

Shaping Our Place 2026

Local Development Framework

Core Strategy

Market Towns & Parish Plan Issues
Background Paper

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The council is currently preparing its Core Strategy, which will set out the long term planning strategy for Herefordshire up to 2026. As part of this, 14 key issues have been identified that are important across the county and the council has been involved in extensive consultations to ensure that these issues are the right ones. The details of the consultation can be seen in Consultation Statement Parts 1 - 3 – available online.
- 1.2 A consultation is being undertaken early 2010. The 'Place Shaping' Paper considers a preferred strategy and further options for the emerging **Core Strategy**. It also forms the first stage (the main **Issues**) of two area-specific plans that Herefordshire Council are producing – the **Hereford Area Plan** and the **Market Towns and Rural Areas Plan**. All three documents will ultimately form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 1.3 This 'Analysis of Parish and Market Towns Issues' sets out the key issues outlined in the county's parish plans, village design statements and market town reports (where available), and how they relate and helped refine the 14 key issues finally identified in the Developing Options Paper. The issues identified within these documents have also been used to help develop the Place Shaping Paper as detailed above, to ensure that the Core Strategy, the Hereford Area Plan and the Market Towns and Rural Areas Plan addresses them accordingly.

2.0 Parish Plans and Village Design Statements

- 2.1 Parish plans and village design statements are documents that pull together the views of the whole community about a wide range of local issues, including what facilities and services people would like, land use and how they would like their community to look in the future. Herefordshire Council has now adopted its Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and is preparing its Local Development Framework (LDF) in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). During this transitional period (UDP to LDF), parish plans are to be endorsed as additional guidance. A number of rural communities in Herefordshire have prepared parish plans or village design statements, and providing that these are consistent with planning policies, their design and land use aspects are considered for endorsement. If parishes decide not to pursue having their plans endorsed, this does not preclude them from using the documents as a tool to influence other plans and programmes of Herefordshire Council and other organisations; for example in Local Strategic Partnerships and Community Strategy work.
- 2.2 Although additional planning guidance does not have the same status as development plan policy, it may be taken into account as a material consideration in development control decisions if it is prepared in wide consultation with the community and interested parties, and adopted by the Council. Once endorsed, additional planning guidance can positively guide developers and help in negotiations with them, particularly in relation to design and local distinctiveness. Additional planning guidance can also provide the justification for certain development (for example a new village hall), which could help in securing possible planning obligations and future maintenance arrangements.

2.3 The analysis of parish plans and village design statements is an important part of the development of the Core Strategy for Herefordshire, as it supports the development of a vision for the county that embraces rural perspectives. It allows information collated by local communities about their villages to be fed into the LDF process, and assist in the preparation of planning policies. This relationship is outlined in figure 1 below.

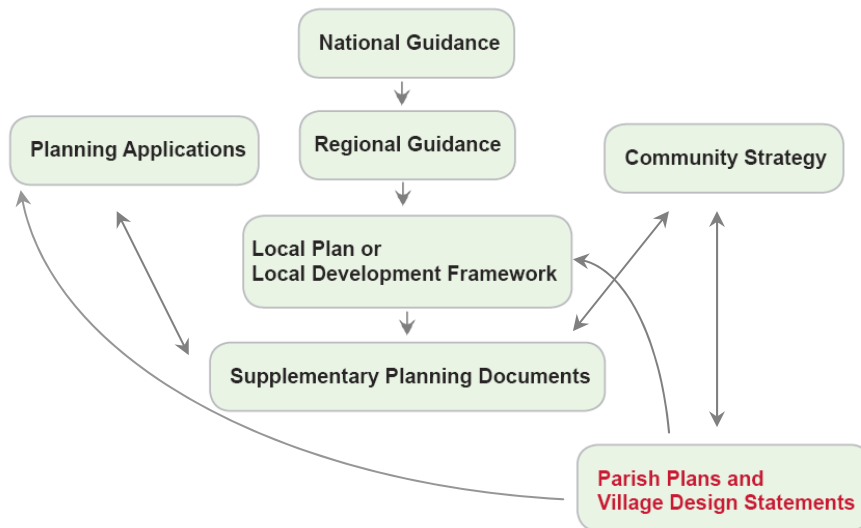


Figure 1 - The relationship between Parish Plans, the Planning System and the Community Strategy

2.4 The planning elements of the following parish plans have been adopted as SPG to the Unitary Development Plan:

- Bishopstone and District Group Parish Plan
- Belmont Rural Parish Plan
- Border Group Parish Plan
- Middleton on the Hill and Leysters Parish Plan
- Pembridge Parish Plan
- Wellington Parish Plan
- Weobley Parish Plan

2.5 The planning elements of the following parish plans have been adopted as further planning guidance to the Unitary Development Plan:

- Almeley Parish Plan
- Burghill Parish Plan
- Cusop Parish Plan
- Eardisley Parish Plan
- Kings Caple Parish Plan
- Tarrington Parish Plan
- Weston under Penyard Parish Plan

2.6 In the early stages of community planning there were four village design statements produced by local communities. These were endorsed by the previous Local Plans that covered the county prior to the Unitary Development Plan:

- Colwall
- Leintwardine
- Much Marcle
- Cradley and Storrige

Village design statements are now in the process of being developed, for the villages of Goodrich, Dormington and Mordiford.

