

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL – APRIL 2021

Where we have got up to

The NDP Steering Group (NDPSG) has made some progress this year but has been heavily constrained on its activities because of the impact of COVID.

Since its inception, we have formulated a Parish-wide approach and have identified the areas of interest within the Parish where we may be able to promote policy for the benefit of all residents and the Parish.

All of our work this year has been funded in full by a Locality Grant of £5,449

We have managed to get a number of relevant surveys commissioned and undertaken, the data from which will be analysed and will ultimately help develop draft policies for the NDP (after further public consultation – see below). These Surveys are

1. **HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY** – to identify if and what housing may be needed in our PARISH over the next 10 years. This was undertaken by GRCC and we have a report and analysis of the results. We are considering the data and implications for informing further debate on Housing.
2. **ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL** (to include trees and the green environment) – identifying our important wildlife priorities with information to inform policy proposals. This has been undertaken by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) and included a Zoom meeting with interested local residents. It provides very useful information to help inform the public discussion of future NDP draft policies. We are at the stage of considering the report and are taking ideas from it to discuss and consult in further public meetings
3. **LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL SURVEY**– the NDPSG decided to trial the Survey within the Eastcombe Conservation Area this is currently underway. When the report is submitted, we will consider it and it will help inform the debate on the landscape and visual aspects of our environment for the NDP. If further funding is available, we intend to roll it out to other parts of the Parish.
4. **NDP RESIDENTS SURVEY** – this is our largest and most comprehensive Survey to gather opinions from residents on a wide variety of subjects. We have commissioned GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) to advise us and have sent out the NDP Survey questionnaires to all residents of the Parish. We will have all responses in by 12th April and after the report and analysis has been received, we will consider the responses in order to help inform future public consultation and draft policies we take forward for further consultation.

Our hope is that data given by residents in responses to the NDP Survey will help us set up a Parish Council Residents Database so that we can keep residents informed of the results of the NDP Survey. In addition, we will be able to inform every one of the progress of the NDP and facilitate more community engagement with the NDP and other wider Parish Council matters.

What we propose to do in future and when

When the main Surveys have all been received and analysed, and when COVID regulations allow greater number public gatherings, it is our intention to recommence more physical engagement and consultation with residents in the form of Village Hall public meetings. Communication of NDP events and progress will be facilitated by our website <https://bisleyeastcombeoakridge-ndp2030.org.uk/> and by the new database.

We want to expand the number of residents involved with the process of the NDP to both help share the work and to ensure greater participation opportunities for every resident in this exciting project.

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