

NDP Update for Orcop Parish Council Meeting 20th November 2019.

During the last few weeks the Steering Group have put in a lot of time working on 2 tasks, the Questionnaire and the **visits to landowners** of sites submitted in the 'call for sites' in 2018.

These visits have been very useful in helping the Steering Group regarding reaching our target of houses which should be built as designated by Hereford Council – 26 up to 2031.

We have 8 started or built so far, thus 18 to find. But the ongoing problem we have is that most of the sites are outside the built-up area or main Settlement area as it is called, of Orcop Hill, and thus planning permission may be difficult to obtain. Orcop Hill as you probably know has drainage problems and we are unlikely to achieve the targeted numbers of houses in that area.

We also hope to have answered questions from the site owners, and we confirmed that the NDP is definitely going ahead.

The **Questionnaire** forms the basis of the NDP and will be dropping through every letterbox in early January. There will be a Freepost envelope for return, and if other copies are needed for separate members of the household with different views (over age 16), they can be requested from Mark Hearne, Parish Clerk, or downloaded from the Orcop Parish website.

We really need everyone to fill these in so that we have representative views of life in Orcop for the next 10 years.

Having received the replies, we collate them on a spreadsheet and our NDP Planning Consultant will analyse the results (anonymous, no individual will be identified).

At this stage we will then organise a public NDP meeting and Presentation so that everyone can find out what the residents think and make comments etc.

We will also discuss the house building situation with Hereford Council NDP department and aim to get building approved away from Orcop Hill, which may require submitting more evidence.

All that will take us into March/April, and our Consultant assures us we are well on schedule to complete the NDP by the summer of 2021.

If you have any questions you are welcome to ask now or after the meeting.

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