2.7 Colwall Village Design Statement. Issues highlighted in the statement are as follows:

- Protection of open space and distinctive views
- The need to maintain the rural character of the village
- Link new development with open spaces
- Mitigate light pollution
- Preservation of trees and hedgerows
- Tree planting
- Maintenance of recreational footpaths
- Access to the countryside
- Traffic impact surveys for new development
- Reroute heavy vehicles
- Traffic calming
- The need to maintain the rail link

2.8 Much Marcle Parish Design Statement. Issues highlighted in the statement are as follows:

- Protection of open space and distinctive views
- Preservation of trees and hedgerows
- Tree planting characteristic to area
- Mitigate light pollution
- Provision for off-road parking and gardens in new development
- The need to maintain the character of the village
- The need to maintain the character of lanes and roads
- Maintenance of public footpaths

2.9 Leintwardine Village Design Statement. Issues highlighted in the statement are as follows:

- Identification and preservation of local landmarks
- Avoid ribbon development
- Protection of open space and rural views
- The need to maintain the character and style of the village
- Preservation of trees and hedgerows
- Provision for off-road parking and gardens in new development

2.10 Cradley and Storrige Village Design Statement. Issues highlighted in the statement are as follows:

- Preservation of features and boundaries such as walls, hedges and lanes
- The need to maintain the character of the parish
- Protection of open space and rural views
- The need for a village green
- Any new development adjacent to the boundary to be in-keeping with the landscape
- Affordable housing
- Opportunities for walking and cycling
- Retain the form of two distinct settlements

2.11 Ewyas Harold Village Design Statement was the first village design statement to be adopted in line with the policies of the Herefordshire UDP, and is thus a 'material consideration' to be taken into account by both the Parish Council and the Planning Authority when assessing planning applications for the area. Issues highlighted in the statement are as follows:

- The need to maintain the character of the village
- Protection of open space and rural views
- Protection of archeological remains
- Avoidance of developing a 'hard edge' to the village through high density housing
- Tree planting
- Affordable housing
- New housing development to be linked to the centre of the village
- Appropriate street lighting for new development
- Planning permission only when the sewage system is proved to be adequate

2.12 When examined, some of the parish plans were in draft format and therefore are subject to change. In that respect, this document will be updated as new information becomes available. The key issues identified by the parishes are summarised below, in relation to the 14 key issues identified within the Core Strategy Issues Consultation (September 2007). Fuller details of these parish issues can be found in Appendix 1.

- 1) **Key Issue - Addressing the impacts of climate change, including flooding**
A key issue identified related to the need for maintenance and clearing of drains and ditches to mitigate the possibility of flooding.
- 2) **Providing for the needs of all generations**
Key issues identified related to the need for sports/recreation/play areas, after-school facilities and play-schemes, and general facilities to entertain young people.
- 3) **The need to capitalise on educational achievements through higher education provision and skills development**
A key issue identified related to the need for provision of adult and youth skills development and education.
- 4) **Ensuring appropriate housing provision and affordability**
Key issues identified related to the need for small-scale development of affordable housing (specifically for local people), sheltered housing and housing suitable for the elderly and disabled.
- 5) **Protection and enhancement of environmental assets such as historic buildings, open spaces and designated sites**
Key issues identified related to the need to protect historic buildings and open spaces; to create defined village centres in terms of village greens; to protect and enhance biodiversity; to plant more trees, protect hedgerows and establish more conservation areas; to promote the rural nature of the environment by creating picnic/recreation areas and viewpoints; to increase access to the countryside; to allow only infill development, and to avoid and/or monitor the use of polytunnels.

