

Little Birch & Aconbury
Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan
Consultation Draft

The Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was printed in early January and was delivered to all Aconbury and Little Birch households and businesses in the area.

This is an important document for all residents, affecting planning rules for Aconbury and Little Birch as far as 2031. If you have not received a copy please contact Sophie Glover, clerk to LB&A NDP Steering Group. *See below for details.*

The draft has been put together by a steering group, meeting regularly for the past 18 months and our consultant Dr David Nicholson. This Plan is a 'Vision for the Future' of both Aconbury and Little Birch - showing the planning policies for sustainable development. There are several policies on housing. These detail how new proposals must show how they protect the existing rural environment. Other policies cover such topics as Community Facilities, Renewable Energy and Broadband.

Remember, this is your plan.

In your copy of the Draft Plan is a **Comments Form**, where you will be able to submit your views. **Closing date for comments is 5pm Monday, 19 February 2018.**

Comments Forms should be delivered to the Little Birch Village Hall letterbox, or they could be handed in at a **Drop-in Session**. This will be held **between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on Saturday 3 February at Little Birch Village Hall** and offers the opportunity to ask questions or discuss anything of concern.

A copy of the Draft Plan and its supporting documents and an online version of the Comments Form is also shown on Little Birch Parish Council's website. Copies of the Draft Plan can be viewed at The Castle Inn, Little Birch. Where possible, posters will also display information in the two parishes.

We'll take on board your comments and prepare another, revised version for submission to Herefordshire Council. The Plan then has to go through a number of checks – including an independent examination, before it is approved for adoption. The final stage is a referendum. A majority of those who vote need to agree with the Plan for it to be finalised and come into use.

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For more information and to be kept up to date, or to have notification of future meetings about Little Birch and Aconbury Neighbourhood Development Plan check out the website – www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org.