

OUR COMMUNITY

NDP Proposal C1:

Vision for our community 2015-2031:

Our community will be a place where people can enjoy living and working in a rural setting. The predominantly quiet, small-scale nature of our villages and hamlets will be preserved, whilst accommodating the growth and development needed to maintain a sustainable and thriving community life.

Objectives for the Neighbourhood Development Plan:

Our Plan will:

1. Accommodate future development in a way which retains the rural character of our neighbourhood.
2. Ensure housing needs, particularly those of local people, are met by providing the required number and type of new houses, within the limits and provisions set for such development.
3. Retain and develop our community facilities.
4. Lessen the harmful impact of traffic and make our roads safer.
5. Support and encourage the development of small home-based businesses and traditional farming.



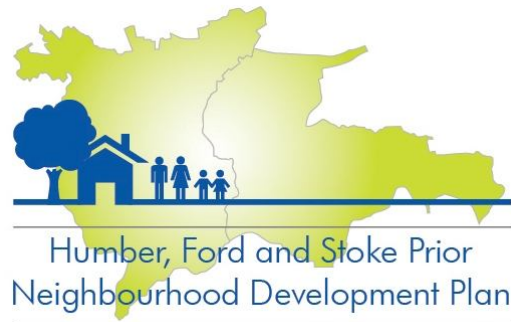
OUR FUTURE HOUSING

Housing Growth targets

	<i>NDP Option H1.1</i>	<i>NDP Option H1.2</i>
Stoke Prior:	11 new houses	20 new houses
Risbury:	9 new houses	15 new houses
Steen's Bridge:	5 new houses	8 new houses

Siting of new houses

- NDP Proposal H2: criteria for siting***
- (a) Within or adjacent to main body of the village
 - (b) Appropriate density
 - (c) Protection of particular areas
 - (d) Address drainage and flooding issues
 - (e) Other environmental safeguards
 - (f) Access requirements
 - (g) Other suggested factors?



OUR FUTURE HOUSING

Types of housing

NDP Proposal H3: types of housing needed

- (a) smaller open-market houses (up to 3 bedrooms);
- (b) affordable-rented and low-cost market homes for local people;
- (c) housing with features to enable suitable small businesses to be run from the premises.

Self-build projects supported.

Density and design

NDP Option H4.1: Design and density of new housing determined by surroundings

NDP Option H4.2: Low density of new housing defined

Housing estates

NDP Option H5.1: No housing estate developments permitted

NDP Option H5.2: Some housing estate developments permitted



OUR FACILITIES

Village Halls

NDP Proposal F1: Support re-location of Village Halls

The School

NDP Proposal F2.1: Support establishment of a pre-school/nursery

NDP Proposal F2.2: Support appropriate development of School, eg car-parking or extensions.

The Lamb Inn

NDP Proposal F3: Support proposals for development which enhance pub as community facility. Oppose loss of pub or any part of the site.

The Post Office

NDP Proposal F4: Support proposals for development of Post Office to enhance facilities. Support any proposal for necessary re-location.

Sports and Recreation

NDP Proposal F5: Support proposals for development of sport and recreational facilities on suitable sites.



OUR ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

Road safety and speeding

NDP Proposal T3:

Housing development must have suitable access from highway.

CIL funds from new developments will be used to help traffic problems.

Parking provision

NDP Proposal T4: Housing development must have adequate off-road parking.

Pedestrian footways and streetlights

NDP proposal T6.1:

Support creation of footpath in Steen's Bridge along the A44.

No other pedestrian footways unless essential for pedestrian safety.

NDP proposal T6.2

Street lighting not generally supported.



OUR BUSINESSES

Local businesses

NDP Proposal B1:

Encourage development of local businesses appropriate to the rural area.

Development should be compatible with narrow lanes and the peaceful rural area.

Industrial-scale intensive farming and/or industrial-style businesses not supported.

Use of greenfield sites for industrial development not supported.

Support use of existing appropriate properties and redundant rural buildings.



OUR ENVIRONMENT

Drainage and Flooding

NDP Proposal E1:

New development should not result in increasing surface water flood-risk.

Proposals should address flood risk, including measures such as permeable ground surfaces.

Developers' contributions sought to help address particular existing problems.

Renewable Energy

NDP Proposal E2.1: New developments should incorporate renewable energy generation.

NDP Proposal E2.2: Support small-scale renewable energy proposals where no significant adverse impact on landscape, rural character and amenity of neighbouring properties.

The natural and historic environment

NDP Proposal E3:

Presumption against removal of important trees and hedgerows.

Protect character and local distinctiveness of the villages by Tree Preservation Orders and specifying Green Spaces.



A PARISH ACTION PLAN

Parish Action Plan T1: Roads and lanes

Monitor and report defects. Fill salt-grit bins and grit local roads from Parish Council stocks. Provide new salt-grit bins and press for gritting routes.

Parish Action Plan T2: Maintaining hedges, verges, ditches and drains

Liaise with landowners over hedges and ditches.

Lengthsman maintain verges and drains, increasing spending if necessary.

Parish Action Plan T3: Road safety and speeding

Review current speed restrictions and work with Herefordshire Council on appropriate traffic calming measures.

Parish Action Plan T4: Parking and passing spaces

Work with Herefordshire Council and local landowners to increased provision of and maintenance of passing places.

Parish Action Plan T5: Footpaths and Bridleways

Promote the use of our footpaths and bridleways by all residents.

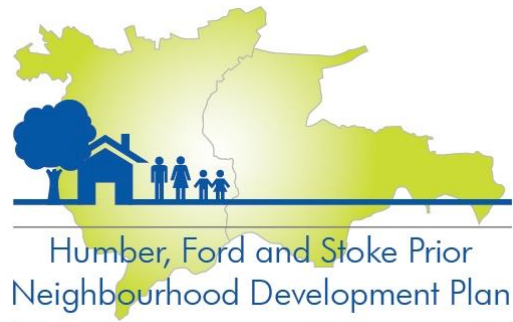
Encourage and support landowners in converting stiles to kissing gates.

Work with Herefordshire Council and landowners to improve provision and maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.

Parish Action Plan T7: Public transport

Press Herefordshire Council for the reinstatement of a bus service to Leominster.

Explore provision of alternative means of community transport to and from Leominster.



A PARISH ACTION PLAN

Parish Action Plan B2: Computing, broadband and telephone

Oversee project encouraging all residents to use computers and internet.
Monitor the rollout of faster broadband services to the group parish.
Press mobile phone service providers to improve signal strengths.

Parish Action Plan E1: Reducing the risk and impact of flooding

Continue to review flooding sites and work with others to ensure that:

- road drainage is kept clear and repaired/upgraded where required;
- watercourses passing through private property are maintained;
- there is a local emergency contingency plan to deal with flooding events.

Parish Action Plan E4: Litter and vandalism

Recruit more volunteers to pick litter.
Report fly-tipping and vandalism to Herefordshire Council.

Parish Action Plan P1: The Parish Council

Publish information about the Group Parish Council, the role of councillors and how to stand for election in early 2015.

Parish Action Plan P2: Community information and communication

Continue to improve the parish website (www.hfspgroup.org.uk) and recruit a local volunteer web-master.