- 6) **Better use of resources including water, minerals, land and energy; and promoting the use of renewable energy and reducing waste generation throughout the county**
 Key issues identified related to the need for improved recycling collections and facilities; for the promotion of composting and the use of alternative/renewable energy; for the provision of a mains gas supply; for improvements to be made to sewerage systems and for the monitoring of agricultural waste.
- 7) **Provision of and access to important services and facilities in urban and rural areas**
 Key issues identified related to the need for access to shops, post offices, public toilets and local services such as health and dental care; as well as access to sports, leisure and outdoor recreation facilities, and to local schools. Many of the parishes also highlighted the need for a community focal point, for example a community centre or village hall. In parishes where these already exist, they are considered as assets; which could be improved upon or used in more effective ways.
- 8) **Diversification of the economy to higher value added industries such as research and development**
 Key issues identified related to the need to improve employment opportunities for the young; to keep agriculture as the main economic base; to support local businesses and rural enterprise; to promote local produce using local skills; to provide small business accommodation; to encourage tourism, and to attract new business.
- 9) **Improving poor air quality in specific locations due to vehicle pollution**
 No issues were highlighted in the parish plans.
- 10) **Improving transport infrastructure, choices, movement and communications throughout the county**
 Key issues identified related to the need to improve access to footpaths, bridleways and cycle-ways, to create circular 'walks' and improve the cycle network; to improve public transport by improving the frequency, reliability, affordability and routes of buses and by creating links with other modes of transport; to improve pedestrian, cyclist and equestrian safety by dealing with speeding vehicles and implementing traffic calming measures where necessary; to reroute heavy vehicles, reduce traffic volume and improve road safety; and to improve car parking facilities, the communications network and school and community transport.
- 11) **Regeneration of the county**
 Key issues identified related to the need to deal with litter, improve unattractive areas and tidy up street clutter.
- 12) **Promoting Tourism and cultural activities in the county**
 Key issues identified related to the need to promote local produce; promote Herefordshire's heritage, landscape and local attractions; create better links between agriculture and tourism, and to improve Tourist Information.
- 13) **Reducing the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour**
 Key issues identified related to the need to deal with anti-social behaviour such as joy riding, fly tipping, crime, noise pollution and smoke pollution from bonfires.

14) **Ensuring high quality, locally distinctive sustainable design and construction**

Key issues identified related to the need for new development to be environmentally friendly and sensitive to the ambience of the local environment; to include disabled access, provision for parking and open space, and street lighting where necessary; and for measures to be taken to tackle light and noise pollution.

3.0 **Market Town Plans**

3.1 Market towns are important centres for rural life and are considered to be ‘hubs’ for surrounding villages. Land use planning is of considerable importance to the future of these towns, and the use of market town health-checks and associated action plans, helps to inform the processes for their regeneration.

3.2 **Ross-on-Wye**

3.2.1 The Ross and District Community Development Group (COMDEV) conducted a survey on improving the quality of live in the HR9 area, through extensive consultation with local people. Issues highlighted in the HR9 Report (2003) by COMDEV are as follows:

- Inadequate disabled access to public transport
- Inadequate rural public transport
- Poorly maintained roads, paving and pavements
- Traffic congestion
- Industrial pollution
- Difficulty accessing health and dental care, including a lack of home-care services
- Neglected areas
- Litter
- Street clutter
- Road surface noise
- Vandalism
- Car parking

The HR9 Report also highlighted requests for the following:

- Improved retail
- Adult education facilities
- Protection of wildlife and the environment
- Doorstep recycling collections and recycling facilities
- Additional sports facilities
- Local leisure facilities
- Youth provision
- Parks and playgrounds
- More footpaths, bridleways and cycleways
- More open spaces and trees
- More job opportunities
- Tourist attractions
- Local buses and affordable public transport
- Safer roads
- Facilities for the disabled and elderly

3.2.2 The Ross-on-Wye Town Council is currently developing the Ross Town Plan which will set out some possible solutions to issues identified by local residents, and will give a positive steer to the direction and form of growth in Ross.

3.2.3 As part of this process extensive consultation with local residents and Herefordshire Councillors and officers has been undertaken; the COMDEV Survey of 2003 has been reviewed; and focus groups were set up in order to allow for direct consultation with key ‘hard-to-reach’ groups - such as the elderly, disabled, young people, economic

migrants and seasonal workers. Currently the steering group is in the process of analysing the consultation data, and drafting a plan of action.

