads, footpaths, bridle ways, drains, suitable for its needs and maintained to a good standard. Communication systems e.g. Bus service, Broadband,	4, 6	4.2 - O4,O6	LD INF1

		Mobile phone suitable for the needs of the community. Community spirit that is actively encouraged to help enhance the living experience of the parish.			
Traffic	Q1- 16	As above	4	4.2 - O4	LD INF1
Renewable Energy	Q2 - General Questions 3	A supported local renewable energy policy.	5	4.2 - O5	LD RE1
Community Facilities	Q1 - 18,19,20,21 Q2 - Youth Section 4,5	Local facilities, e.g. Church, Village Hall, School, Sports and Leisure Spaces, Pub, Shop, Health and Emergency facilities that are well maintained and enhanced to meet the needs of the community.	7, 8	4.2 - O7, O8	LD CF1
LDNDP Vision Statement	Q2		1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	4.2 - O1,O2,O3,O4,O5,O6,O7,O8	LD ENV1, LD ENV2, LD SB1, LD H1, LD E1, LD INF1, LD CF1,LD RE1,

1.7 Formal Public Consultation

Public consultation under the requirements of Regulation 14 was held from March 28th until May 16th 2016.

Herefordshire Council were formally notified by the Parish Council of the Consultation and provided with a copy of the Approved Draft LDNDP.

All households of the Parish of Little Dewchurch and, relevant local businesses were provided with copies, either printed or by e mail, of the Draft LDNDP with a covering letter and a comments sheet.

To further publicise the Consultation copies of notices and, the Draft LDNDP were placed on Parish Notice boards and provided in public buildings e.g. Village Hall, The Plough Inn.

Following the Consultation period the comment sheets were collated and the comments reviewed.

Consultation Comments - Appendix 5

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GATHERING RESPONSE FORMS

By post/email to clerk; collect from the Village Hall,

AS WE RECEIVE RESPONSE FORMS ARE RECEIVED

Give each response a unique number

Enter name address on responses Data Base (XL Spreadsheet) which will form part of consultation statement for next stage of process.

SEA SEA-HRA Review

The Submission Draft of the LDNDP was submitted to Herefordshire Council for an SEA and SEA-HRA review during August 2016.

The review was completed and the amended SEA and SEA-HRA with a redrawn map showing the Little Dewchurch Village Policies Map, which includes the revised development boundary, and a new Little Dewchurch Policies Map returned to allow amendment as necessary to the LDNDP.

All amendments from the SEA and SEA-HRA were incorporated in the LDNDP.

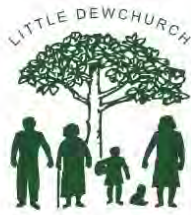
REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION.

The Submission Draft of the LDNDP has been amended following SEA and SEA-HRA review by Herefordshire Council and was approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on the 20th September 2016 for formal submission to Herefordshire Council for Consultation under the requirements of Regulation 16.

THE FUTURE

REFERENDUM

Date to be arranged



LITTLE DEWCHURCH - NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION

Neighbourhood planning is a key part of the Localism Act. It gives local communities like ours greater power to shape development by having a direct role in the development of planning policies at a local level.

Producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) provides an exciting opportunity for communities to become directly involved in planning policy. A plan allows the local community to create a vision and planning policies for the use and development of land in a neighbourhood. For example, where new homes and businesses can be built and what they should look like. Neighbourhood Development Plans can be general or more detailed, depending on what is important to local people.

The village, and boundary of Little Dewchurch (LD) itself comprised 128 occupied domestic dwellings in 2011. A planned 18% increase would see an additional 23 houses being built before 2031 within the village itself. 10 houses have already been established (behind The Plough), so we would need to cater for a further 13 to be built within the village of Little Dewchurch.

HOUSING

1. What kind of housing will LD need in the next 10 years?

- Starter homes (2 beds) (Please tick each which apply)
- Family homes (3 beds)
- Executive homes (4 beds)
- Bungalows
- Flats
- Supported/retirement homes
- Living/working properties
- Self build homes
- Mixture of all listed
- Building plots

2. What types of homes should there be in LD?

- Privately owned homes Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Privately rented housing Yes / No / No Opinion
- Low cost housing for outright sale Yes / No / No Opinion
- Housing Association rented for local people Yes / No / No Opinion
- Shared ownership for local people Yes / No / No Opinion

SMALL BUSINESSES, FARMING & EMPLOYMENT

8. Should the NDP identify potential sites for employment use?

Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)

9. Should the NDP encourage the establishment of:

- Small businesses Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Workshops Yes / No / No Opinion
- New living space incorporating Work units Yes / No / No Opinion
- Farm diversification Yes / No / No Opinion
- Tourism Yes / No / No Opinion
- Other, please state: _____

10. What do you think would encourage new small businesses to locate in Little Dewchurch?

- More purpose built premises Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Better broadband Yes / No / No Opinion
- Better mobile phone reception Yes / No / No Opinion
- Improved road conditions Yes / No / No Opinion
- Reduced business rates Yes / No / No Opinion
- Other, please state: _____

11. Do you think local planning policies (eg the NDP) encourage working from home?

Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)

12. Are you likely to seek local employment in the next 5 years?

Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)

13. The space below is for any other comments on Small Businesses, Farming and Employment:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

18. How satisfied are you with your Parish as a place to live?

- Very satisfied / fairly satisfied / fairly dissatisfied / very dissatisfied

19. How often do you use the community facilities in Little Dewchurch?

- Village Hall Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Playing Field Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Adventure park Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Church Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- The Plough pub Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Public transport Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Flix in the Sticks Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Over 60s Daily / Weekly / Two Weekly / Monthly / Rarely / Never
- Other, please state what and frequency: _____

20. How would you rate the following services in terms of meeting the current and future needs of the local community?

- Fire service Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Police Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Broadband Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Mobile phone Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Village hall Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- The Plough Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Public footpaths Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Bridleways Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Recreational facilities Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Access for disabled people Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Facilities for young people Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Visiting library Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Surgery in Much Birch/Fownhope Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- School Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion
- Places of worship Good / adequate / needs improvement / no opinion

21. The space below is for any other comments on Community Facilities:

ENVIRONMENT

14. Has your property, land, access to your property, been affected by flooding because of:

- River/stream overflow Yes / No / Don't Know
- Field run-off Yes / No / Don't Know
- Road run-off Yes / No / Don't Know
- Blocked drains/ditches Yes / No / Don't Know

15. If yes, what was damaged or affected?

- Fabric of house Yes / No / Don't Know
- Garage or outhouse Yes / No / Don't Know
- Garden/vehicles Yes / No / Don't Know
- Carpets Yes / No / Don't Know
- Furniture Yes / No / Don't Know
- Access to property Yes / No / Don't Know
- Other, please state: _____

16. Do any of the following aspects of local roads give you concern?

- Traffic volume Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Traffic speed Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Size of vehicles Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Traffic noise Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Pedestrian safety Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Vehicle parking Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Potholes Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Road conditions/repairs Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)
- Road safety & signage Yes / No / No Opinion (Delete as Appropriate)

17. The space below is for any other comments on the Environment:

INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

22. The following information will help us understand the views of different groups within our Parish, and to determine how representative the results are of the Parish as a whole:

- | How old are the people in your household? | | How many people? |
|---|--|------------------|
| • 0 – 11 | <input type="radio"/> (Please tick as appropriate) | _____ |
| • 12 – 15 | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| • 16 – 17 | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| • 18 – 24 | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| • 25 – 44 | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| • 45 – 64 | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| • 65 – 74 | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |
| • 75 and over | <input type="radio"/> | _____ |

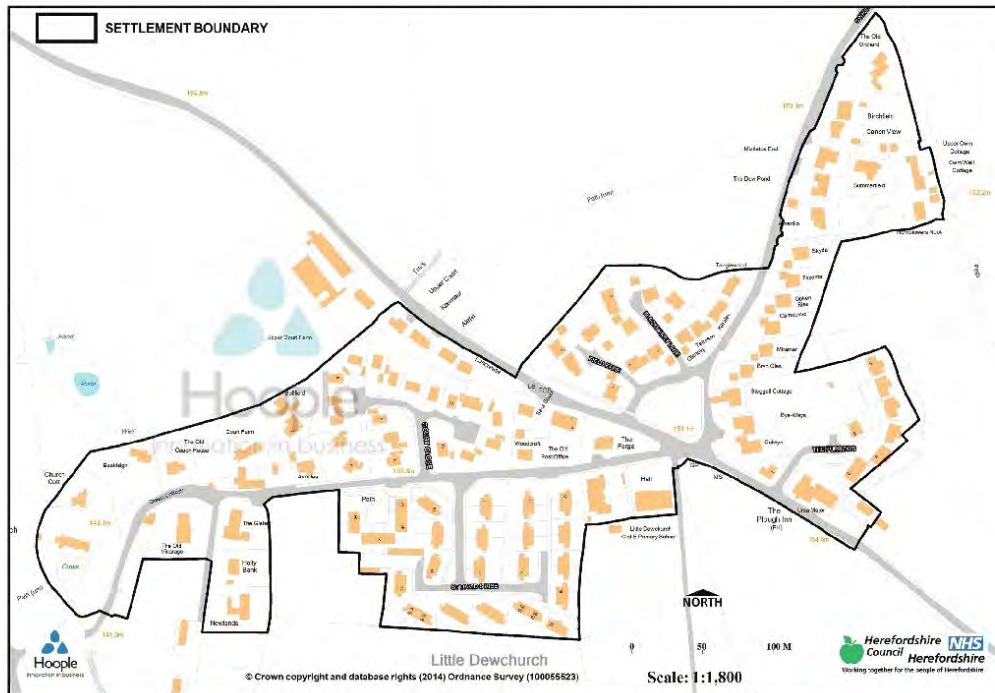
• How long have you lived in the Parish?

- Less than 1 year (Please tick as appropriate)
- 1 – 2 years
- 3 – 5 years
- 6 – 10 years
- Over 10 years

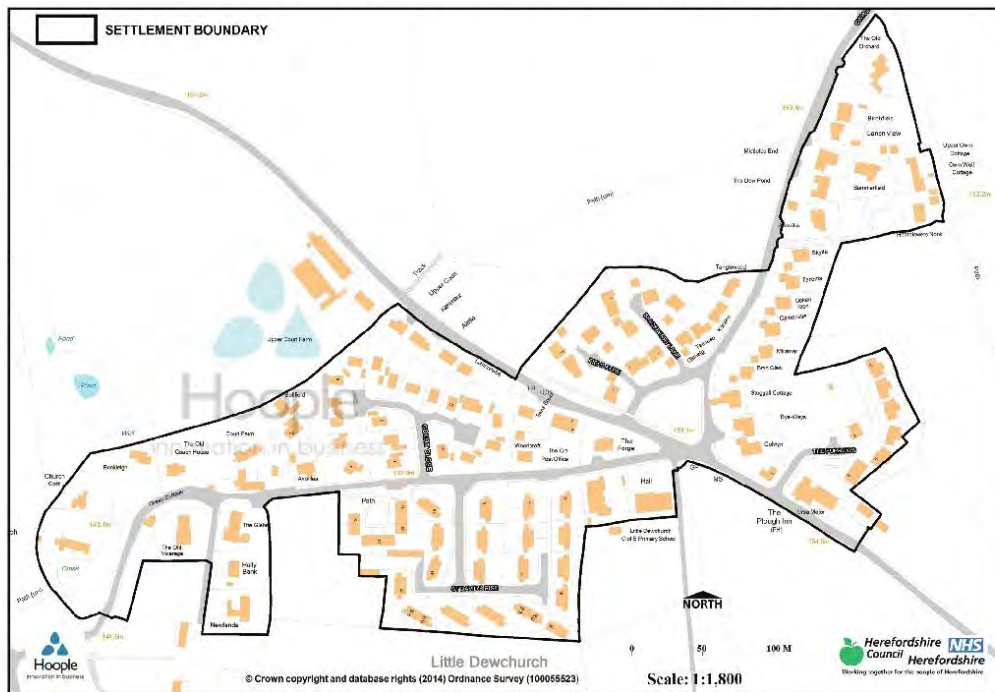
• Would you like to, or do you plan to stay in the Parish, and if so why or why not?

23. The space below is for any final comments that you might like to make, perhaps on something that has not been included in the survey:

Please find below the map of Little Dewchurch relating to question 5.
Please mark where you think development SHOULD take place around the village.



Please find below the map of Little Dewchurch relating to question 6.
Please mark where you think development SHOULD NOT take place around the village.



Should you require assistance with completing this form, please contact:

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Once you have completed this questionnaire, please pass this through the letterbox in the Village Hall or simply pass it to a member of the NDP working group by 27th July 2014.

We will then hold NDP De-briefing events on:

**Saturday 13th September at 12.30pm
and
Saturday 20th September at 3.30pm
in the Village Hall.**

**Please feel free to join us for food and drinks,
all are welcome!**

**Many thanks for your input into the future
of Little Dewchurch.**

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Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan Survey

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1. Executive Summary

Worcester Research was commissioned by the Little Dewchurch NDP Group in September 2014 to analyse and report on the findings of their neighbourhood development planning questionnaire.

Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Coalition government as part of the Localism Act in order to give local communities a greater say over development within their locality.

The Little Dewchurch NDP Group developed its planning questionnaire in consultation with the community during Summer 2014. The questionnaire covered the broad themes of: housing; small businesses, farming and employment; environment and community facilities. One questionnaire was sent out to every adult and child aged 11 and over in the village. In total 91 completed responses were received.

Key findings

- The greatest perceived housing need in Little Dewchurch over the next decade is for 3 bed family houses and 2 bed starter homes. There is also a perceived need for more bungalows. There is very little perceived need for either flats or building plots.
- There is a preference for privately owned housing to be built in the village over the next decade, although approximately half of respondents also felt that social housing and privately rented accommodation was also required.
- Approximately four-fifths of local people believed that it is either fairly important or very important that any new houses built in the village matched existing styles of properties.
- The most important feature that any new homes should incorporate was identified as adequate off-road parking.
- The area identified as enjoying the most support for additional housing in Little Dewchurch was on the Northern side of the village lying alongside the road towards Hereford.
- Only around one-third of residents believe the NDP should identify future sites for employment use.
- If new businesses were to be encouraged to locate in Little Dewchurch the factors that would most need to be addressed were identified as better broadband, better mobile phone signals and improved road conditions.
- Only a minority (13%) of residents felt the NDP should have policies to encourage more people to work from home.
- Relatively few (13%) of respondents stated that they would be likely to look for local employment in the area in the next five years. This low rate may partially explain the low level of interest in new employment sites and the low level of support for home working.
- Just over one-third (34%) of local residents stated that they or their property had been affected by flooding over recent years. Excess water running off fields was identified as the main cause of flooding in the area.
- Amongst those affected by flooding the main problem was difficulty accessing or leaving their property because of floods.

- A number of issues related to traffic and roads are of major concern to local residents. The condition of local roads, potholes, traffic speed and pedestrian safety were all identified as a concern by more than two-thirds of respondents.
- Residents of Little Dewchurch are generally content with the area as a place to live. 100% of those questioned stated they were either very satisfied or quite satisfied with living in the village.
- The most used community facilities in Little Dewchurch appear to be the village hall, The Plough Inn and the church.
- Local services and facilities most in need of improvement were identified as: broadband coverage; mobile phone signal coverage; The Plough Inn and facilities for young people.
- A significant number of respondents also raised the need for a shop/post office to be located in the village. Concern about access to local bus services was also raised by a number of those who responded.
- The vast majority (95%) of local residents intend to stay in Little Dewchurch in the future. Amongst those thinking of moving the driving factors appear to be access to employment and the need for sheltered housing.

2. Purpose and background

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Given the size of the sample all data has been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Additional data from the survey can be found in the annex, including all comments made by households.

3. Methodology

The Little Dewchurch NDP Group developed its planning questionnaire in consultation with the community during Summer 2014. The questionnaire covered the broad themes of: housing; small businesses, farming and employment; environment; community facilities; and basic details on household composition and questionnaire respondents.

