

ILMINSTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

REPORT TO ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL – MAY 2019

The Plan Development Group has established a regular pattern of working, whereby monthly meetings are supported by the four Theme Groups working on the evidence and aims between meetings, which then enable the Consultant to draft the policies. In addition the Development Group have established some useful working links, such as making Persimmon aware of the Neighbourhood Plan's direction in terms of housing development. The third strand of the Development Group's activities is continually communicating with the local community, both in taking advantage of all opportunities that present themselves such as Somerset day and IMEX, but also being proactive in working with the schools through logo competitions and a schools road show.

The Group's next major step is to organise a publicity campaign which will involve asking for quotes from appropriate companies in accordance with the Council's terms of reference. This particular expenditure will need to be approved by Council, but otherwise expenditure has been kept within appropriate limits; and within the next month the Consultant will have drafted an application for a Locality Grant , for which we are confident the Council will qualify.

Finally, Natalie Wainwright, the Development Group interim Chairperson, has indicated that her period of office is now coming to an end, and has asked that we nominate a new Chairperson at our next meeting on 6th June, which we will duly ask the Council to ratify.

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