3.3 Ledbury

3.3.1 A Strategic Implementation Plan for the Ledbury Market Town area (2005-2011) was developed by the Ledbury and Area Regeneration Partnership at the conclusion of Ledbury Market Towns Initiative; and highlighted three key themes for action as follows:

- A. Accessing and developing future employment** by supporting projects that will:
 - attract new companies to Ledbury
 - make land available for business development
 - improve opportunities for vocational training and the development of skills

- B. Developing retail and the visitor economy** by supporting priority projects that will:
 - provide additional tourist accommodation
 - market the town and surrounding villages, based on better market intelligence; and
 - improve visitor facilities such as signage and coach parking
- C. Involving youth and community** by supporting priority projects that will:
 - Provide affordable housing; and
 - Support the development of innovative new projects such as 'live-work' accommodation for young entrepreneurs

3.3.2 The Ledbury Town Plan was launched by Ledbury Town Council on the 25th August, 2009. It is a culmination of several years work by The Town Plan Working Group in response to the Government White Paper 'Our Countryside: The Future' (2000) which proposed that communities should develop 'a plan' - a statement of how the local community envisages it's future development. The Town Plan has been adopted by the Ledbury Town Council and addresses all aspects of Ledbury's future from landscape and environment to infrastructure and housing.

3.3.3 The consultation process for the plan took place in 2004, and highlighted the following issues:

The need:

- For improved children's library services; and
- For appropriate re-siting of the library ;
- For improved swimming pool facilities for children;
- For outdoor sports/play facilities;
- To protect the landscape and historic buildings;
- For more affordable housing;
- For more off-road car parking;
- For improvement to public toilets;
- For improvements to traffic congestion;
- To encourage tourism;
- For improvements to youth provision
- For support to small businesses in the area;

3.4 Bromyard

3.4.1 As part of the Health Check process conducted by WM Enterprise Consultants, the following issues were highlighted:

- There is a need to diversify the business base
- Lack of skilled workforce
- Failure to capitalise on tourism
- Vulnerable retail sector
- Under investment and neglect of built and natural environment
- Poor access to key services

3.4.2 Bromyard now has a new Town Plan which is currently at advanced draft stage. Issues highlighted include:

The need:

- For more affordable homes – in particular those catering for families;
- For improvements to car parking;
- For greater police presence at night;
- For improvements in street cleaning;
- For improvements to sheltered housing;
- For improvements to youth provision;
- For a swimming pool in the town.

3.5 Leominster

3.5.1 A Leominster Area Market Town Health Check was undertaken in 2003 through extensive public consultation, and was included in the Leominster & Hinterland Parishes Strategic Action Plan (2004). The key issues highlighted in the health-check are as follows:

- Lack of university class education and other educational courses
- Employment in declining and low wage sectors
- Struggling agricultural sector
- High migration of young people
- Support for business development
- Need for inward investment
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lack of youth and community facilities
- Need for more recycling
- Need to promote local produce
- Need to promote tourism
- Poor infrastructure
- Need for comprehensive communications
- Improvements in accessibility
- Integrated travel and transport
- East-west transport infrastructure

3.5.2 Leominster have now committed to the development of a Town Plan, however at present this process is still in its initial stages.

3.6 Kington

3.6.1 A Kington Market Town Initiative Health Check was undertaken in 2002 through extensive public consultation. The key issues highlighted are as follows:

- The need to improve the public realm
- Business development
- Tourism development
- Better public transport
- Activities and facilities for young people
- Improvements in visual amenity
- The need to deal with dogs mess and litter

3.6.2 The following issues were also highlighted in the Market Town Health Check (2002), but apply to Herefordshire as a whole:

- Affordable housing
- Emergency and medical services
- Policing and crime
- Skills/wages improvements
- Employment opportunities
- Preservation of footpaths

3.7 No further Market Town reports or plans were available for review at the time of writing; however this document will be updated as further plans become available.

4.0 The Next Stage

4.1 Following the issues consultation which took place in September 2007; the analysis of the consultation responses, issues identified through the Spatial Portrait and information derived through the Parish Plan analysis detailed in this paper; have been used to formulate a vision, set of objectives and spatial options for the county - which can be found in Herefordshire's Core Strategy 'Developing Options Paper.'

4.2 Following on from this, a 'Place Shaping' Paper considers a preferred strategy and further options for the emerging Core Strategy. It will also help to identify the key issues which need addressing as part of two area specific plans - the Hereford Area Plan and the Market Towns and Rural Areas Plan; and this, in conjunction with the responses to previous and future consultations, as well as information gleaned from the emerging evidence base and existing and emerging town/parish plans, will help to develop local area visions and portraits.

4.3 When adopted the Core Strategy will be used to guide the strategy, policies and proposals of all the documents that develop from it - the Hereford Area Plan, Market Towns and Rural Areas Plan and all other Supplementary and additional Planning Documents.

For up to date information on the progress of the Core Strategy and the two Area Plans, please refer to the council's website at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ldf.

