



Hermitage NDP

## May 2022 Update

A review of progress from our set-up in 2019 to date was delivered at the Annual Parish Assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

The 'skeleton' Plan has now been worked up and reviewed. Content gaps have been identified and the Steering Group is now working hard to get the information necessary to fill those gaps. Steering Group members have also met with AECOM, technical specialists who are supporting us in housing design policy development. They spent a couple of hours being shown around our village so they have a full idea of what's good, what's not so good and what might be done differently in future.

A Public Event is planned for **Saturday 25 June** when we plan to share with you the emerging draft Plan. It will be well advertised but *please* put the date in your diaries now.

**We need your views** - not the ones from your back gardens or sitting room windows! We need to know **what you think about the Plan** - what we've got right in it, what isn't quite right and what's missing.

The whole point of a Neighbourhood Development Plan is that it's a statement of our collective thoughts on -

- how the village should look
- what housing should be built and where
- what green spaces, buildings and views are valued and should be kept
- what improvements can be made to getting around

The plan so far is based on the views of people who've got in touch already but it's critical that we get the views of as many people as possible who live or work in Hermitage.

**\*\*\* Without your input, Hermitage Neighbourhood Development Plan will fail \*\*\***

If the Plan fails, our community will have no say over what new houses look like or where they'll be built. Do we really want concrete cows in Lipscombe Close? A 5-storey apartment block on Dines Way Green? A shiny office block in Pinewood Playground?

Elsewhere in this month's Pathfinder Magazine, you'll find some questions about Hermitage's Green Spaces and Historic Buildings. Please have a look at them and tell us what you think.

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For more information why not visit: [Neighbourhood Development Plan - Hermitage Village](#)

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