ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 31 October 2023
Agenda Item Number	Item 8 (iii)
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Title of Report	Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan – Health Check October 2023
Summary	APC have instructed Troy Planning Consultants to carry out a review of our current NP – their Health Check with recommendations is attached. (AddNDP Review Final). As an overview, their conclusions are that the current NP remain substantially relevant but will require some updating. There is a specific need to ensure that it will align with the emerging Local Plan 2040, a key element of which, from an Adderbury perspective, is their proposed Rural Areas strategy which, at present, allocates a target of 500 new dwellings by 2040 to be accommodated across the 11 large villages in the District of which Adderbury is one. This may lead APC to undertake an assessment of potential sites for allocation in the NP. There are both risks and benefits to this and, as yet, we are not in a position to determine our strategy to whether we should identify sites. This will emerge as we begin our engagement with CDC over the months ahead.
Recommendation	That Councillors approve the recommendations contained in the Health Check which will form the basis of how we will approach the update of our NP. Councillors approve the proposed strategy for the next 12 months which will be to engage with CDC during their consultation upon the Local Plan Review 2040. This in turn will inform our specific strategy regarding ANP update and what will be required. Councillors approve the recommendation, as advised by Troy, that we should obtain a Housing Needs Assessment for the village.
Reasons for the Recommendation	It is important that our ANP is up to date in aligning with the Cherwell Local Plan and this begins that process. The Housing Needs Assessment will be a significant contributor to our engagement with CDC and will be a building block of our proposed update to the NP.
Impact on Budget	None – the costs incurred for this stage have been covered by a specific grant from Locality who, in turn, will provide further grant aid once we have decided how we propose to update our NP and are able to provide a budget of costs associated with this. The cost of the Housing Needs Assessment is classed as technical support and has already been approved by Locality, our funding source, once Councillors have given approval to proceed.
Risks	That the interests of Adderbury will not be fully represented by an appropriately updated NP which in turn would leave the village vulnerable to developments which may be detrimental to the village.
Background	As previously discussed, APC has a responsibility to ensure that our NP is

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	both up to date and aligned with the CDC Local Plan. With the latter being reviewed, we have an opportunity to contribute to its development to ensure that the interests of Adderbury are fully represented and in doing so we must ensure that our NP is therefore up to date.
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	AddNDP Review Final pdf