Appendix 1 - Summary of issues identified in Parish Plans in relation to the 14 Key Issues identified as part of the Core Strategy

		Key Issue													
		Addressing the impacts of climate change, including flooding	Providing for the needs of all generations	The need to capitalise on educational achievements through higher education provision and skills development	Ensuring appropriate housing provision and affordability	Protection and enhancement of environmental assets such as historic buildings, open spaces and designated sites	Better use of resources including water, minerals, land, energy and promoting the use of renewable energy and reducing waste generation throughout the county	Provision of and access to important services and facilities in urban and rural areas	Diversification of the economy to higher value added industries such as research and development	Improving poor air quality in specific locations due to vehicle pollution	Improving transport infrastructure, choices, movement and communications throughout the county	Regeneration of the county	Promoting Tourism and cultural activities in the county	Reducing the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour	Ensuring high quality, locally distinctive sustainable design and construction
Parish Issues	Almeley				Affordable housing specifically for people with local connection.	Protect and enhance the landscape framework. Protect visual amenity. Hedges and tree cover maintained. Protect buildings of interest outside of conservation area.	Improve recycling facilities. Need improvements to utilities (gas).	Need for a focal point for community activities. Retention of Post office. Retention of fire station at Eardisley. Keep primary school.	Not to diversify completely out of agriculture. Enrich agriculture with broader food sector. Employment opportunities to retain the young.		Develop concept of Parish 'Loop' for walkers and/or cyclists. Reroute large vehicles. Improve car parking. On-demand bus services and improving bus routes. Broadband needed. Pedestrian/cyclist/equestrian safety. 'Quiet lanes'	Deal with litter. Tidy up street clutter.	Favour local farm shops and farmers' markets. Develop tourism for income and employment. Develop Heritage trail.		Street lights only to be used in matters of safety. Reduce use of overhead wires on new buildings.
	Bartestree with Lugwardine		Improved play/sports areas. More youth facilities.		Affordable housing. Retirement homes.	More land for recreational use. Protect conservation areas. Respect existing landscape character. Protect valued trees and hedges.	Improved recycling facilities.	Provide a village health centre. More retail development.	Support the development of small businesses.		Traffic calming/road safety/speed limits. Safe pavements. Path signage. Greater access to information. Night time bus service.	Deal with litter.			Restrict future building to individual or small groups of dwellings. Street lighting would improve feeling of safety at night.
	Belmont Rural		Provision of sports pitch/adventure playground/tennis courts/bike track.			Create parish green on landfill site. Provide picnic and kick-about areas. Protect open areas. Development of Belmont-Haywood Country Park. Promote rural nature of the Parish. Nature reserves.		Provision of sports pitch. Establish community centre.			Improved footpath and cycle routes. Improved road safety. Traffic calming. Improved bus routes/frequency. Need for bypass. Off-street parking.	Deal with litter.		Discourage anti-social behaviour.	Resist further development in the parish.
	Bishopstone			Adult education.	Small affordable family homes. Individual homes not groups.	Maintain area as residential/agricultural.	Extension to kerbside collections. Recycling facilities. Improvements to sewage system. Need improvements to utilities (gas/water).	Need for a community centre.	No new small business units.		Well maintained and accessible rights of way. Improved and affordable bus service. Safe pedestrian route (along A438). Traffic calming/road safety/speed limits. Improved school transport.				No housing near to A438.
	Border Group	Identify and mitigate against causes of flooding.		Adult and higher education. Skills training.	Sympathetic small-scale affordable housing for local people.	Preserve and protect landscape and heritage.	Promote composting. Recycling facilities. Promoting biofuel crops. Encourage wider use of solar power, hydro power and wind power.	Protect Post office. Provision of essential services (ie. Healthcare). Recreation facilities.	Help for small local businesses. Support agriculture as major economic base.		Attract Broadband. Community transport. Improved bus frequency and links between other transport types. Speed limits/traffic calming. Reroute large vehicles. Road safety. More footpaths and circular walks.	Deal with litter. Reuse of derelict sites for new development.	Encourage tourism to support local business. Make most of heritage and landscape.		New development to be sympathetic to local environment.

