

Walford Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Report of progress to Walford Parish Council Meeting

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Key facts:

Project end date	Plan: May 2023
Forecast spend to March 31 st 2023	£2,785

1. Progress Summary:

- 1.1. The submission NDP consultation period (Reg16) ran from 6 July 2022 to 31 August 2022.
- 1.2. HC has approved the NDP to pass to independent examination in the "Progression to Examination Decision Document". This document details and summarises all responses to the consultation.
- 1.3. HC has provided WPC with a detailed list of representations made during Reg 16. "Walford_Reg16_Representations document".
- 1.4. The consultant has provided the Steering Group with a set of proposed generalised responses to the points made in the Decision Document. "Response to Representations at Reg 16".
- 1.5. HC has provided three candidate examiners who are qualified to examine the Walford Parish NDP and there are no conflicts of interest. Any of these examiners would be suitable.
 - a) All have done examination work in Herefordshire and have carried out examinations in AONBs.
 - b) Two live towards Bristol and one lives in Devon.

2. Next Steps:

- 2.1. WPC to review and approve the comments responses. WPC to send responses to HC (to forward to the examiner) and WPC to post them on NDP website.
- 2.2. WPC to consider and select which examiner to appoint. WPC to instruct HC to proceed.
- 2.3. WPC to consider its preferred approach to Issue 3.1 (below) and issue instructions to the steering group.

3. Issues:

- 3.1. Once appointed, the examiner will take a month or two to complete the work and may well come back before finalising her report to do fact checking on the submitted NDP and normally asks for a quick (2 - 7 day) turnaround time. If such work is required in this timescale, WPC might consider pre-authorising/delegating the Steering Group to take on this work and respond in the required timescale.