One questionnaire was distributed to every adult and child over the age of 11 living in the 128 occupied houses in the Little Dewchurch village boundary. In total 91 completed questionnaires were returned.

Two public briefing sessions were held in Little Dewchurch Village Hall in September to update residents on the findings of the survey and to seek feedback on the emerging results.

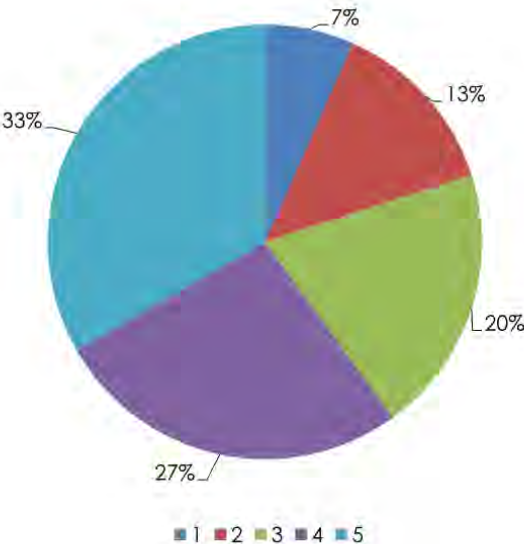
4. Findings

Profile of respondents

As stated earlier in the report, a total of 91 completed questionnaires were returned as part of the research. Those questionnaires covered a total of 201 local residents.

The mean average household size was 2.2 with the size of households ranging from just one person to a high of five. Chart 4.1 shows the distribution of household size.

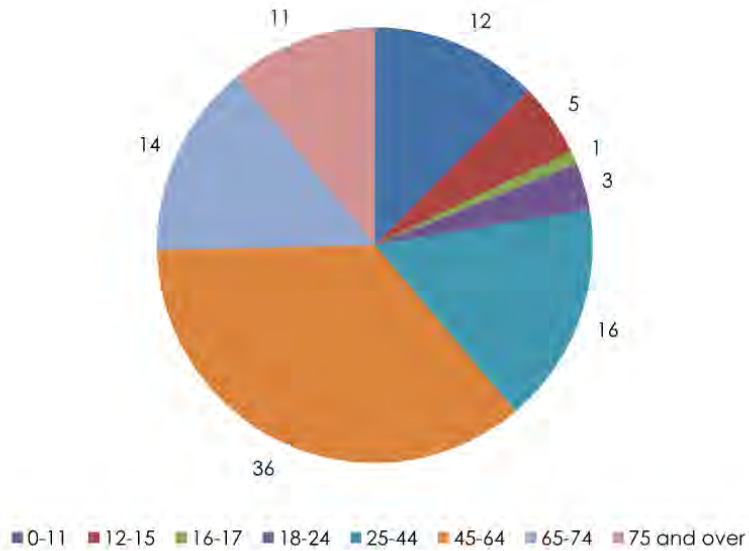
Chart 4.1: Distribution of households by size



Age of respondents

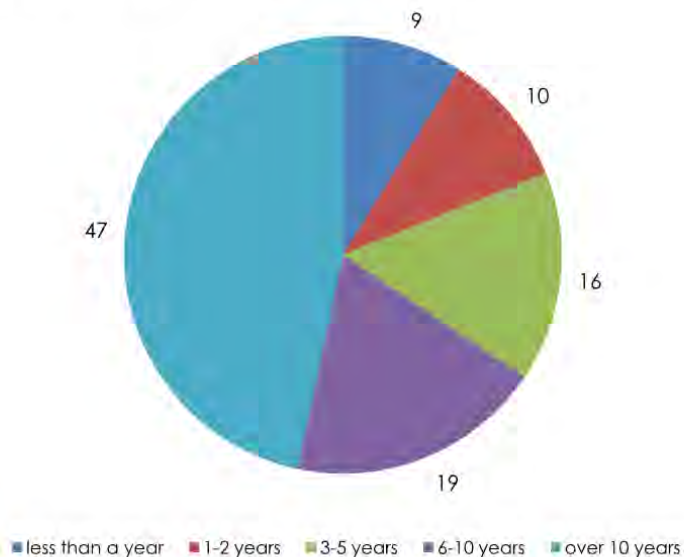
The respondents of the survey represented a good age spread across the population. As can be seen in Chart 4.2 all age groups were represented in the survey, although 61% of those covered by the survey were aged over 45. Around one-fifth of respondents were aged 25-44 and the final 21% were made up of young people aged less than 25.

Chart 4.2: Age distribution of respondents to the survey.



The respondents were asked to identify how long they had been living in the village and it is clear from Chart 4.3 that almost half of those who responded had lived in the village for over ten years. With the next largest group being those who had lived in the village for 6-10 years this means that a vast majority can be seen to be settled in the village with two thirds having said they have lived in the parish for over 6 years. Less than 10% said they had lived in the village for less than a year.

Chart 4.3: Length of residency in Little Dewchurch



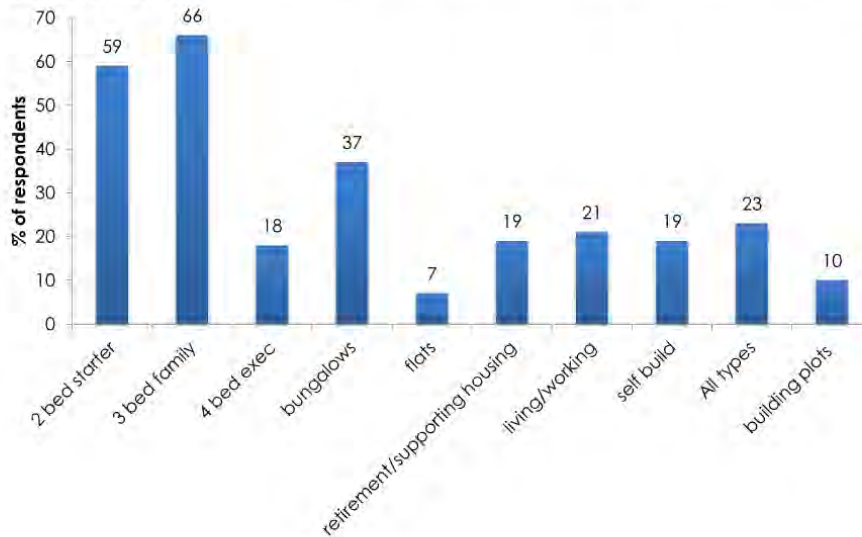
Housing

Respondents to the questionnaire were asked specifically what types of housing they believed the Little Dewchurch community would need during the next 10 years.

As can be seen in Chart 4.3, the survey found that the greatest level of support amongst respondents was for 3 bed family houses and 2 bed starter homes. Both of these types of accommodation gained the support of approximately three-fifths of all respondents. Bungalows were identified as a required housing type by just over one-third of those responding to the question.

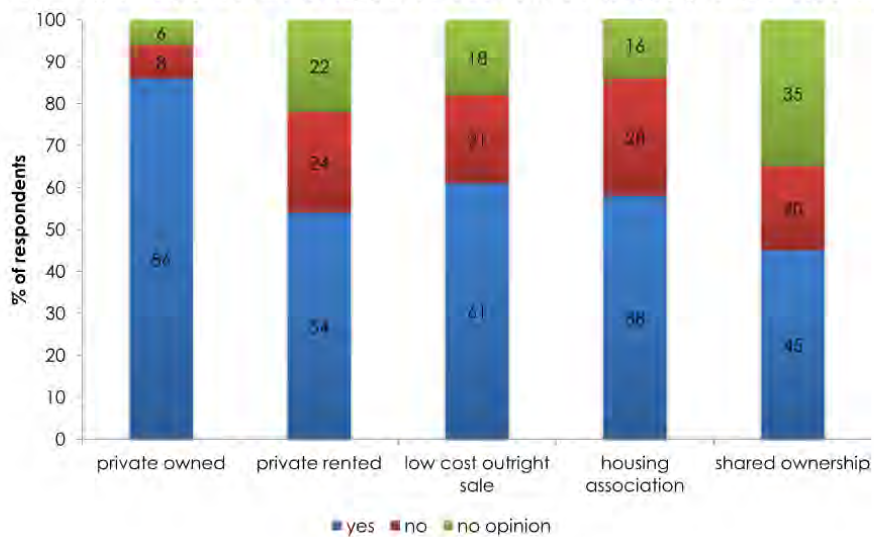
Only around one-fifth of those questioned believed there would be a need for 4 bedroom executive houses, retirement/supported living accommodation, live/work units or self build units. The survey found very little identified need for either flats or building plots during this period.

Chart 4.3: What kind of housing will Little Dewchurch need in the next 10 years? (multiple response)



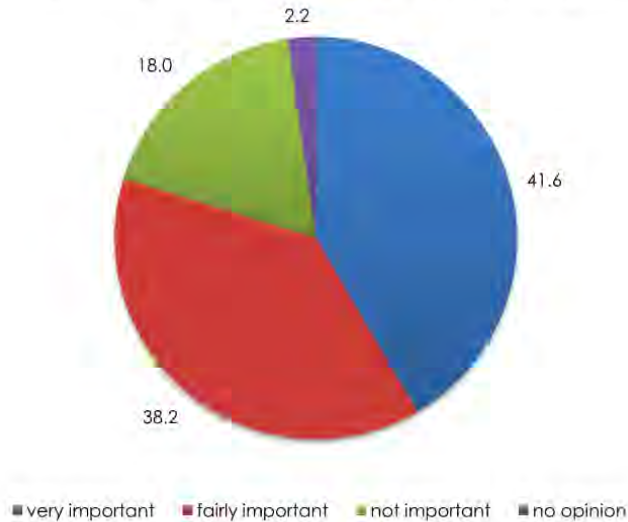
Respondents to the questionnaire were also asked about the housing ownership models which they believed would be required in Little Dewchurch over the next decade. As can be seen in Chart 4.4 shows that the most popular housing type needed over the last decade was private housing with almost nine-out-of-ten respondents indicating support for this type of housing.

Chart 4.4: % of respondents that supported each ownership type (multiple response)



As can be seen in Chart 4.5 a clear majority of people surveyed believed that any new homes in Little Dewchurch should match the style of surrounding buildings. Approximately 42% felt that it was very important and a further 38% felt it was fairly important that new homes matched the style of existing properties. Less than one-in-five of those surveyed believed that the styling of new homes and their match to existing properties was unimportant.

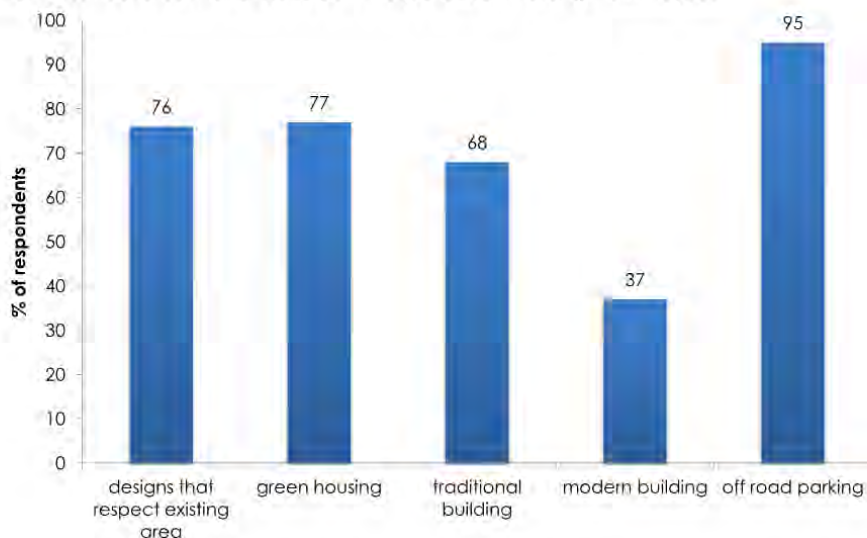
Chart 4.5: How important is it to match existing styles of surrounding buildings



Those surveyed were also asked for their views on a range of features that could be incorporated within any new properties. Chart 4.6 provides details of the proportion of respondents that supported each feature. As can be seen off road parking was thought particularly important with almost all respondents identifying it as such.

Approximately three-quarters of respondents believed new properties should have high levels of energy conservation/be green and have designs that respect the scale and style of existing buildings. Slightly fewer (68%) respondents thought new properties should use traditional building materials and less than two-fifths believed that new properties should have modern building styles and use modern materials.

Chart 4.6: Features that should be incorporated into any new houses



Respondents were asked to identify on a map of the existing Little Dewchurch boundary where they thought additional homes should be build and where they should be avoided. Map 1 below provides a summary of the information gained from respondents.

Based on the responses provided, the area surrounding Little Dewchurch has been divided into 11 zones. Within each zone the total number of votes identifying it as right for development is shown in green and the total number of votes against development in that area is shown in red. The balance of votes for and against each zone is shown in black. Broadly speaking those zones contiguous to the Northern edge of the village enjoyed the greatest overall levels of support. Zone 1 alongside the road to Hereford was the single most popular area for additional homes with 40 votes in favour and just eight against. Nearby Zones 2 and 10 were the next most popular for development, each with a net positive score of 8 votes.

The least popular areas for development were on the Southern edge of the existing settlement and were identified as Zones 7 and 6, which had net scores of minus 16 and 10 respectively.

Map 1: Areas for potential development in Little Dewchurch



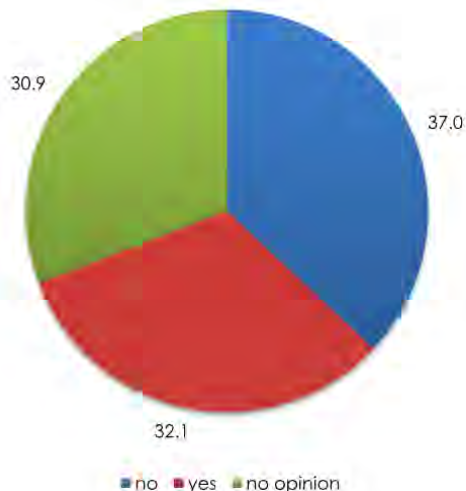
Small businesses, farming & employment

In addition to housing respondents to the survey were asked about a range of other issues which could be included within a new neighbourhood plan. Sites for potential employment use were one such issue.

As can be seen in Chart 4.7 opinion was pretty much evenly divided amongst respondents as to whether the neighbourhood development plan should identify any sites for future employment use. Approximately one third of respondents thought the plan should not identify any future employment sites, a third thought the plan should identify sites and the remaining third had no opinion on this issue.

Amongst those who were against the identification of new employment sites a common theme was the view that Rotherwas Enterprise Zone was relatively nearby and therefore there was little need for development sites within Little Dewchurch.

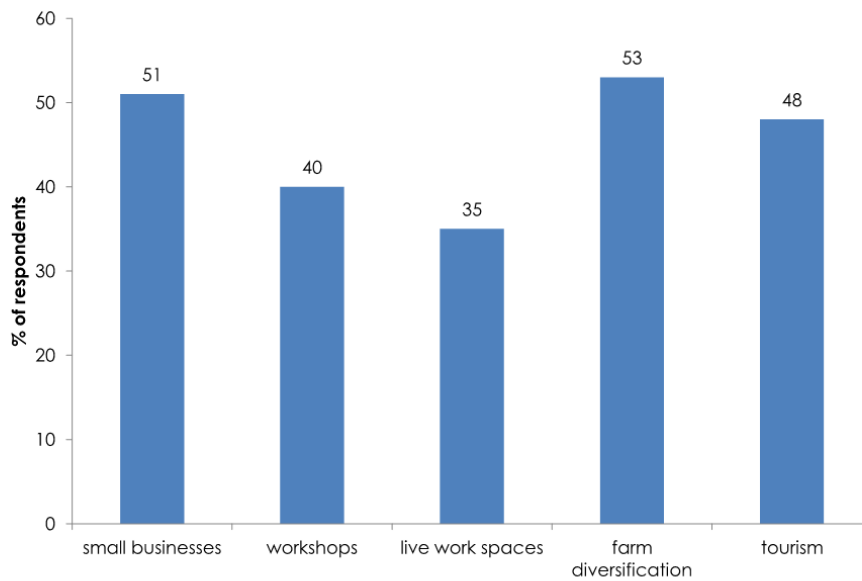
Chart 4.7: whether the NDP should identify sites for employment use



All respondents were asked whether the NDP should encourage the establishment of certain features such as small businesses, tourism or workshops. Chart 4.8 presents the evidence on the proportion of respondents supporting each feature. As can be seen in Chart 4.8 around half of respondents felt the NDP should encourage small businesses, farm diversification and tourism in Little Dewchurch. Around two-fifths believed that workshops in the village should be encouraged and around one-third felt that the NDP should encourage live/work mixed use units.

From the additional comments provided by respondents the one sort of business that many local people would like to see developed is a local shop. This was also repeated later in the survey which questioned about the need for community facilities.

Chart 4.8: % of respondents supporting certain employment features in NDP



Survey respondents were also consulted on what they felt would encourage new, small businesses to locate in Little Dewchurch. The three most popular responses all related to connectivity, be that in a real or virtual sense. Over four fifths of those responding felt that better broadband Internet connectivity and a stronger mobile phone signal would help encourage more small businesses locally. Three-quarters also felt that improved road conditions were important. A reduction in business rates was identified by around three-fifths of respondents as a factor that would help encourage more small businesses in the village. The least popular suggestion was the development of purpose build premises, with just 42% of respondents believing this would encourage new businesses to set up locally.

Chart 4.9: Factors that would encourage new small businesses in Little Dewchurch

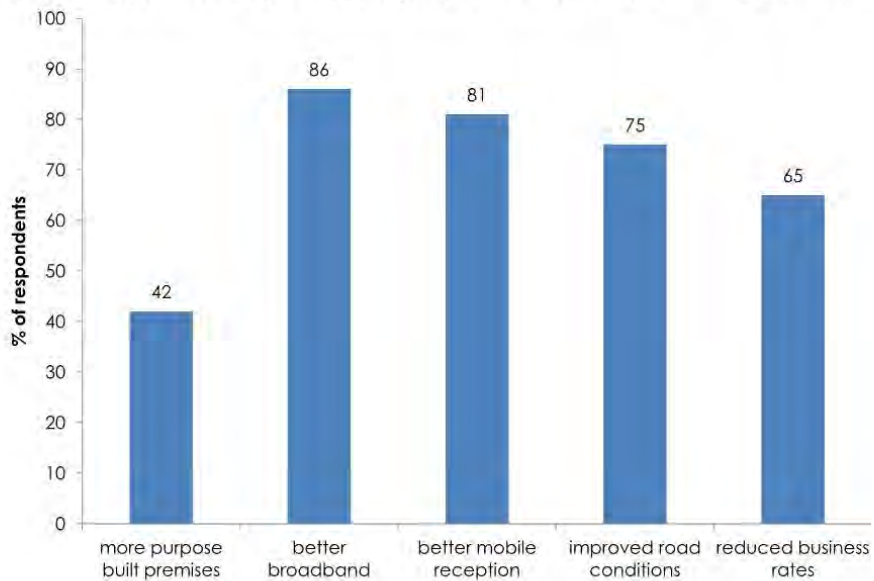
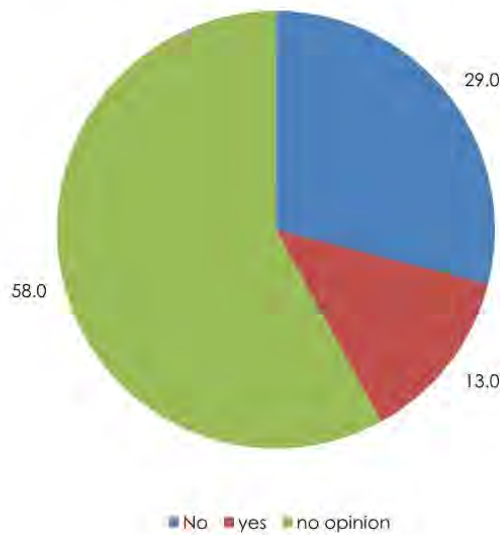


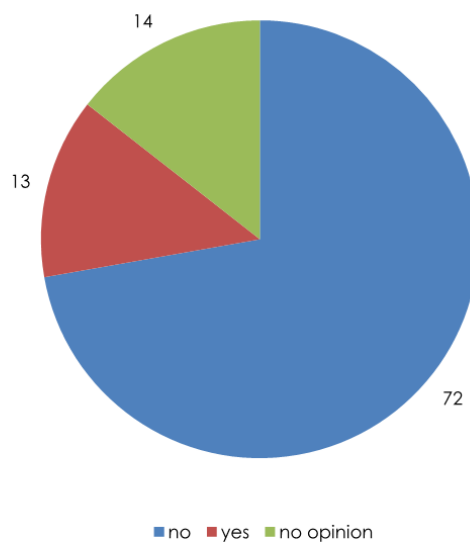
Chart 4.10 shows that there was relatively little support for the NDP having policies to encourage people to work from home. Just 13% of those questioned felt that the NDP should encourage home working. Almost one-third felt the NDP should not encourage home working with the remaining 58% having no opinion on the issue.

Chart 4.10: Should the NDP encourage working from home?



All respondents were asked whether it was likely that they would seek employment locally within the next five years. No definition of what locally meant was provided but as can be seen in Chart 4.11 the vast majority of individuals stated that they would not be seeking employment locally in that period. Just 13% of respondents stated that they would be likely to be looking for local work. Approximately one-in-eight respondents had no opinion on this issue. The low incidence of people likely to look for work over the next five years may go some way to explaining the data reported in Charts 4.9 and 4.7 which found low level of interest in home working and little interest in identifying future employment sites.

Chart 4.11: Likely to seek employment locally in next five years

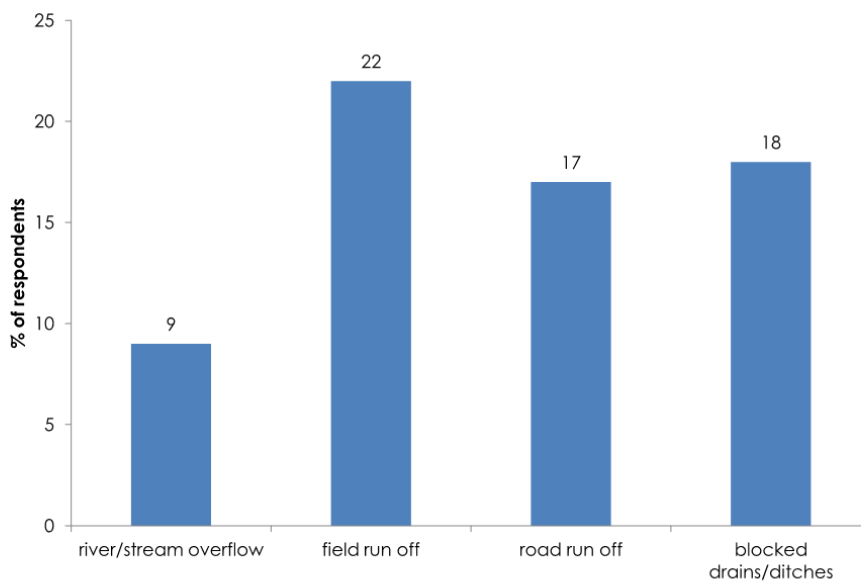


Environment

The survey also sought opinions on a range of community issues including flooding and transport.

In total 34% of respondents stated that their land or property had been affected by flooding in one way or another. Chart 4.12 provides details of how respondents felt they or their property had been affected. As can be seen, the number one cause was flood water running off from fields with 22% of respondents reporting this as the cause of flooding. Approximately one-in-six respondents believed that they or their property had been affected by run-off water from flooded roads and blocked drains/ditches. Only around one-in-ten cited river/stream overflow as a cause of flooding.

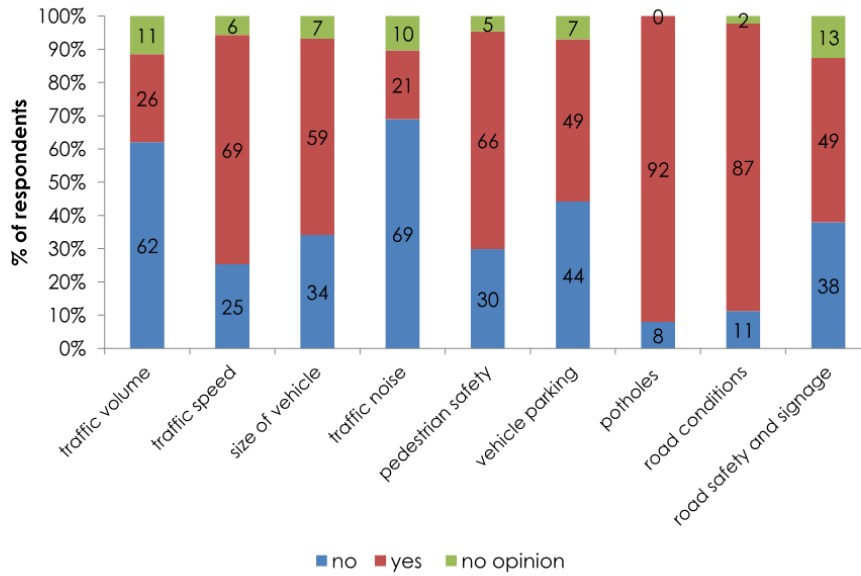
Chart 4.12: Cause of flooding (All respondents)



Respondents were also asked for details of what damage or problem flooding had caused. Chart 4.13 shows that the main problem of flooding experienced by villagers in Little Dewchurch is problematic access to their property. One-in-five reported difficulties either entering or exiting their property because of flooding.

Just over one-tenth of respondents stated that flooding had affected either their garden or vehicles, and just under one-in-ten cited problems with flooding in garages or outhouses. About one-in-twenty respondents had faced damage to carpets, furniture or the fabric of their houses caused by flooding.

Chart 4.14: Whether certain traffic issues are of concern to residents

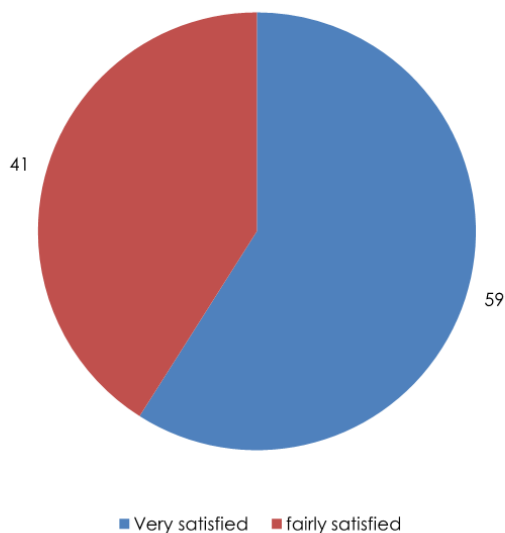


Community facilities

The final section of the survey dealt with satisfaction with community facilities and with living in the village as a whole.

Chart 4.15 provides details of responses to a specific question which asked residents to rate how satisfied they were with the parish as an area to live. Respondents were given a four-point range of responses from "very satisfied" to "very dissatisfied". As can be seen the responses were very positive with 59% of respondents stating they were "very satisfied" with the parish and the remaining 41% stating that they were "fairly satisfied". None of those who participated in the survey stated that they were either "fairly dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied". Such a high level of contentment within an area is rare and must be considered a positive finding.

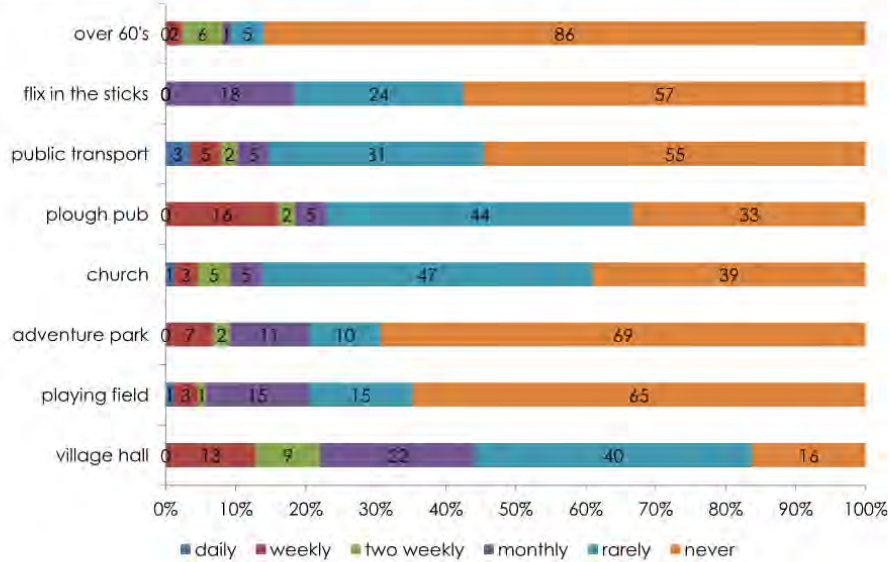
Chart 4.15: How satisfied are people with Little Dewchurch as a place to live



Residents were also asked details about their frequency of usage of a number of community facilities. Chart 4.16 provides details and shows that the most frequently used facilities on at least a monthly basis were the village hall, the Plough public house, the playing field, adventure park and Flix in the Sticks.

Some facilities have pretty general appeal such as the village hall which is used at sometime by around 84% of the community. The Plough is also a fairly well frequented facility with two-thirds of residents reporting using it. The least well used facilities were: Over 60s, the adventure park and playing field which are perhaps not surprising given their focus on specific target groups within the population.

Chart 4.16: Frequency of usage of certain key community facilities



In addition to usage, respondents were also questioned on how they would rate services/facilities in terms of meeting the current and future needs of the community. Charts 4.17 and 4.18 provide details of how individual services and facilities fared. The services and facilities that fared best were: the surgery and Much Birch, the village hall; local public footpaths and the police.

Services and facilities which were identified as most in need of improvement were:

- Broadband coverage (84%)
- Mobile phone coverage (80%)
- The Plough Pub (58%)
- Facilities for young people (34%)

No other service or facility was identified by 20% or more as needing improvement to meet the needs of the community.

Chart 4.17: ratings of local services and facilities in meeting the needs of community now and in the future (part 1)

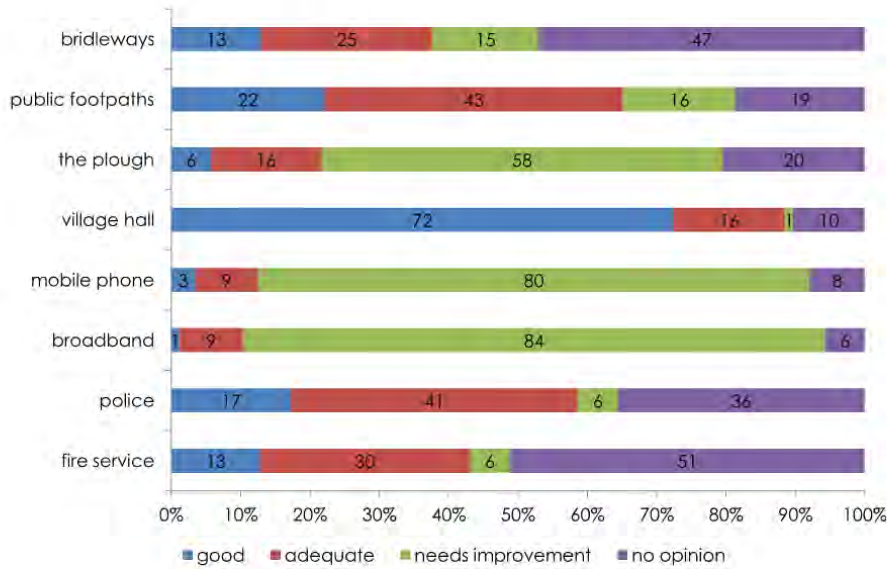
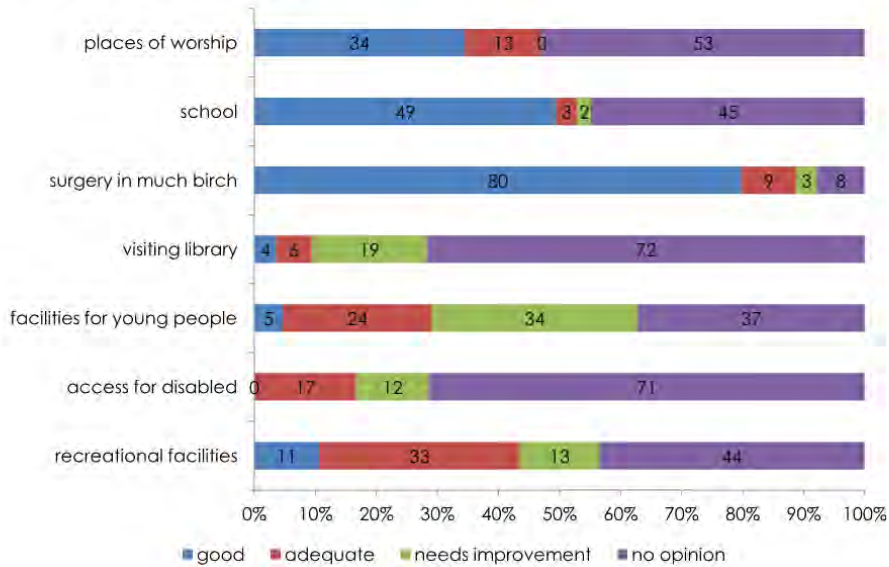


Chart 4.18: ratings of local services and facilities in meeting the needs of community now and in the future (part 2)



While not specifically listed as a service or facility a number of residents did also comment on their desire to see a shop and post office established within the village. Access to a bus service between Hereford and Ross was also an issue that was listed by a number of respondents.

Future plans

Respondents were also asked whether they planned to stay in the parish in the future. Of those who expressed an opinion 95% stated that they planned to remain in Little Dewchurch long term. Most commented on the beautiful environment and the fact that the village was a nice place to live. A few respondents raised concerns about whether they would be able to remain in the village long term given their health and the possibility that they may have to move into sheltered housing which would be away from the village. Access to public transport was also a concern for a minority of residents who stated that they may have to move if they can not get a bus to local towns such as Hereford and Ross on Wye.

Just five percent of respondents stated that they intended to move away from the village. One of these stated it was for work reasons and another that they planned to move to live by the sea.

Annex 1:

Housing comments

- All housing developments must be built on the side of the hill as The Plough development has been because of water run off. If build houses they must have garden and parking not like Plough development
- Houses need to have own driveways
- Housing should be built along the bus route to provide easy access. It should be kept close to the existing boundary and not near the church or opposite the pub
- Housing should be mixed, integrated and both affordable and sustainable. More small starter homes to retain young people and retirement schemes
- Housing should be spread around, rather than being in one group. One or two units not a dozen in one place.
- I don't believe there is a need for more housing in Little Dewchurch. There are plenty of properties that remain unsold for lengthy periods. Other villages have a better infrastructure that would sustain expansion. The school only survives by bringing in children from Hereford. There are several unused farms that could be developed in the parish before green field sites
- I feel to build more in Little Dewchurch will gradually lose its identity and community spirit
- I think houses should have driveways to make everything easier
- Individual houses rather than estates
- It would be nice to see young families able to move here
- It would be very nice to see young families able to move to the village
- Little Dewchurch does not appear to have any particular style of building, design or materials used. most designs whether traditional or more modern and sympathetically with existing housing stock
- Little Dewchurch don't need any more houses, but it seems we will have to
- Not sure where houses could go
- Need to be varied and scattered
- Needs affordable housing for people to be able to stay
- New housing suitable for younger people would freshen the village.
- Personally I think any push towards low cost housing would be insane. Most jobs are in urban areas not in Little Dewchurch. Such houses would attract those not able to sustain themselves satisfactorily due to high costs of living at distance from workplace. Starter homes would be ok, but I think the village is best served by 3+ bedroom houses i.e. families with income and money. I am not keen to live in a low cost housing estate.
- Please can we have some extra parking for bungalows in St David's rise.
- Please ensure that any building is accompanied by sufficient and, if possible, additional infrastructure improvements - the road network; drainage; green spaces; flood alleviation, public safety as agreed with the community
- Proximity and frequency of public transport to Ross and Hereford
- Sensible development without spoiling viewpoints and taking into account ecological factors and not spoiling the fact that this is a rural area. I do not object to small scale development but don't agree we need and more executive style housing
- There are a number of homes that have been on the market for many months
- There are enough homes for sale in the village so no more are needed

- There is a lack of affordable housing that the locals who grew up here can afford
- This is meant to be a small country village but some want to turn it into a suburb of Hereford. Keep filling the farmland with housing and you will spoil the thing people move here for.
- We don't need any more houses

Employment, small business comments

- All the above is reason we should aim to maintain the rural aspect of village. Having said that, mobile phone reception is abysmal in the village and needs attention.
- Bear in mind noise and traffic.
- Better broadband, mobile phone reception and road improvements are all critical for any increase for employment. Many self employed are under employed.
- Farming should be put first.
- Little Dewchurch is a small village it does not need small businesses. Rotherwas is only 5 mins away
- light or heavy industrial would be inappropriate for Little Dewchurch
- Local shop would mean less travel to towns and be better for environment
- Need a small shop in the village
- Preference for cottage industries. access roads should be maintained to far better overall standard but not widened
- Small business from home with better phone and internet service. Others can operate from rotherwas
- The village would benefit from a shop
- There are plenty of empty commercial and industrial units in the county. we don't need any in Little Dewchurch
- There is a perfectly adequate business park at rotherwas and no need to see the destruction of the countryside.

Community facility comments

- Better bus services needed
- Broadband needs improving
- Generally meets my needs
- Haven't used the facilities that much because it is geared towards the older generation when they have smaller children.
- Lack of post office and village shop
- Pub needs updating to draw people in. Public transport is non-existent. school needs to change to take more children by 2030
- Public transport is poor and must be improved for the future development or no one will want to move here
- Surgery at much birch is good, but it would be better if we had a branch practice in the village - perhaps in the village hall one day per week.
- The adventure park is in the wrong place. Putting it by the elderly is a joke.
- The pub could be a lot better if it catered for families and served food. can't use a dingy boozer
- The pub has potential but is far from satisfactory. Needs development in keeping with area and style of building. The village needs a shop co-located in the plough?

- The pub is too loud and should not last until midnight.
- The pub should not be allowed to invade the town with music, keep the noise down!!
- There is a need to assess and compensate for loss of support for old and disabled people as a result of council cuts
- We have only just moved into the village and hope to use the community facilities

Final comments

- As newcomers, enjoy the village, community and the space and hope it will be maintained.
- Consider opportunities for working with adjoining parishes in terms of employment opportunities, transport links and shared community facilities.
- Could do with a small village shop.
- Development should be on the Hereford side. Link road from main road across fields to church side of village.
- Get rid of the pylons please and improve the pub, get a shop, better broadband and mobile communications
- Hedge trimming, better broadband, roads, gritting and phone signal
- I think Herefordshire council dev plan is flawed and that Little Dewchurch doesn't need more housing. Nor can the infrastructure deal with the increase.
- It's a good village
- Should retain bus service between Hereford and Ross
- The bus service is of vital importance to a number of people
- The public transport links will be critical to allow families to move to the village and if not able to get teenage children to school, they will not stay or move here.
- The questions are only designed for current residents and do not take into account future residents.
- The verges need cutting
- Think the village needs a community shop, more bins for litter, signs about fly tipping and youth club
- well done parish council and others



Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire No. 2

In August 2014, the Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Planning Committee sent out a questionnaire to all households in the Parish. The responses we received to this have been a great help in our drafting the first stages of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Little Dewchurch.

Producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) provides an exciting opportunity for communities to become directly involved in planning policy. A plan allows the local community to create a vision and planning policies for the use and development of land in a neighbourhood.

The village, and boundary of Little Dewchurch (LD) itself comprised 128 occupied domestic dwellings in 2011. A planned 18% increase would see an additional 23 houses being built before 2031 within the village itself. 10 houses have already been established (behind The Plough), so we would need to cater for a further 13 to be built within the village of Little Dewchurch.

This further questionnaire is aimed at two specific areas, youth requirements and employment. We would therefore be grateful if you could fill this in as much as possible and return to us using the instructions on the back of the questionnaire. Parents may need to help younger children with completing the Youth Section of the questionnaire.

A summary of the analysis of the first questionnaire showed that

- **Housing** - The preferred future housing needs were 2 bed starter and 3 bed family homes. With private ownership being the preferred option.
- **New housing sites** - The preferred option was for an area North of the village on the Hereford road next to the Field Fare, Blackberry Lane houses.
- **Employment** - There was an equal opinion that Rotherwas could meet most employment needs but that as important was the support for local tourism, farm diversification and local small businesses.
- **Infrastructure improvements** - Improved broadband, better mobile reception and improved roads were considered as essential for the village.
- **Traffic** - The largest problems were seen to be potholes and road conditions with traffic speed, pedestrian safety and size of vehicle also a significant issue.
- **Little Dewchurch** - Everyone was very satisfied or satisfied with the village, no one was dissatisfied.
- **Village Community Facilities** - The village hall, church and the village pub were the two most used of the community facilities.
- **Satisfaction with village and local services** - Public footpaths, police, the school Much Birch surgery were all seen to be good or adequate. Areas such as the local pub, mobile phone service, broadband recreational facilities seen as needing improvement.

The above is a summary of the analysis. Copies of the full analysis as already fed back are available from the NDP steering group.

The Vision for the Parish of Little Dewchurch to 2031

In 2031 the Village and Parish of Little Dewchurch will be an active, vibrant and caring rural area with the natural and built environment protected for the benefit of the community where residents and visitors will enjoy living and working, feel valued and safe.

By 2031 the parish and village will have;

- Housing with a range of types, sizes and tenures appropriate for the needs of local people.
- New homes that are built in areas agreed by the local people in manageable quantities that respect the character of the area.
- Local facilities, e.g. Village Hall, School, Sports and Leisure Spaces, Pub, Shop, Health and Emergency facilities that are well maintained and enhanced to meet the needs of the community.
- Small businesses encouraged to the area to help people to work nearer to their homes.
- The local infrastructure e.g. roads, footpaths, bridle ways, drains, suitable for its needs and maintained to a good standard.
- Communication systems e.g. Bus service, Broadband, Mobile phone suitable for the needs of the community.
- Community spirit that is actively encouraged to help enhance the living experience of the parish.
- Protected AONB and the general environment and a supported renewable energy policy.

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. Should the Neighbourhood Plan include a settlement boundary outside which there would be a general presumption against new housing being allowed?
Yes No No opinion
2. The Plan needs to deliver a minimum of 16 dwellings by 2031. Should these be provided within:
Tick one box
Developments of up to 3 homes
Developments of 3-5 homes
Developments of 6-5 homes
All on one site
3. The previous NDP consultation showed that the single most supported area for additional homes was Land to the West of Field Fare. Do you agree? _____

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4. Are you in favour of the following developments to harness energy from natural sources in Little Dewchurch Parish if undertaken by private individuals or commercial companies

Tick all that apply

	Private Individuals		Commercial Operator		No Opinion
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
solar panels or photo voltaic panel array					
wind power					
water power					
Capturing natural heat from the ground eg Ground pump source heat pumps					
Burning wood pellets eg Biomass plants					
Gas captured from waster products eg anaerobic digesters					

5. Are there any specific local public views and open spaces which you feel should be protected in the Plan due to their significance and contribution to the character of the area?

Please state: _____

6. Do you support the provision of local allotments?

YOUTH SECTION:

As the young people in this Parish, you are the future so YOUR views MATTER. Please fill in one of these forms for us if you are aged between 5 and 15 years. If this does not apply, please continue to the Employment section. One questionnaire for each person please.

1. Are you a:

- Boy
- Girl

2. Which age group are you in?

- 5 – 7
- 8 – 11
- 12 – 15

3. Which school do you go to?

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4. What do you do in your spare time?

- Visit friends
- Meet friends outside the Parish
- Local clubs
- School organised activities
- Sports
- Bike/BMX riding
- Play computer games
- Skateboarding
- Internet e.g. social media
- Reading
- Drama
- Watch TV
- Shopping
- Visit town cinema/theatre
- Study/homework
- Help family/friends
- Hobbies (please specify)
- Church activities e.g. JAM, other services

Please list your hobbies:

5. Where does your spending money come from?

- Pocket money
- Regular part-time job
- Odd jobs
- Saved birthday/Christmas present money
- Savings

6. How much spending money do you usually have a week?

- £0 - £2
- £3 - £5
- £6 - £10
- £11 - £15
- Above £15

7. What do you think would make Little Dewchurch better for young people?

- Better transport to nearby towns
- Better broadband
- Better mobile phone signal
- Greater access to sports facilities
- More say for young people in community matters
- Wider choice of things to do (please list below):
- More activities in the village hall (please list below):

8. Which words best describe Little Dewchurch?

- | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| • Friendly | <input type="radio"/> | • Neighbourly | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Boring | <input type="radio"/> | • Safe | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Exciting | <input type="radio"/> | • Too quiet | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Cool | <input type="radio"/> | • Good | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Bad | <input type="radio"/> | • Isolated | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Comfortable | <input type="radio"/> | | |

Why did you chose those words? _____

9. What do you like best about Little Dewchurch? _____

10. What do you like least about Little Dewchurch? _____

11. Do you have any other comments about life in the Parish and how it might be improved for young people?

EMPLOYMENT SECTION:

1. Are you currently

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Employed full time | <input type="radio"/> | • Employed part time | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Self employed | <input type="radio"/> | • Unemployed and looking for work | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Retired | <input type="radio"/> | • Student | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Looking after Home/Family | <input type="radio"/> | • Long term sick/disabled | <input type="radio"/> |

2. What are you employed in?

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Agriculture | <input type="radio"/> | • Education | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Health and Social Work | <input type="radio"/> | • Financial | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Information | <input type="radio"/> | • Administration | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Retail | <input type="radio"/> | • Leisure and hospitality | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Construction | <input type="radio"/> | • Utilities | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Transportation and Warehousing | <input type="radio"/> | • Information | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Professional and business services | <input type="radio"/> | • Local government | <input type="radio"/> |
| • Other, please state: _____ | | | |

3. Do you work

- From home
- Rotherwas Enterprise Park
- Hereford
- Ledbury
- Leominster
- Ross on Wye
- Elsewhere in the County of Herefordshire: Please state: _____
- Outside the County of Herefordshire: Please state: _____
- N/A

4. Poor local road conditions, broadband and mobile phone coverage as well as high business rates have been identified as deterrents to employment growth in the Parish. Are there any other issues that prevent local employment growth occurring eg availability of suitable employment land?

- Yes, Please state: _____
- No
- No opinion

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5. If broadband and mobile phone coverage were improved do you think this would lead to an increase in demand for small scale employment provision in the Parish?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

6. The previous NDP questionnaire identified that local employment needs should be met by supporting small scale employment provision in the Parish through small businesses, farm diversification, tourism and live work units. At the same time the responses indicated that larger scale provision, new employment land and units should be provided at Rotherwas, Hereford and the Market Towns. Do you agree with this approach in the Neighbourhood Plan?

- Yes
- No
- If no, why? _____

7. Support for the provision of workshops and small business was shown in the previous NDP questionnaire. Do you think the Plan should provide for this:

- On existing farm units
- Through conversion of existing buildings
- Through development of previously developed land
- Through identification of a small employment site in Little Dewchurch village
- Other, please state

8. The Census data shows that there are above average number of people who are self employed in the Parish. The Plan is looking to support this and working from home? Do you agree with this approach?