Parish Issues

Breinton	Drain and gully maintenance.				Propose extension to AONB boundary.	Kerbside recycling facility and parish recycling point.				Well-maintained and accessible footpaths. Need for cycle lane. Improved bus routes and bus frequency. Traffic calming. Road maintenance.				
Brilley	Mitigate against flooding.	Play area for the young. Junior motocross circuit.	Adult education and skills training.	Houses distributed individually. Affordable housing. Sheltered/dedicated housing. No housing developments.	Protect rural nature of parish. Create a public space.	Promote use of renewable energy. Recycling facilities.	Keep Brilley school. Dental care. Leisure and sports facilities.	Rural enterprise. Local employment opportunities.		Footpath needed (between church and school). Local transport/regular bus service. Road safety. Speed limits. Reroute heavy vehicles. Broadband access. Footpath/bridleway access for horses, walkers and the disabled. Car parking. Quiet lanes.	Deal with litter.	Establish local market.	Discourage joy riding.	Housing to be in-keeping with nature of the parish.
Burghill	Drain and verge maintenance.	Children's play area. Recreation area. Youth facilities.		Housing only to meet local social needs.	Resist urban creep. Only infill development.	Adoption of all sewers on developments. Recycling facilities.	Sports facilities.	Promote local businesses.		Speed limits. Car parking. Adoption of all roads on developments. Pedestrian safety. Additional pavements. Road safety. Improved bus service. Provide safe routes for riders and walkers. Cycle routes.		Better promotion of Herefordshire. Promote local foods.		
Clifford	Develop energy saving initiatives. Local energy generation.	Children's play area.			Possible picnic area/riverside community space. More and improved nature reserves.	Improved recycling facilities.	Lack of retail facilities. More facilities at the community centre.			More footpaths and cycle routes. Traffic black-spots and road safety. Increased frequency of verge mowing. Maintenance of local highways. Difficulty in emergency services crossing Whitney toll bridge. Bus route needed. Speeding and careless driving.	Deal with litter and dog fouling.	Establish local business/farm shop/produce market.		Street lighting should not be implemented.
Colwall	Drain and gully maintenance.	Improve the range of outdoor play equipment.		More affordable housing.		Improved recycling facilities.	More retail services.			More frequent trains that are not terminated unexpectedly at Malvern. Clearer timetables and route information. Traffic congestion. More facilities for walking and cycling. Divert through traffic to the A449.			Discourage petty crime and antisocial behaviour.	
Cradley and Storrige	Reconstruct bridge to alleviate flooding problems.	Play equipment for young and older children. Bike ramp. Support youth club.		Better mix of housing – smaller and affordable.	Creation of village green. Foster wildlife in the area. Preserve hedgerows and trees.	Improved recycling facilities.				Improve local footpaths. Pedestrian safety - (B4420). Road safety. Community bus service and alternative transport. Car parking. Speed limits. Quiet lanes.		Develop river walks.		Establish a design brief for the school site based on community needs.
Cusop		Need to develop facilities for young people.		Housing only to meet local social needs.	Create a pleasant green area for all residents. Primarily infill development.	Kerbside recycling. Recycling facilities.	New village hall.	Small-scale business accommodation if there is a local need.		Speed limits. Improved bus services. Quiet lanes.	Deal with litter.		Discourage joy riding.	Reduce light pollution. Housing to respect character of parish.

Dormington and Mordiford	Maintain ditches and prevent road flooding.	More facilities for young people.	Further education.	Small-scale affordable housing. Sheltered housing.	Create village green (Mordiford). Plant trees. Restrict further development.		Construction of units for parish services (ie. Retail, health, hairdressing).	Support for local enterprises.		Improved bus routes, frequency and affordability. Community transport. Traffic calming/speed limits. Cycle lanes. Car parking. Reroute heavy vehicles. Road safety. Extensions to footpaths and pavements.	Deal with litter.	Tourism should NOT be positively encouraged in the parish.		Street lighting. Noise pollution.
Eardisley	Maintain ditches to prevent localised flooding.	Provision of leisure facilities for young people.		No housing development for next 5 years. Any housing built, to be small/medium size and affordable for local people.	Conservation - areas for additional planting. Open areas for recreational use.	Kerbside recycling. Recycling facilities.	New village hall. Leisure facilities (Eardisley). Community focal point (Whitney). Local shops. Public toilets (Eardisley)	Local employment opportunities. Small units for crafts and light industry.		Speed limits. Improved bus services/routes. Alternative transport. Safer roads. Additional pavements. Reroute heavy vehicles. Pedestrian safety. Broadband. Car parking (Eardisley)	Deal with litter.			Tackle light pollution from local businesses. Inappropriate street lighting. Careful design of housing.
Ewyas Harold	Drainage maintenance.	Need for a separate fenced outdoor play area for young children.	Provision of more adult education classes, clubs and playschemes.		Dulas churchyard as a SSSI or SWS. Protection of Castle as an ancient monument along with surrounding areas of archaeological interest. Sensitive public access to common.	No more development without adequate improvements to sewage capacity. Improved recycling facilities.	Need for an additional recreation area and sports facilities	Develop Ewyas Harold as an historic village attracting businesses linked to this theme.		Need for improved bus services to and from Hereford. Need for continuous footways. Rail link. Car parking. Cycle paths and links to cycle network. Pedestrian safety (Pontrilas and EH)				Developers to use 'green' design for housing.
Fownhope		After-school clubs and play-schemes.	Adult education.	Affordable housing.	Create a village green/meeting place. Review boundary of the conservation area. Tree planting.	Weekly recycling collections.		Increase supply of accommodation for small businesses. Encourage tourism as a source of business activity.		Accessible footpaths and pavements. Cycle-ways. Improved bus services with a direct service to Ross. Traffic calming. Car parking. Pedestrian and road safety. Broadband.	Deal with litter. Improve eyesore sites.	Link footpath network to visitor attractions. Promote Fownhope attractions.	Enforcement of legislation relating to domestic bonfires and noise.	Review policies relating to new development i.e. design, materials etc. Enforce legislation relating to light pollution.
Foxley	Maintenance of verges – removal of debris.			Affordable housing development (if necessary).	Increased access to the countryside. Retain rural nature of area.	Mains gas and sewerage facilities.	Increase social facilities including heath and fitness.				Deal with litter.		Deal with fly tipping and noise.	No street lighting. Affordable housing in character with area.
Hampton Bishop	Maintenance of ditches.	A playground with play equipment.				Parish recycling facilities.	Sports facilities.			Accessible and extended footpath network. Cycleway (Hereford to Mordiford). Community transport. Reliable and frequent bus service. Improved bus routes. Road safety.				Enforce legislation relating to noise.
Holme Lacy	Improve flood defences.	Improve facilities for young people – Youth club and hard area for outside activities.			Provide a natural area for wildlife. Tree planting.					Improved footpaths. Improved bus services. Car parking.				
Kings Caple					Creation of a nature reserve. Tidying of Tump and Millennium Corner. Involve village in Biodiversity Action Plan.	Develop Hydroelectric power scheme.				Speed limits. Car parking.				New houses built with traditional materials.

