

# **BURBAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY**

## **Group Meeting to discuss HBBC's housing allocation for Burbage 2020-2039**

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00pm  
Millennium Hall, Burbage

**Members present:** Cllrs Richard Flemming, Lucie Hoelmer, Keith Lynch, Mary Sherwin, Noel Robinson, and Paul Williams. Also in attendance: John Hayes and Debbie Shaw

**Apologies received from:** Cllr. Shirley Illiff and Mr Phil Crowfoot.

Discussions were held on the two site allocations in Burbage being considered by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

The meeting concluded that for understanding and transparency, it would be helpful if all the housing development sites were included in the period covered by the new Local Plan to be published.

**Action: Cllrs Flemming & Williams to discuss with HBBC.**

It was reluctantly agreed and understood that the Borough Council has no discretion on the number of homes which must be included in the next Local Plan, and that, at least, some of this allocation would have to be within Burbage. It was recognised that given the infrastructure constraints within Burbage and current new developments, any additional housing would, ideally, be avoided, but the government planning rules currently in place will not support this stance by Burbage, as evidenced when getting our current Neighbourhood Plan through examination.

Members considered the allocation of 180 additional homes in Burbage, in the period to 2039, as a reasonable allocation, given the total required across the whole Borough. There was, however, concern that contested development applications (some already known) could be approved at appeal prior to the Local Plan being made. On balance it was agreed having allocated sites would provide increasing defence against speculative applications, albeit limited until the Local Plan is made.

Members considered the location of sites being proposed and concluded there was no other options which could deliver demonstrable lower impact on Burbage and the road network.

In considering the location of the proposed sites, the following points were identified as mitigations:

- Designs should be considered to protect the views toward St Catherine's Church, which remains a key feature of the Neighbourhood Plan and must be defended
- A green corridor/public pathway within the design of the two sites should be continued to maintain links between the east of Burbage and Burbage Common
- Improvements to Sapcote Road should be included which reduce traffic speeds, improve the Aston Flamville Lane Junction, and provide a pedestrian crossing to Burbage Common.
- The Parish is engaged with development plans to see how plans can be brought forward to increase the amount of Open Green Space and Sports space in Burbage.

It was agreed that the NHP Working Party should meet in January to take forward preparations for the revised Neighbourhood Plan. Date to be confirmed.

*Richard Flemming*

Chair,  
Burbage Neighbourhood Plan Working Party