- Yes
- No

9. Are you likely to seek local employment in the next 5 years?

- Yes
- No

10. Do you currently run your own business?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please answer the following questions

11. What is your business? _____

APPENDIX 3

12. Is your business located in Little Dewchurch Parish?

- Yes • No

13. If yes, What are the advantages to your business being located in Little Dewchurch Parish e.g. people, local economy, communication links, costs, environment etc? Please state:

14. What obstacles are there to the growth of your business here? Please state:

15. Will your business require further land for expansion within the next 5 years?

- Yes • No

16. If yes, where would you like this located? Please state:

17. How many persons do you employ? _____

18. Of those employees how many/ what percentage live locally, i.e. in Little Dewchurch Parish?

The space below is for your comments on jobs and the local economy:

Should you require assistance with completing this form, please contact:
Tim Barrett: 01432 840 780, Paula Barrett: 01432 840 780, Andy Mann: 01432 840 538
or email littledechurchparishclerk@gmail.com

Once you have completed this questionnaire, please pass this through the letterbox in the Village Hall or simply pass it to a member of the NDP working group by 20th September 2015.

Many thanks for your input into the future of Little Dewchurch.
Little Dewchurch Parish Council



Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan

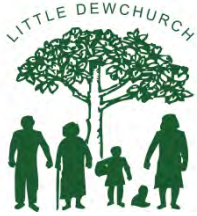
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21st November 2015
Andy Mann



Neighbourhood Development Plan – History

View to South West from Village





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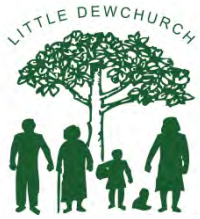
HISTORY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- In 2011 the Government published the Localisation Act.
- Communities to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP),
- The NDP Allows people to help shape the future of where they live
- The decision to proceed with a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the parish of Little Dewchurch was agreed by the parish council on 19th June 2013
- An NDP Steering Group was set up reporting to the Parish Council
- The NDP area (ie the parish of Little Dewchurch) was approved by Herefordshire Council on 5th September 2013
- In August 2014 the NDP steering group circulated a questionnaire to all households seeking views on the Parish
- During latter of 2014 feedback briefings were held on the results of the questionnaire
- On 23 September 2014 Herefordshire Council submitted its Core strategy for independent examination.
- A further questionnaire was prepared and circulated in September 2015
- Herefordshire Council adopted the Core Strategy at its meeting on 16th October 2015
- Today 21st November feedback on the 2nd questionnaire

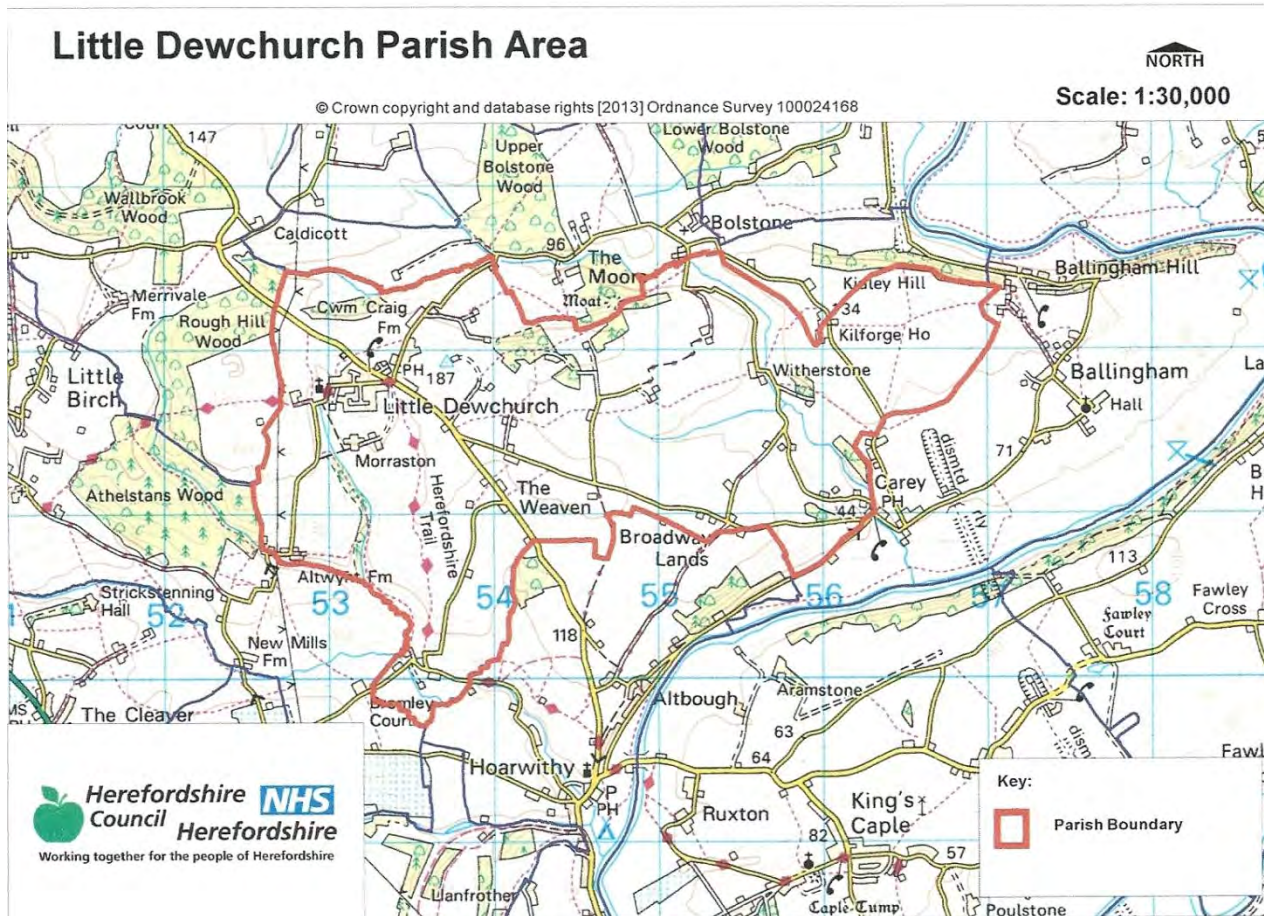


A summary of the analysis of the first questionnaire showed that

- Housing - The preferred future housing needs were 2 bed starter and 3 bed family homes. With private ownership being the preferred option.
 - New housing sites- The preferred option was for an area North of the village on the Hereford road next to the Field Fare, Blackberry Lane houses.
 - Employment - There was an equal opinion that Rotherwas could meet most employment needs but that as important was the support for local tourism, farm diversification and local small businesses.
 - Infrastructure improvements - Improved broadband, better mobile reception and improved roads were considered as essential for the village.
 - Traffic - The largest problems were seen to be potholes and road conditions with traffic speed, pedestrian safety and size of vehicle also a significant issue.
 - Little Dewchurch - Everyone was very satisfied or satisfied with the village, no one was dissatisfied.
 - Village Community Facilities - The village hall, church and the village pub were the two most used of the community facilities.
 - Satisfaction with village and local services - Public footpaths, police, the school Much Birch surgery were all seen to be good or adequate. Areas such as the local pub, mobile phone service, broadband recreational facilities seen as needing improvement.
- The above is a summary of the analysis. Copies of the full analysis as already fed back are available from the NDP steering group.



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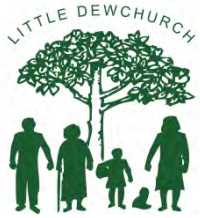


The Vision for the Parish of Little Dewchurch to 2031

In 2031 the Village and Parish of Little Dewchurch will be an active, vibrant and caring rural area with the natural and built environment protected for the benefit of the community where residents and visitors will enjoy living and working, feel valued and safe.

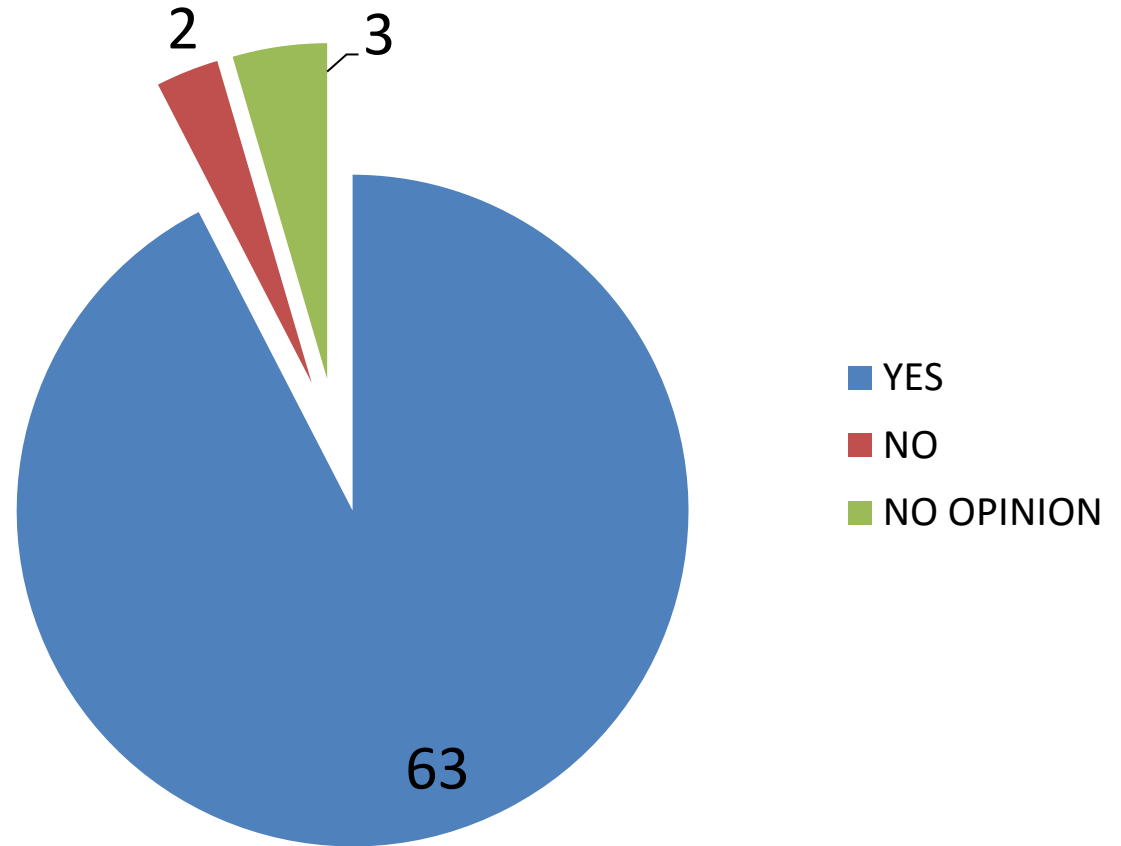
By 2031 the parish and village will have;

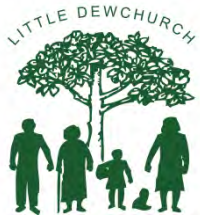
- Housing with a range of types, sizes and tenures appropriate for the needs of local people.
- New homes that are built in areas agreed by the local people in manageable quantities that respect the character of the area.
- Local facilities, e.g. Village Hall, School, Sports and Leisure Spaces, Pub, Shop, Health and Emergency facilities that are well maintained and enhanced to meet the needs of the community.
- Small businesses encouraged to the area to help people to work nearer to their homes.
- The local infrastructure e.g. roads, footpaths, bridle ways, drains, suitable for its needs and maintained to a good standard.
- Communication systems e.g. Bus service, Broadband, Mobile phone suitable for the needs of the community.
- Community spirit that is actively encouraged to help enhance the living experience of the parish.
- Protected AONB and the general environment and a supported renewable energy policy.



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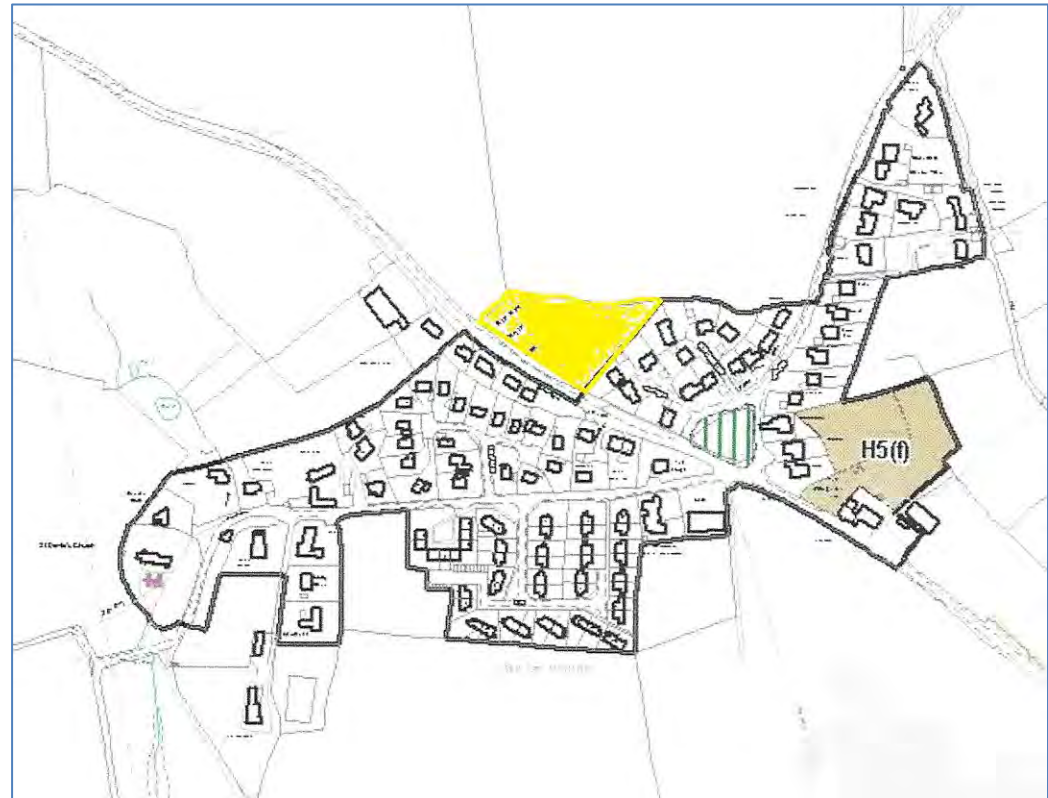
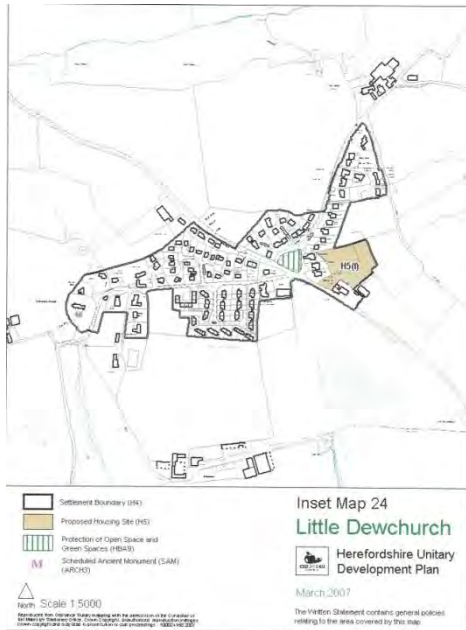
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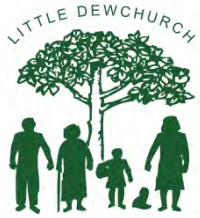




