

# LYONSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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The purpose of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is to give local people the flexibility to decide on developments in their own Parish, whilst remaining broadly in line with the strategic aims of the County as expressed in the Herefordshire Core Strategy. The Lyonshall NDP process was suspended some time ago pending approval of this Core Strategy.

Earlier work on the NDP showed the Parish wanted to build a village centre which included a new village hall, a pub and a shop but without altering the nature of the village and surrounding Parish. It also considered housing requirements based on information gathered at the time. Since this earlier work was done a lot has happened in Lyonshall, including various successful planning applications for increased housing and comprehensive plans to develop the pub into a multi- purpose community resource. The latter will provide many of the aspirations identified in the earlier NDP work, without incurring financial costs to the parish. The increased housing will provide the necessary sustainability for this new venture. Village Hall proposals will be considered in the revised NDP document.

The Parish Council is now restarting the NDP process. The aim being to produce a short document of around 12 pages which will be clear, brief and achievable. A small steering group of 6 people (3 PC members, and 3 non- PC members) has been set up to progress the work. The earlier NDP work will be revised and a new housing needs survey undertaken. The document is brief because the amendments Herefordshire Council made to the Core Strategy reduces significantly the amount we can achieve in the NDP beyond the positioning of new developments as is reflected in other finished NDPs in Herefordshire.

Draft proposals for the NDP will be sent to Parishioners in questionnaire form so people can vote for or against individual policies or make suggestions. The majority views will then form the evidence base for the formal first draft document. The Parish Council want the whole process to be transparent, so minutes of steering group meetings will be published on the Parish website. Comments on the minutes can be e-mailed to the Parish Clerk who will forward them to the Steering Group.

The Parish Council has recently met with Roger Philips, Geoff Hughes (to whom the head of planning reports) and Kinsey Hern to help speed up the planning process for the pub. Geoff was extremely helpful and now understands the importance and community support for the project and we expect this to help the process. We will continue to assist where appropriate to get the Royal George open again.

The Parish Council wants you to be involved so please make comments or ask questions through the Parish Clerk.

***Paul Avery, Chair Lyonshall Parish Council.***