Parish Issues

Kingsland		Adventure-play area. Youth facilities.	Adult education.	Affordable and smaller houses for young families. Housing for elderly and disabled.	Conserve land/habitat at Pinsley Brook (South of Church). Conserve traditional orchards. No infill. No development past current village envelope. Nature trail.	Relax planning controls on solar panel use. Use of renewable energy. Water recycling. Composting. Energy conservation.	Sports facilities. Facilities for community activities.			Improved footpath /bridleway access. Cycle lanes. School and youth transport. Alternative transport. Speed limits. Reroute heavy vehicles. Broadband. Road safety.		Promote local produce.		Use energy and water efficient systems in new builds. Appropriate street lighting.
Linton	Maintain drainage.	Need for a play and kick-about area for older children and a fenced playground for young children. New youth club and mountain bike circuit.		Affordable housing.	Better-defined village centre with public open space/playing field/picnic site.	Parish recycling collections and facilities.				Subsidised bus travel (for full time education and between Newent, Gorsley and Ross). Safer parking. Traffic noise (M50) and volume. Road safety. Speed limits. Improved footpaths (Gorsley). Reroute heavy vehicles. Pedestrian safety.	Deal with litter.			Control unattractive development.
Little Dewchurch	Improve drainage.	Provide shelter for young people on the playing field and all weather play equipment playing field.			Enhance the environment of the village green to encourage under 13s to play on it. Promote and encourage coordinated countryside/nature activities. Creation of viewpoints and picnic site.	Mains gas.	Village club facilities to house different community activities.			Speed limits. Bridleway opportunities. Road safety. Improve mobile phone coverage. Improve public transport.	Deal with litter.	Promote farm based accommodation and activities on farms – develop links between farm tourism, local food and conservation of the landscape.		Use of local materials.
Longtown group	Issues with flooding. Improve drainage. Alternative energy production.	Youth provision. Child activities. Children's play areas.		Limit new building to affordable housing for local people.	Protect the landscape and character of the area. Protect historical buildings and archaeological sites. Protect hedgerows. Retain grazing areas.	Improved recycling facilities.	Improved health services /GP provision. Retain shop and Post Office in Longtown. Public toilets. Community information boards. Retain Longtown school.	Support local businesses.		Maintain footpaths. Disabled access to footpaths. Narrow roads and lanes cause difficulties with traffic. Road maintenance. Speed limits outside Longtown school. Traffic calming in Longtown. Tourism induced traffic. Improved public transport. Reopen Pontrilas rail station. Maintain verges and hedges. Broadband access. Cycle routes and bridleways. Disruption caused by the use of 4x4 vehicles and trail bikes.	Deal with fly tipping and abandoned farm vehicles.	Increase the number of farm shops.		Improved disabled access to buildings and footpaths. No pollution from street lighting. New buildings should be in local style.
Luston	Maintain drainage. Road flooding.	Pre school facilities.			Minimise environmental impact of new recreation area. Enhance wildlife environment. Protect open areas and spaces. Protect environment including historic buildings. Protect visual amenity. Avoid/monitor polytunnels.	Parish recycling collections and facilities.	Provision of village shop/post office. Leisure facilities and recreation area.			Improved footpath network. Car parking. Road safety (A49). Avoid construction of communications masts. Speed limits. Traffic volume.				No more pollution from street lighting.

