

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LYONSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Firstly, the Steering Group would like to thank the 145 people who took so much trouble in completing the First Questionnaire. We much appreciated the careful thought and obvious interest in Lyonshall's future which went into their answers.

Herefordshire Council's fully documented Analysis has recently been received complete with comprehensive tables, preferred options, graphs and comments. These indicate that those who replied have very definite and clear majority views on virtually all the planning and development issues which the Questionnaire addressed. What was even more pleasing was that there was common thread which ran through the answers to each section and between the sections themselves. In other words the Analysis does show what the people who live within the Civil Parish want in the way of development and planning, where development should take place and what it should look like when it has been implemented. There are also indications on how the community might develop in terms of local business enterprises, tourism and the adequacy of the local roads and infrastructure. The members of the Steering Group are genuinely excited by the results of the Analysis because they have shown up so many sensible, practical ways in which the Civil Parish might develop and which are just what the Neighbourhood Plan is meant to cover when it is finally written. The Analysis also identified a number of other non planning issues which will be of great interest to the Parish Council.

There is, however, one big SNAG. This very satisfying Analysis only represents the important, sensible and carefully thought out views of 145 out of the 586 people who live in the Civil Parish. To satisfy Herefordshire Council and eventually the Examiner, who will finally approve our Plan, we have got to show that our views are truly representative of the majority of the people who live here. It is now, therefore, particularly important for people to attend the future Public Meetings and Focus Groups which we will be arranging. We cannot produce an effective and popular Neighbourhood Plan unless you all let us know what your views are. This also applies to your interest and universal participation in the Second Questionnaire when it is issued. The Neighbourhood Plan which results will be absolutely crucial to our achieving what the people who live in the Civil Parish want for their future and for their children. Remember, it is the children who will be inheriting the longer term benefits which we hope the Neighbourhood Plan will provide.

We understand that Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy, with which our Neighbourhood Plan has to conform, is unlikely to be completed before March or April which will allow us a breathing space in which to gain the interest of more people. On Monday 14th January 2013 we will be holding another Public Meeting. At this meeting the Steering Group will give a detailed presentation of what the Analysis has shown and therefore an indication of what the Neighbourhood Plan might contain. An updated programme for Focus Groups and further discussions will also be promulgated. It is vital that at least one person from every household comes to the January meeting so that what the Analysis has shown so far gets round to everyone in the Civil Parish. A second meeting will be held if likely numbers of attendees require it.

While we are most grateful to the 145 people who so kindly gave of their time and interest to complete the First Questionnaire, we are looking forward to many more of you taking a serious interest in the project from now until April or May, so that we will achieve a target of about 500 of you completing the Second Questionnaire when it is eventually issued.

It doesn't matter who you are, everybody's views are important. Do please participate.

Peter Broadbent, Chairman of the Steering Group

Remember - Public Meeting
Monday 14th January, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall