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Neighbourhood Development Plan - Newsletter four

Dear Residents,

Thank you for the support you have given to the Neighbourhood development planning process over the last few months. It was fantastic to see so many people at our meeting on 7th November and to hear from our champions about the positive response everyone had given when they distributed the housing needs assessment.

We hope to have the analysis of the survey very soon, but in the meantime, thank you for endorsing the vision and objectives for the NDP and for your support. This is a summary of the main things you told us at the meeting and on the doorstep.

You stated that:

- Parking around the station continues to be problematic for residents
- There is a need for better facilities for young people all year round
- Consideration should be given to expanding the school
- There is a need for family houses and accommodation for the elderly
- 'Dementia friendly village' should be strengthened
- We need to limit the number of second homes
- The road signage and transport systems needed improving
- We need to attract more commuters, small businesses
- Transport to and from the quarries creates problems
- The water and sewerage systems need improving to prevent flooding
- There should be a better bridge with no steps for crossing the river
- That we should work with Northumberland Estates to find solutions

Some of you had questions about the NDP

Q Is the NDP legally binding?

A Yes, once it has been approved by a referendum in Lesbury Parish

Q How long will it take to complete

A Now that we have your mandate to go ahead, we expect to complete the work within 15-18 months

Q Who is the NDP contact person

A The person who delivered your housing needs assessment will keep up to date with what is happening.

The following people are on the committee:

Pam Allen, Gill Bland, Clive Church, Sir John Hall, Douglas Hunter, Jean Humphrys, Mike Norris, Adrian Vass and Allison Wort. Previous NDP letters (1-3) are available on the Parish Council website.

A number of people also suggested possible ways forward; for example building a two tier car park; having holiday clubs for children; create varieties of tenure, including affordable housing.

This is what we plan to do next:

- Look at the analysis of the housing needs assessment and tell you what it shows
- Set up a meeting with Northumberland Estates to seek their support and help during the next stages of this work
- Set up a series of single focus meetings; for example, on transport; schooling; housing so that you can hear about possible solutions from people who are skilled in these matters
- Draw together information from the meetings, including any preferences you have given
- Use a consultant to draw up policies and a draft plan, showing proposals for the future and seek your views on the plan
- Invite you to a referendum to decide on the final draft of the plan.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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NDP Steering Committee



Above, a busy Neighbourhood Development Planning meeting at Lesbury Village Hall.

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Parish Council meetings are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend.

