

KINGSLAND PARISH DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION 17TH DECEMBER 2014 – 10TH FEBRUARY 2015

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Kingsland Parish is published for 8 weeks formal public consultation, and comments are invited until 5pm 10th February 2015.

The plan sets out the Vision, Objectives and Policies for the growth of the Parish of Kingsland up to 2031. The NDP sets down a series of planning policies which, once adopted by means of a Parish referendum, will form part of the Local Plan for Herefordshire. The policies of the NDP, alongside the Core Strategy and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will be used by planning officers to guide decisions on all planning applications within the Parish.

This draft NDP has been drawn up by a Steering Group made up of Parish Councillors and local residents working under the auspices of Kingsland Parish Council. This document builds on the key planning related issues in the published Parish Plan, which was prepared in 2013, and also addresses issues raised by the NDP Steering Group, local residents and representatives of local businesses.

The draft plan has a Vision and Objectives for the Parish which seek to:

- protect & enhance the rural nature of the parish;
- allow for a range of housing;
- ensure there is sufficient infrastructure for the future growth of the community; and
- support new & existing business which is beneficial to the economic health & sensitive to rural character of the parish.

The Policies, which are a result of extensive community consultation, will provide planning guidance, once adopted, as part of the Local Plan for Herefordshire. The policies cover the following issues:

- Promoting a sustainable community, sustainable design, renewable energy & infrastructure for broadband
- Retaining the rural character of Kingsland Parish, its heritage assets & the character of the Conservation Area
- Flood risk, highways & community infrastructure
- Protection & enhancement of open space, play areas, services & facilities for the community
- New homes in Kingsland village & Shirlheath
- Supporting local business, agriculture, forestry & rural enterprises

Following this formal period of public consultation, the Plan will be amended and submitted to Herefordshire Council, who will check it for compliance with all relevant documents and legislation, and publish it for further consultation. The NDP will then be examined by an Independent Examiner and following any further revisions will be subject to a Referendum by the local community.

The Draft Plan may be viewed at www.kingslandlife.com or be e-mailed to residents on request to kingslandneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com Paper copies of the plan may viewed at the Post Office and the Church or may be borrowed from Mrs Jackie Markham at Westmead, opposite the school, 01568 708281.

Please take the time to read and comment, your views are important.

Response forms may be deposited in the designated box inside the Post Office or at Westmead or scanned and e-mailed to kingslandneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com