

Little Birch & Aconbury's Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan

12 months ago Aconbury and Little Birch parishes voted to form a Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan and a Steering Group was created. Neighbourhood Development Plans give communities increased ability to influence planning decisions in their area. It gives local people new rights to shape the development of the neighbourhood in which they live.

We held three public events last summer, followed by the Questionnaire delivered to every resident. David Nicholson, our Consultant, analysed the results from the questionnaires returned and these are the basis of our Development Plan.

The next stage is to look at how new housing is to be guided, taking account of the survey results. At last month's meeting David explained his draft 'Housing Delivery Report'. The Group discussed how best to define the villages of Aconbury and Little Birch and to provide for new housing. David is now preparing a revised version of his Report in line with what was agreed – this will be looked at again by the Group at our next meeting.

We have made good progress in the past year, but we are at the stage now where decisions need to be made on the way forward. If you want to be part of that process be sure to attend. There is no long term commitment to be part of the Steering Group.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19 April at 7pm. Put this date in your diary or on your kitchen calendar. All are very welcome.

For more information and to be kept up to date, or have notification of future meetings please contact Sophie Glover, Clerk to LB&A NDP Steering Group - littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

To follow the progress of Little Birch and Aconbury Neighbourhood Development Plan check out the website – www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org.