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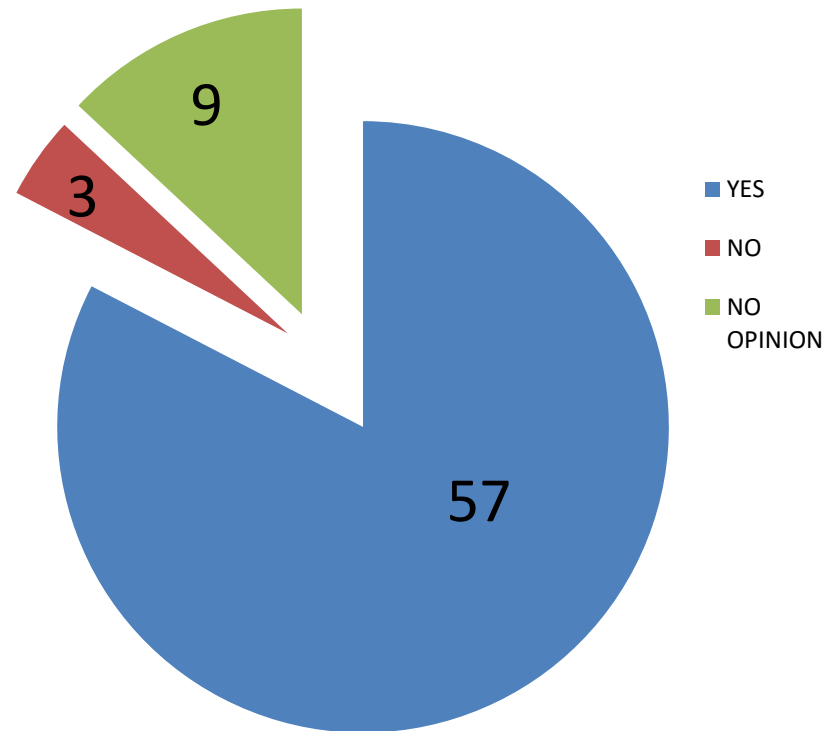
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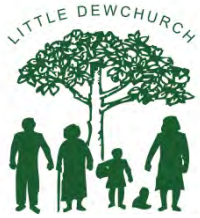




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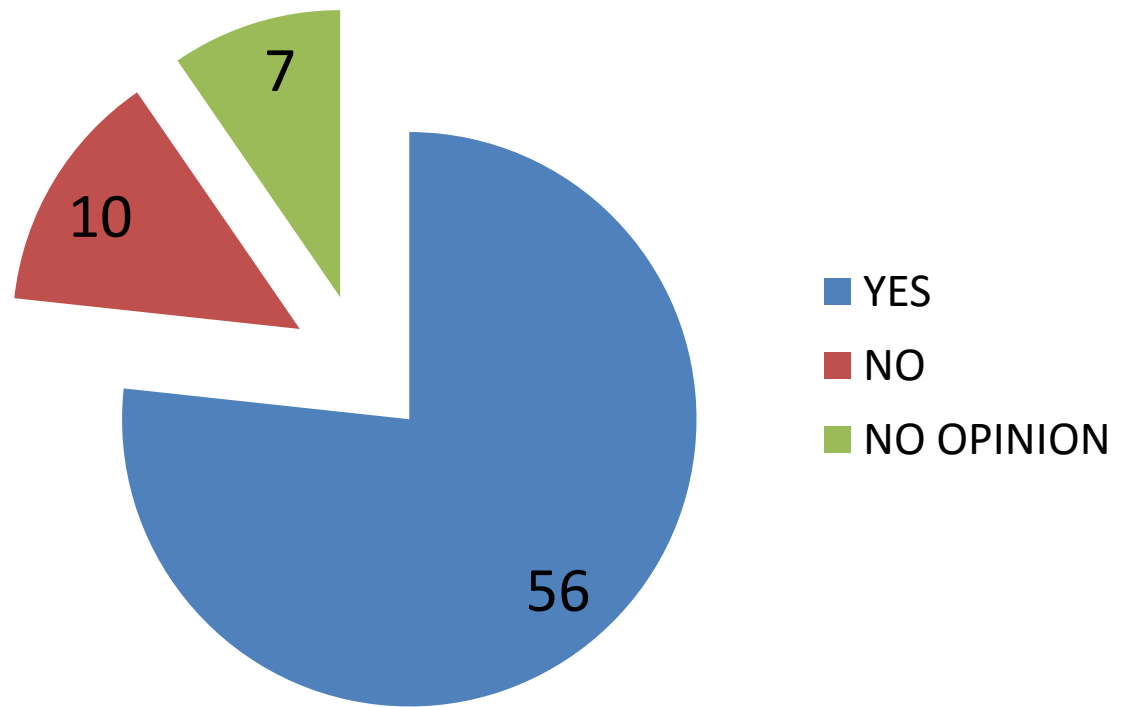
- G1 - Settlement Boundary

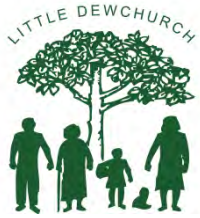




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- G2 - Most Supported Area for new housing
- North of Village next to Field Fare / Blackberry Lane

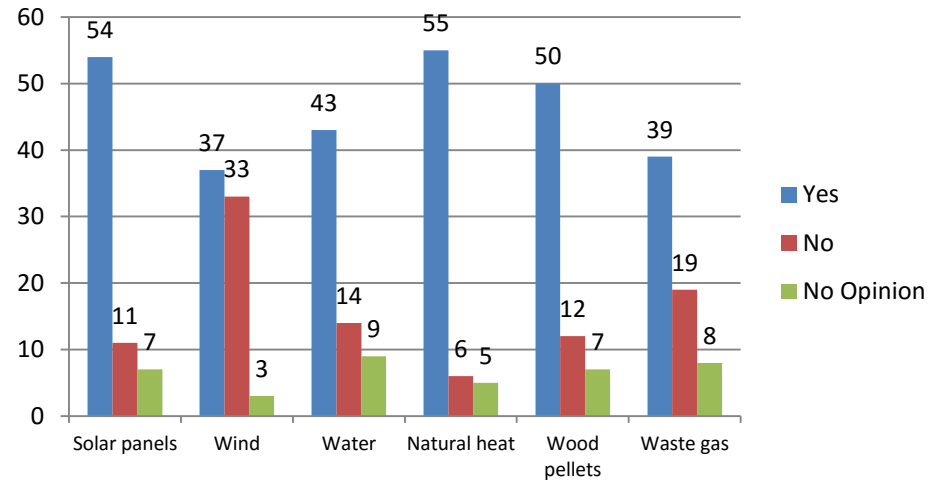




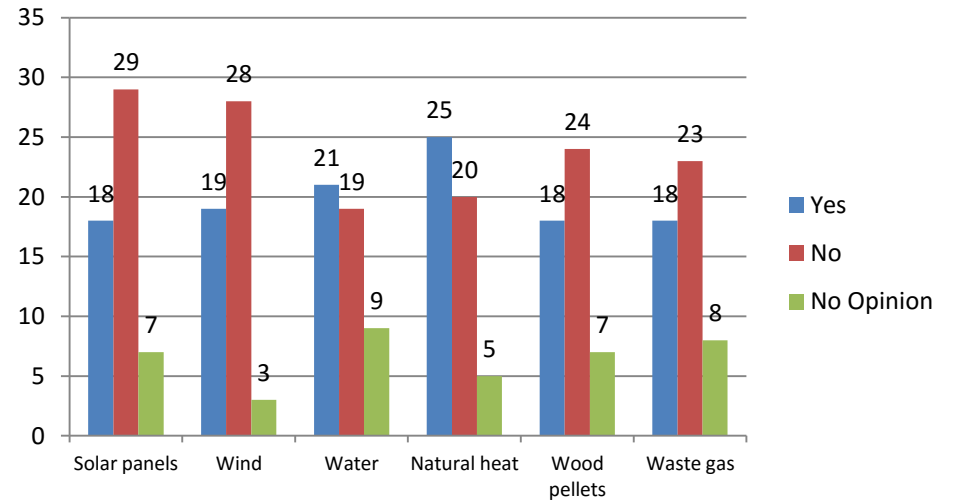
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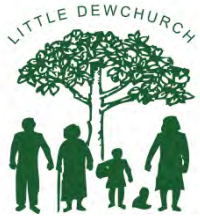
G3 - Natural Energy Sources

- Private provision



- Commercial Operation



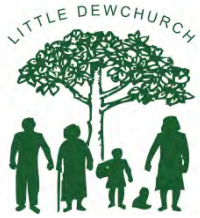


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- G4 - Protection of Local Views and Open spaces



- **1** General
- **8** Pub view
- **3** Blackberry Lane
- **9** School playing field/park
- **23** The Green
- **1** Clee Hill
- **11** Church



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- G5 - Do you support the provision of local allotments ?
 - **Yes** **49**
 - **No** **4**
 - **No Opinion** **12**



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Youth Section

Y1 -

Boy 6

Girl 7

Y2 - Age Group

5 - 7:	8 - 11:	12 - 15:
2	2	9

Y3 - Schools Attended

3 St Marys

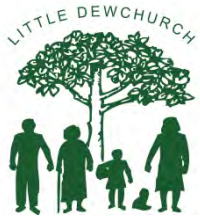
1 Hereford Academy

2 John Kyrle

1 Fairfield

4 LD Primary

1 Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School



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Y4 - SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES

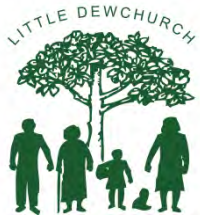
Visit Friends	7
Meet Friends outside of Parish	6
Local Clubs	6
School organised activities	4
Sports	5
Bike/BMX riding	5
Play computer games	6
Skateboarding	1
Internet e.g. Social Media	6
Reading	4
Drama	1
Watch TV	9
Shopping	4
Visit town centre, cinema theatre	8
Study / Homework	9
Help family friends	4
Hobbies *	5
Church activities e.g. JAM, other services	2

Y5 - HOW DO WE MAKE LITTLE DEWCHURCH BETTER for young people ?

Better Transport	8
Better Broadband	3
Better Mobile Phone Signal	6
Better access to sports facilities	9
More say in community matters	2
More activities	5
Access to school playing field after school hours	
Tennis court	
Zip wire in adventure park	

VILLAGE HALL

Kids based films	
Internet cafe	



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Y6 - How would you describe Little Dewchurch?

- Nice community
- Know everyone
- Safe

Y7 - Like best about LD

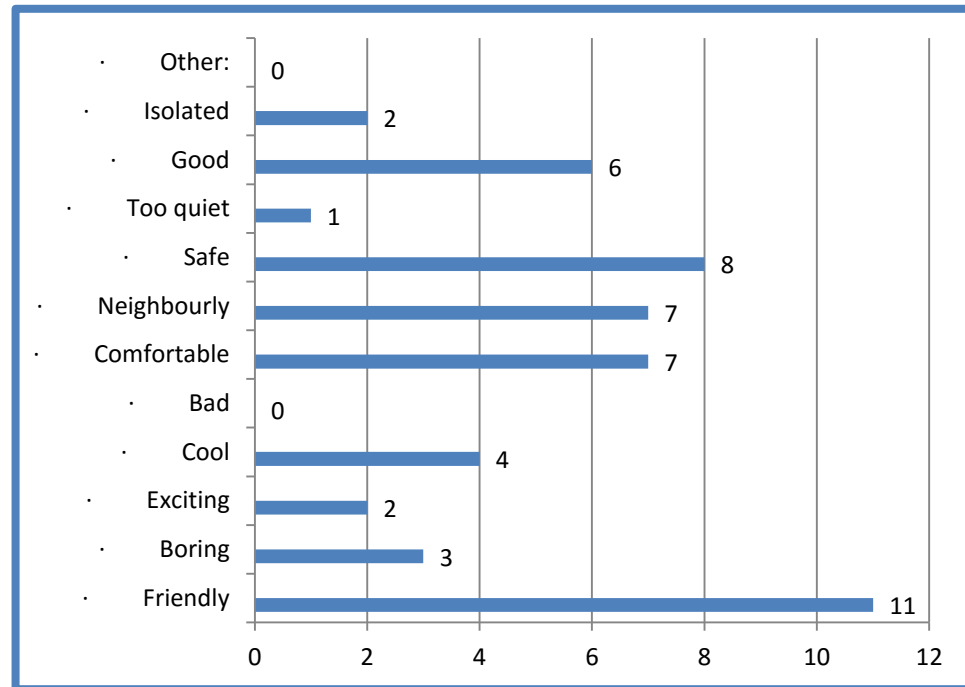
- Countryside 2
- Youth club 2

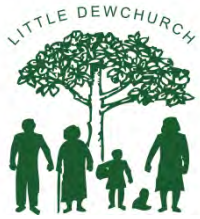
Y8 - Least like about LD

- Poor bus service 2
- No shops 3

Y9 - What else could be improved ?

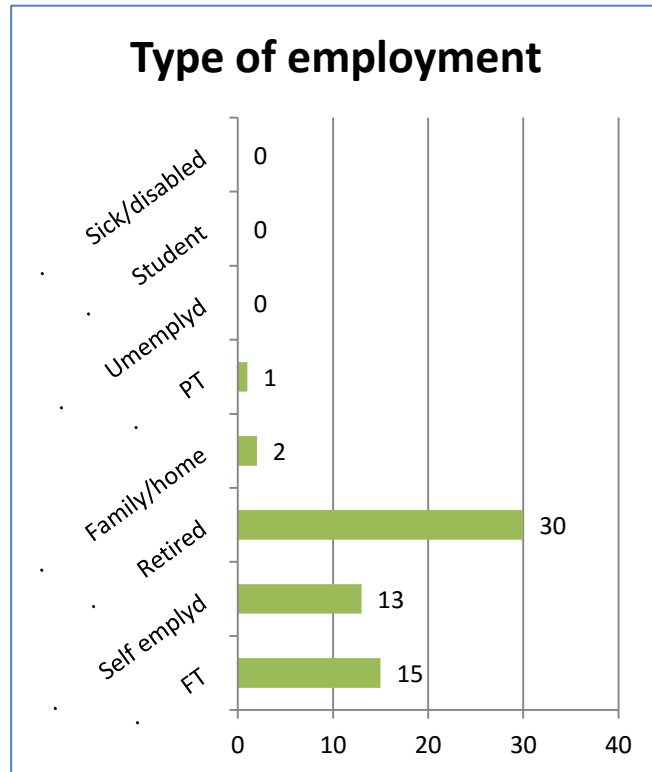
- Day trips
- Speed control (traffic calming) in LD
- More community events
- Films for teenagers



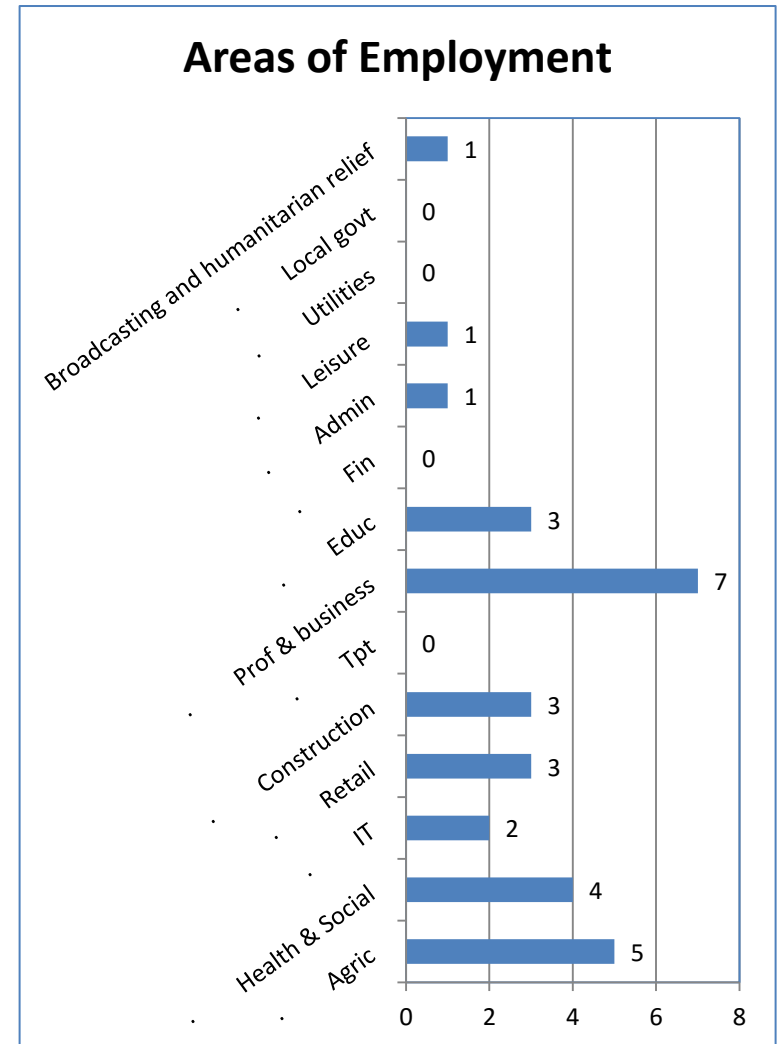


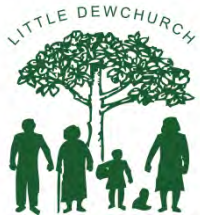
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E1



E2

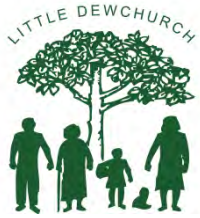




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E3





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E4 - Other issues preventing employment growth

Response	13	YES
	16	NO
	25	NO OPINION

- 3 Planning Constraints
- 4 Transport
- 2 Local Shop
- 1 Housing

- 1 Poor Hereford Council Decisions
- 1 Rural environment
- 1 Lack of Commercial / Industrial Units



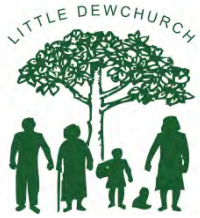
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E5 - If Broadband and Mobile improved would this lead to better small scale employment in the Parish

Response	28	YES
	9	NO
	22	NO OPINION

E6 - Do you agree that larger scale employment should be at Rotherwas and the local towns with local employment through small businesses Farm Diversification etc.

Response	55	YES
	0	NO



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E7 - Should the NDP support the provision for small Business in the Parish

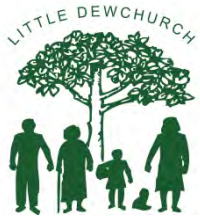
	YES	NO	
Existing Farms	48	4	
Conversion existing buildings	43	8	
Development of existing developed land	35	14	
Through identification of a small employment site in LD Village	19	28	
Other Suggestions	Establish Village Shop		4



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E8 - The NDP is Supporting self employment in the Parish Do you agree

Response	55	YES
	3	NO



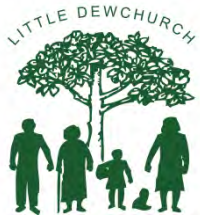
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E9 - Do you run your own business

Response	12	YES
	42	NO

E10 - What type of employment do you operate

Farming	3
Agricultural contractor	1
Horticulture	1
Retail Internet	1
IT based	2
Home Construction and Furniture Maker	1
Heating Engineer	1
Manufacturer	1
Leisure and Health	1



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E11 – Is your business located in LD

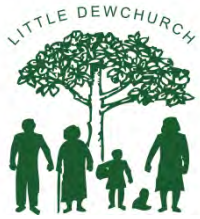
Response	10	YES
	6	NO

E11 - Advantages

- Cost Effective 1
- Good Land available 1
- Local Workforce 1

E12 - Obstacles

- Poor IT 1
- Poor mobile 3
- Limited availability of land 3
- Limited availability of young staff 1
- No obstacles 3



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E14 – Will your business need land to expand in next 5 years

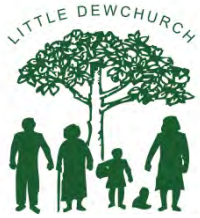
Response	4	YES
	11	NO

E15 – If yes to Expansion where would it be located

Response	2 Neighbouring Parish
	1 Ross on Wye

E16 – How many persons do you employ

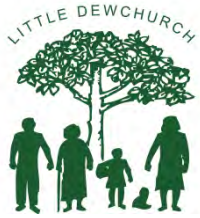
Response	7	0
	6	1
	5	2
	1	3
	1	6



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Any other comments on jobs and the local economy

- No more homes / industrial units 2
- Encourage working from home 2
- Encourage small business 1
- Concern over traffic volume 1
- Lack of skill sets 1
- Need a viable bus service 3
- Need balance homes v commercial 1
- Need shop for local produce and essentials 1



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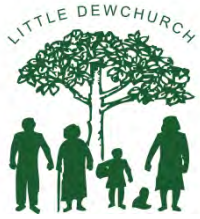
What Next ?

1. Write and Preparation of Draft NDP to include policies on:
 - Environment and Local Green Spaces
 - Settlement Boundary
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Local Infrastructure
 - Renewable Energy
 - Wildlife and Open Spaces
 - Community Facilities
2. Draft NDP available early Spring 2016 for Regulation 14 consultation.



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Questions ?



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This is the end of the feedback presentation.
Thank you for your patience and interest.



APPENDIX 5

The tables below detail all of the comments received during the Regulation 14 public consultation. The first table lists those who submitted comments; the second table lists the comments themselves and the response made to each comment. Where amendments are proposed to the Draft Plan, these are indicated by red text

Table 1 List of those that submitted comments.

Respondent ID	Name/ organisation Address	E Mail address	Date Received	Type of respondent
1	D.T.Single			Resident
2	J.Furnival			Resident
3	Mr R.A.Lucas			Resident
4	Jan Bailey			Resident
5	Tim and Paula Barrett			Resident
6	Sarah Smith			Resident
7	Brian Smith			Resident
8	Herefordshire Council Service Providers		14-05-2016	Local Organisation
9	Welsh Water		14-05-2016	National Organisation
10	Roger da Cunha		14-05-2016	Resident
11	Historic England		14-05-2016	National Organisation
12	Environment Agency	SHWGPlanning@envrionmentagency.gov.uk	14-05-2016	National Organisation
13	Duchy of Cornwall	NPollock@duchyofcornwall.org	14-05-2016	National Organisation
14	Sarah Roberts, Upper Cwm Cottage, Little Dewchurch, Hereford HR2 6PS	Sararoberts.mflp@gmail.com	14-05-2016	Resident / Local business
15	Philip Williams		14-05-2016	Resident

16	Mr and Mrs G A Jones,		14-05-2016	Resident
17	Anthony Kolker		14-05-2016	Resident
18	Tom Straker		14-05-2016	Resident
19	CPRE	fordenicola@hotmail.com	19-05-2016	National Organisation

Table 2: Comments and Responses

Respondent ID	Type of respondent	Policy/ paragraph no.	Comment	Response
1	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
2	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		General Comments :	1. Why only 1 comments sheet per household ? 2. Greater emphasis on the need for village post office / shop. 3. Improved street lighting, and extending existing.	1. Further comment sheets were available locally if required. 2. The NDP has included a policy on retention and enhancement of existing community facilities plus support for new community facilities which meet identified criteria. 3. Noted – Potential for consideration within a future CIL programme.
3	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
4	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		General Comments:	All sounds perfectly sensible. Thanks for pulling it together and all your hard work.	Noted. No Change Required
5	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		LD ENV1, 5.6	Perhaps explain/enhance stated requirement to "protect mature trees" by actually seeking to plant additional indigenous trees (& hedgerows) across parish - including new developments.	Noted. Amend the NDP to include a further bullet point within Policy LD ENV 1 to state 'the planting of native trees and hedges within new development.'

		LD SB1, 5.18, 5.20	On reflection these paragraphs / statements could be contrary. However, they are provable inputs from the community, hence credibility. They shouldn't detract from the overall document.	Noted. No Change Required
6	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		General Comments :	Thank you to the team for all their hard work	Noted. No Change Required
7	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
8	Local Organisation			
	Neighbourhood Planning	Front cover	Useful to have the plan period on the front cover i.e. 2011-2031	Noted. The front cover includes the plan period.
		Maps	Ensure that the OS copyright licence and number are on all maps within the document	Noted. All plans will have the copyright licence and number provided.
		LD ENV2	Would be useful to include reference to how each of the local green spaces meet the criteria within the NPPF	Noted. Include reference within LD ENV 2 to explain how the local green spaces meet the criteria within the NPPF.
		P12 bullet point list	River Wye is referenced as SSSI but it is also a SAC.	Noted. Amend the NDP to include reference to the River Wye as being both a SSSI and SAC.
		LD H1	Any requirements for S106 will need to meet the required test depending on if CIL is adopted.	Noted. Amend the NDP within the justification to Policy LD H1 to state that any requirements for s106 will need to be CIL compliant.
		E1	Additional criteria to reference the River Wye hydrological catchment would be beneficial (see HRA)	No Change required. The NDP at Policy ENV 1 already addresses this point.
		INF1	Additional criteria to reference the River Wye hydrological catchment would be beneficial (see HRA)	No Change required. The NDP at Policy ENV 1 already addresses this point.
	Planning Policy			
		LD ENV 1: A Valued Natural and Built Environment	Y = in general conformance with core strategy.	Noted. No Change Required

		HCCS - LD1-LD4		
		LD ENV 2: Local Green Spaces HCCS - N/A	Y = in general conformance with core strategy. Suggested minor addition to last paragraph: <i>Proposals for any developments on these sites will be resisted unless they are directly related to the retention, management, or improvement of the green space.</i> This provides some flexibility and scope for a proposal to possibly enhance and add further value to an existing green space.	Noted. Amend the NDP as requested.
		LD SB 1: Settlement Boundary HCCS - N/A	Y= in general conformance with core strategy.	Noted. No Change Required
		LD H1: Policy Housing Delivery HCCS - RA1, RA2	Y/N Y = in general conformance with core strategy. N = not in general conformance with core strategy. It may be helpful to provide information on existing permissions granted and completions in the Parish since 2011, in order to help demonstrate that the minimum target number of dwellings can be delivered. At present it is difficult to ascertain whether enough infill schemes will come forward within the fairly tightly drawn settlement boundary, to supplement the site allocation and proposals in the countryside.	Noted. Amend the NDP as requested. Include a list of completions and commitments in an appendix to the NDP. The NDP has been updated to reflect the latest 2016 housing land position. The housing allocation has been increased to a capacity of 20 units to reflect the SHLAA capacity figure. This leaves a residual of 2 dwellings which can be delivered as windfalls in line with para 5.41 of the NDP.
		LD H2: Housing Design Criteria HCCS - LD1, LD2, SD1-SD3, MT1	Y = in general conformance with core strategy.	Noted. No Change Required
		LD E1: Rural Employment HCCS - RA6, E3	Y = in general conformance with core strategy	Noted. No Change Required

		LD INF 1: Local Infrastructure HCCS - SC1, MT1, SD3	Y/N Y = in general conformance with core strategy. N = not in general conformance with core strategy. Development should be located in accordance with the Sequential Test and Exception Tests (where appropriate) outlined in the NPPF paragraphs 100-104. It must also have regard to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) 2009 for Herefordshire.	Noted. Amend Policy INF 1 to state that development proposals will need to be in accordance with Policy SD3 of the Herefordshire Core Strategy.
		DNP RE1: Renewable Energy HCCS - SD2	Y = in general conformance with core strategy.	Noted. No Change Required
		LD CF1: Community Facilities HCCS - SC1	Y = in general conformance with core strategy.	Noted. No Change Required
	Development Management		No comments	Noted. No Change Required
	Transportation and Highways		No comments	Noted. No Change Required
	Environmental Health (Environmental Protection – noise/air)		Suggest amendment to LD H2 'all housing proposals will need to' with an additional clause as follow; be located such that there is no undue impact on the amenity of existing residential premises nor such that the proposed housing is likely to be impacted by noise or nuisance from agricultural or commercial activity.'	Policy LD H2 refers to protection of residential amenity. No Change Required
	Environmental Health (Environmental Protection –		Having reviewed Ordnance survey historical plans, I would advise that the proposed housing site identified in yellow in Plan 1 ('Map showing the settlement boundary, the housing allocation and the protected green spaces for Little	Noted. No Change Required

	contaminated land)		<p>Dewchurch village') has historically been used as orchards. By way of general advice I would mention that orchards can be subject to agricultural spraying practices which may, in some circumstances, lead to a legacy of contamination and any development should consider this.</p> <p>General comments: Developments such as hospitals, homes and schools may be considered 'sensitive' and as such consideration should be given to risk from contamination notwithstanding any comments. Please note that the above does not constitute a detailed investigation or desk study to consider risk from contamination. Should any information about the former uses of the proposed development areas be available I would recommend they be submitted for consideration as they may change the comments provided.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These comments are provided on the basis that any other developments would be subject to application through the normal planning process.</p>	
	Strategic Housing		No comments to make	Noted. No Change Required
	Landscape/Conservation/Archaeology		No comments received	Noted. No Change Required
	Economic Development		None received	Noted. No Change Required

	Education		None received	Noted. No Change Required
	Property service		None Received	Noted. No Change Required
	Parks and Countryside		None received	Noted. No Change Required
	Waste		None received	Noted. No Change Required
9	National Organisation Welsh Water	HCCS - HD4	<p>Suggest New Policy: Public sewerage network and wastewater treatment works (WwTW) Development that may result in the capacity of the public sewerage network and/or the Little Dewchurch wastewater treatment works (WwTW) becoming overloaded will not be permitted.</p> <p>In either of these instances, development will need to be phased or delayed until capacity becomes available, either through DCWW regulatory investment or, in advance of this through the developer funding the improvements themselves via the provisions of the Water Industry Act (1991) and/or section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990)</p>	Amend Policy INF 1 to include the wording with respect to the capacity of the Public sewerage network and waste water treatment works.
10	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		General Comments:	<p>The Neighbourhood Development Plan is a well presented and documented. Contentious areas will invariably centre on the number and location of additional housing. If the plan is to address a timescale to 2031 it must address a plan to maintain or improve the infrastructure. In addition, the plan should identify how the village maintain and improve the services available to the community. The revamp of The Plough is an excellent start but we need to see how or when a community shop could be added. I offer this as an example; we appear to have a vibrant community, capable of supporting and embracing village activities. The enhancement of that concept should be an integral part of a 'Neighbourhood Development Plan'.</p> <p>Ps I know that colour printing is more expensive. However, in this instance it may have been useful to have maps etc in</p>	Comments noted. The NDP has included a policy on retention and enhancement of existing community facilities plus support for new community facilities which meet identified criteria. No change required.

			colour.	
11	National Organisation Historic England		Historic England is supportive of both the Vision and Objectives set out in the Plan and consider it takes a suitably proportionate approach to the historic environment of the Parish.	Noted. No Change Required
12	National Organisation Environment Agency		As part of the recently 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 NP 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. The submitted plan includes one Proposed Housing Site (H5) which is located within Flood Zone 1, the low risk zone. We would therefore not, in the absence of specific sites allocated within areas of flooding, offer a bespoke comment at this time. You are advised to utilise the attached Environment Agency guidance and pro-forma which should assist you moving forward with your Plan.	Noted. No Change Required
13	National Organisation Duchy of Cornwall		Neighbourhood Plans are a very good way of building community cohesion and collectively identifying local assets and future opportunities. The draft Parish Neighbourhood Plan does this well. It is very well written and interesting to read. We note that land used as a school playing field is proposed for protection under Policy LD ENV 2 and understand that the map on page 16 will need to be amended to refer to the Policy LD ENV 2 rather than the former UDP policy HBA9. We also note that Land West of Field Fare is allocated for 16 houses to help meet the housing target of a minimum of 35	Noted. No Change Required

			homes to meet the housing needs of the Parish. The allocated site seems to be logical place for the extension to the village to help meet housing need. The Duchy has been working with communities through design workshops to help inform future plans for careful and sustainable housing growth. If the Parish felt the Duchy could play a role or assist in the future do let me know.	
14	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree - Good to see ambitious targets being set. However, many are reliant on externally provided services.	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		LD ENV1	Whilst this is all very commendable there has to be a sound economic plan to accompany this in order to pay for everything in the list.	Noted. No Change Required
		LD SB1 - Plan 1	Presumably this plan will be updated to include all properties occupying The Furrows development - recognising they have been built since 2011.	Noted. The settlement boundary has been drawn around The Furrows development. An update to the base plan will be sought.
		LD6, 6.3 Review and monitoring	Suggest the formal reviews be scheduled on a regular basis throughout the plan period. i.e. not just 2021.	Noted. Five yearly plan reviews represent common practice, however, the Parish Council will monitor housing completions and commitments against the overall requirement on an annual basis.
15	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		LD5, 56	Nice to see fibre broadband on a pole outside our house. Unfortunately, BT Openreach cannot connect my house to it due to lack of parts in the exchange. No idea when we can access it. Lack of planning on their part.	Noted. No Change Required
16	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		General Comments:	Thank you to all for the hard work and well presented	Noted. No Change Required

			Development Plan.	
17	Resident	NDP plan	Agree - Land west of Field Fare seems to be an ideal spot	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		LD 5,68	Where an energy scheme for local benefit affects an individual property in any adverse manner - e.g. view / outlook that property should have the right of veto.	Noted. Policy LD RE1 already refers to protecting local and residential amenity. No change required
			Well done to the committee for doing a great job.	Noted. No Change Required
18	Resident	NDP plan	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP vision	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
		NDP Objectives	Agree	Noted. No Change Required
19	National Organisation CPRE	General	<p>First can I congratulate all those involved in producing the Plan which is clearly the result of many hours work and demonstrates both great knowledge of, and commitment to your parish.</p> <p>We do not have your detailed knowledge of the area, nor do we feel it would be right to question local choices about the content of the Plan or indeed, detailed policy wordings. Our suggestions therefore reflect CPRE's national concern for the rural landscape as a whole.</p> <p>We see Neighbourhood Plans as another way to protect all that is best in rural landscapes and would hope that every rural plan would contain where relevant, policies designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Identify and stipulate ways of protecting unique characteristics of the area eg 'dark skies', tranquility, distinctive landscapes and settlement patterns ☑ Protect the broad sweep of landscapes ☑ Encourage design which enhances local landscape and settlement character ☑ Protect important views and ☑ Address inappropriate locations for development including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - housing, - industrial scale energy generation and - economic activity (eg intensive livestock farming units and large scale polytunnels). <p>Below I have suggested some additions to your policies. These may not be relevant or you may have already considered the</p>	Noted. No Change Required

			issues. The wording is almost certainly not right and will need amendment, however I do hope that you find them of some use.	
		LD ENV1	<p>1. A Valued Natural and Built Environment</p> <p>Additional points to consider covering in policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ requirement for developers to undertake a landscape impact analysis and to demonstrate how proposals enhance local landscape character and reduce potential urbanisation. ☑ the protection of unlisted landmarks, historic assets and buildings which are valued by the community. Some neighbourhood plans list or map such heritage assets - landscape or built feature including historic farmsteads and houses, signposts, boundary stones, decorative features on barns, ancient paths and boundary ditches or banks. ☑ important public views (can be illustrated with map and photos) and supported with evidence showing value of views to local people ☑ local topography in particular the impact of development on horizons ☑ impact of development on footpaths ☑ mapping the different types wildlife habitats in the parishes and how they should be protected for example: orchards, meadows, hedges, margins of agricultural fields, and unregistered parks and gardens ☑ identifying specific veteran trees, old orchards and meadows for protection ☑ specifying plant species to use for new features in the landscape, for example using native species in hedgerows ☑ the protection of surface and sub-surface archaeology. Lack of current evidence of subsurface archaeology is not necessarily proof of absence. 	<p>Landscape reports will be required as necessary through the validation procedures for planning applications and will need to address Policy LD ENV1 and 2 when being prepared.</p> <p>Amend Policy LD ENV1 to include reference to heritage assets.</p> <p>Protection of views, footpaths, valued habitats are already addressed within Policy LD ENV 1 and 2.</p> <p>The NDP appendices provide lists and maps of valued habitats and listed buildings</p> <p>The use of SUDs is referred to in Policy LD INF1</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ the incorporation of sustainable urban drainage systems (suds) in new development to mitigate impact on local waterways and catchments. 	
		LD E1	<p>It may be useful to include a reference to large scale economic activities including industrial farming development such as intensive poultry/cattle rearing units and large scale polytunnels; large scale renewable and low carbon energy schemes</p> <p>Points to consider covering in policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ the impact on and limitations of the local highway network. ☑ impact on the landscape and historic built environment of the area, ☑ impact on ecology and biodiversity ☑ drainage and flooding issues, ☑ impact on residential amenity. 	<p>Policy LD E1 supports small scale proposals and lists the criteria that a proposal will need to meet.</p> <p>No change required.</p>

Appendix 1

Relevant key stakeholders that may need to be consulted include:

The Coal Authority: Should be consulted to make sure any plans you have would not effect or be effected by existing or previous coal mining activity in Herefordshire. **Contact details:** planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk

Homes and Communities Agency: The Government's housing, land and regeneration agency and regulator of social housing providers in England. They are interested in increasing the numbers of new and affordable homes being built and or made available, and the amount of land being made available for development. **Contact details:** mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk

Natural England: The Government's adviser on the natural environment, providing practical scientific advice on how to look after England's landscapes and wildlife. They will have a view on all Neighbourhood Development Plans. **Contact details:** consultations@naturalengland.org.uk

The Environment Agency: Established to protect and improve the environment and have a statutory duty to support sustainable development. They are responsible for regulating industry and waste, treating contaminated land, water quality and resources, fisheries, inland river navigation and conservation and ecology. Consequently they will have a view on all Neighbourhood Development Plans. **Contact details:** graeme.irwin@environment-agency.gov.uk and SHWGPlanning@environment-agency.gov.uk

Natural Resources Wales: Performing a similar role in Wales that Natural England does over the border. Will need to be consulted if your Neighbourhood Area adjoins the Welsh border. **Contact details:** enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Historic England: The public body that looks after England's historic environment. They are responsible for listing buildings and monuments and provide advice to Government and Local Authorities. They will have a view on all Neighbourhood Development Plans that contain listed buildings or Scheduled Ancient Monuments. **Contact details:** west.midlands@HistoricEngland.org.uk

English Heritage: A charity that is responsible for looking after over 400 historic buildings, monuments and sites. They should be consulted if your Neighbourhood Area has one of their properties within it. **Contact Details:** customers@english-heritage.org.uk

National Trust: A charity that preserves and protects historic places and spaces across the UK. These include archeological remains, buildings, gardens, and natural habitats such as woodlands and meadows. **Contact details:** mi.customerenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk

Arriva Trains Wales: Responsible for running trains through the county on the line between Ludlow and Abergavenny. Should be consulted if your area includes, or is adjacent to any part of this route or if your plan has an interest in transport connections that include this line. **Contact details:** michael.vaughan@arrivatw.co.uk

Great Western Trains Co. Limited: Responsible for running trains through the County on the line between Worcester and Hereford. Should be consulted if your area includes, or is adjacent to any part of this route or if your plan has an interest in transport connections that include this line. **Contact details:** <https://www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk/About-Us/Customer-services/Contact-us>

Network Rail (West): The company that owns and manages the rail infrastructure throughout the County that the two train operators run their trains on. Their interests include the railway itself and the land on which it is built, the stations and network buildings and structures (signal boxes, foot-bridges etc), and include bridges, level crossings, and current redundant lines or railway land. Should be consulted if your area includes, or is adjacent to any part of this route or if your plan has an interest in transport connections that include this line. **Contact details:** barbara.morgan@networkrail.co.uk

Highways England: They operate, maintain and improve the strategic road network in England. They are an executive agency funded by the Department for Transport. In Herefordshire their responsibility therefore applies to the A49, A40 and the M50. However they will have a view on all Neighbourhood Development Plans irrespective of whether your area includes these major roads. **Contact details:** info@highwaysengland.co.uk

Wye Valley NHS Trust: A provider of health services in Herefordshire. They provide community services and hospital care (acute and community) across the County as well as urgent and elective care to more than 40,000 people in mid-Powys. **Contact details:** john.burnett@wvt.nhs.uk

AMEC Environment and Infrastructure UK Ltd: Private company providing environmental, engineering and related consultancy services to the public sector, including in Herefordshire. **Contact details:** <http://www.amec-ukenvironment.com/index.html>

RWE Npower Renewables Limited: A private company dealing with the generation, supply and distribution of electricity and gas to the Herefordshire population. **Contact details:** jeremy.smith@rwe.com

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water: Provide all the water supply infrastructure across large parts of the County, from collection, storing, purifying, distribution through the mains network, and disposal through the sewerage system. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water will have a view on all Neighbourhood Development Plans so will need to be one of your statutory consultees. **Contact details:** forward.plans@dwrwymru.com

Severn Trent Water: Provide all the water supply infrastructure across large parts of the County, from collection, storing, purifying, distribution through the mains network, and disposal through the sewerage system. Severn Trent Water will have a view on all Neighbourhood Development Plans so will need to be one of your statutory consultees. **Contact details:** growth.development@severntrent.co.uk

Campaign to Protect Rural England: Campaign organisation lobbying on behalf of "a beautiful and living countryside". Would be interested to be consulted on your Neighbourhood Development Plan. **Contact details:** <http://www.cpreherefordshire.org.uk/contact-us.aspx>

Hereford and Worcester Chamber of Commerce: A not for profit organisation that supports the local business community and has a network of 1400 member businesses. They lobby to make sure the interests of local businesses are heard. **contact details:** goodbusiness@hwchamber.co.uk

Woodland Trust: A national charity that works to influence others who are in a position to improve the future of native woodlands. They own over 1000 woods across the UK. Would be particularly interested to be consulted on any matters related to these sites or woodlands as a whole within your Neighbourhood Development Plan. **Contact details:** justinmilward@woodland-trust.org.uk

Hereford Civic Society: Is an independent charity that promotes high standards of architecture and town planning in the city; stimulates public interest and debate in the subject; and encourages the preservation and improvement of features that are of public amenity or historic interest. Would only be interested in being a consultee if your Neighbourhood Area is within Hereford City or the surrounding area. **Contact details:** herefordcivicsociety@hotmail.co.uk

Herefordshire Nature Trust: The largest membership-based wildlife organisation in the County. It is dedicated to inspiring people about wildlife, being a champion on its behalf and creating or protecting wildlife havens. **Contact details:** enquiries@herefordshirewt.co.uk

Ledbury and District Civic Trust: See details for Hereford Civic Society. Would only be interested in being a consultee if your Neighbourhood Area is within Ledbury or the surrounding area. **Contact details:** chairman@ledburycivicsociety.org

Ross-on-Wye and District Civic Trust: See details for Hereford Civic Society. Would only be interested in being a consultee if your Neighbourhood Area is within Ross-on-Wye or the surrounding area. **Contact details:** secretary@rosscivic.org.uk

Leominster Civic Trust: See details for Hereford Civic Society. Would only be interested in being a consultee if your Neighbourhood Area is within Leominster or the surrounding area. **Contact details:** c/o Leominster Community Centre, Leominster, HR6 9HA

Madley Communications Centre: A British Telecom Earth satellite tracking station which is used for international telephone, fax and television transmission and reception. **Contact details:** Madley Earth Satellite Station, Madley, Herefordshire, HR2 9NH



Our Draft Neighbourhood Plan

15th March 2016

Dear resident,

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan will help set planning policies for the Parish of Little Dewchurch until 2031. When adopted, the Plan will be part of the statutory planning framework which will help guide future development. This draft Plan has been produced over recent months by a Steering Group, a sub-committee, of the Parish Council, consisting of councillors and other residents, following consultation events and activities with residents in 2014 and 2015.

The draft is published for public consultation, which runs from 28th March 2016. A copy is being provided to every household in the Parish so that every resident can read it and has the opportunity to comment on it. Copies are also being provided to neighbouring Parishes and as required to other key Stakeholders.

The costs of developing the Plan to date and producing the copies of it for the consultation have been met entirely from grants obtained by the Parish Council.

We want to hear your views on the draft Plan before it is submitted for examination by an independent Inspector. After this, there will be a referendum of all electors of the Parish to decide whether the Plan should be adopted.

Comments should be sent in writing, and should include the name and address of the person making the comments. As this is a statutory consultation, all comments submitted will be available publicly. A form is available for comments, which is enclosed and is also available on the website. All comments must be received by 5pm on 16th May 2016.

Our community faces many challenges and opportunities in common with other rural communities in Herefordshire. This Plan sets a Vision for our community, Little Dewchurch, to address these issues and sets out planning policies for sustainable development in our neighbourhood. The policies have evolved from the Questionnaires sent to you and the Feedback Briefing meetings that you have attended. They are of course more detailed than the outline proposals, and some changes have been made in order to have clear and feasible planning policies. Also, following the public inspection of the Herefordshire Core Strategy in February 2015, a number of modifications had to be made to that document, including to rural housing policies, which have had a knock-on effect for our Neighbourhood Plan.

One of the changes is the proposal to extend the defined settlement boundary for the Little Dewchurch Village, as this has been found to be the most unambiguous way of defining where housing will be permitted, and this is now the preferred approach in the Herefordshire Core Strategy. Another change has been the indicative target for the number of new homes, which has been increased for all rural communities in Herefordshire in order to meet the stated overall housing growth target. Our target is now based on a proportion of all homes in the Parish – not just targets for the village– so all housing development throughout the Parish will contribute to meeting it.


Although this draft Neighbourhood Plan is a fairly lengthy and detailed document, please will you read through it and think about any comments you may wish to make. It is perhaps the most important document for our neighbourhood in a generation.


On behalf of the Steering Group and the Parish Council

Yours,

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For further information and appendices to the draft Plan please go to the NDP pages on the Parish website:

www.littledewchurch.org.uk



Regulation 14 Public Consultation Notice

In accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, part 5, 14 (a)-(c), notice is hereby given that a formal pre-submission public consultation on the Draft Little Dewchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan will start at 9.00 am on 28th March 2016 for a period of six weeks ending at 5.00 p.m. on 16th May 2016.

Copies of the draft Plan will be delivered to each household in the Parish, and are also available:

- On the parish website NDP web-pages: www.littledewchurch.org.uk
- On request from the Clerk to Little Dewchurch Parish Council.
- Hard copies will also be available - Village Hall, The Plough Inn and on Parish Notice Boards.

Supporting documents and Appendices are available on the parish website NDP web-pages at www.littledewchurch.org.uk

Comments should be sent in writing, using the comments form, and should **include the name and address of the person making the comments**. As this is a statutory consultation, all comments submitted will be available publicly. A form is available for comments, which will be delivered with copies of the Plan and available on the website.

If you wish to be kept updated on future progress with the Neighbourhood Plan, please also give an email address (which will not be published).

Please make comments as specific as possible, relating to specific Policies. It is important to quote the relevant policy or paragraph number(s).

Send your comments to Little Dewchurch NDP Steering Group:

- ✉ by post: The Clerk, Little Dewchurch Parish Council, Longfield House, Gooses Foot, Kingstone, Herefordshire HR2 9NE
- 💻 or by email: Samoyedskye@aol.com
- 👋 or by hand: to the Village Hall.

All comments must be received by 5pm on 16th May 2016. These will be considered by the NDP Steering Committee and will help shape the final Plan to be produced in the autumn. A Consultation Statement, including a summary of all comments received and how these were considered, will be published together with the final Plan.

Clerk Little Dewchurch Parish Council

15th March 2016



Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation

28th March 2016 - 16th May 2016

**Our Neighbourhood Plan will shape our
community for the next 15 years**

The draft Plan is being delivered to all households and is also
available on the Parish web-pages at

www.littledewchurch.org.uk ,

on parish notice boards and the Parish facebook page.

Send your comments, using the comments sheet, to
Village Hall Postbox, or to the Parish Clerk

www.samoyedskye@aol.com

by **16th May 2016**