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Marden	Road flooding.	Play area for children (6-12 yrs) and a youth centre. Summer club for young children for educational courses and outdoor pursuits. Day care centre for the elderly. School based bike park. Mountain bike trail.	Skills training and adult education.	Affordable housing.	Tree planting. Control polytunnels.	Parish recycling facilities.	Community centre. Sports facilities. Retain village school. Health services.			Improved bus routes. Traffic calming/speed limits. Car parking. Pedestrian safety. Improved footpaths. Community transport. Reroute heavy vehicles. Road safety.	Deal with litter.		Deal with fly tipping and noise. Vandalism and car crime.	New housing development in-keeping with local environment.
Middleton-on-the-Hill	Maintain drains and ditches to prevent road flooding.	Sports ground/play area.	Adult education.	Affordable housing.		Possible extension to parish recycling facilities.				Include within the county cycle network. More accessible bridleways and footpaths. Improved school transport. Speed limits. Road safety. Community transport. Improved public transport. Cycle paths. Broadband.	Deal with litter.	Promote tourism.	Deal with fly tipping. Property crime.	
Moreton-on-Lugg					Site for a wildlife area.	Parish recycling facilities.	Provision of bakers and/or greengrocer. Health services. Sports facilities. Retain village post office.			Reliable and frequent bus service. Community transport. Speed limits. Pedestrian safety. Cycle path. Restrict through traffic. Traffic calming. Car parking.	Deal with litter.		Deal with anti-social behaviour.	
Much Birch	Maintenance of drainage. Provide mains drainage. Flood prevention measures.	Youth club for leisure activities. Additional playgrounds and play equipment.	Adult education.	Affordable housing and sheltered housing.	Establish more conservation areas. Tree planting.	Parish recycling collections and facilities. Mains gas and mains drainage.				School and community transport. Car parking. Extend footpath system to other villages. Cycle-ways. Traffic calming/speed limits. Road safety (A49). Pedestrian safety. Improved bus routes and frequency. Broadband.	Deal with litter.		Deal with domestic bonfires.	
Much Cowarne and Ocle Pychard	Maintenance of drainage.					Parish recycling facilities.	Keep Burley Gate School. Venues for outdoor sporting activities	Support and encourage local farming.		Maintain existing footpaths and bridleways and create new paths for circular walks. Broadband.				Ensure new housing has a positive impact on environment. Noise control. Mitigate light pollution. Promote eco friendly technologies.
Orleton			Adult education.				More 'grown up' play area.							Environmentally friendly new buildings.

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Pembridge		Recreational equipment for young people. Need for a safe sheltered meeting area for young people.		Affordable housing. Sheltered housing.		Parish recycling facilities.	Health care. Leisure facilities.	Attract new businesses to the village.		Car parking. Reroute heavy vehicles. Traffic calming/ speed limits. Bypass. Broadband. Improve public transport.		Develop Pembridge Heritage and Landscape centre. Create a closer relationship between tourism and farming communities.	Sufficient parking for new housing development. Street furniture to reinforce ambience of village.	
Peterchurch	Flood mitigation measures. Maintenance of ditches and drainage.	Provision of youth 'chill out' shelter. Play areas and skate park.	Adult education.		Survey biodiversity in the area. Picnic area.		New community hall. Need for sport recreation and leisure facilities.			Access to footpaths and bridleways. Speed limits. Cycle paths. Improve public transport. Pedestrian safety.	Deal with litter. Deal with unsightly areas.	Develop river walk. Provide a visitors centre.	Vandalism and graffiti.	Inadequate street lighting.
Pixley	Maintenance of ditches and drainage.				Survey local wildlife habitats and encourage habitat improvement/conservation by landowners and residents. Environmentally friendly playground (i.e. Nature)		Improve facilities at local halls (Munsley and Putley). Develop land for sports/play area. Include play areas in housing association plans.			Pedestrian safety.				
Shobdon	Improve drainage.	Provide a youth shelter and youth club	After school youth training. Adult education.	Affordable housing.		Upgrade sewage system prior to new houses being built. Parish recycling facilities. Use of alternative energy.	Sports facilities.			Youth bus service. Improved bus frequency. Traffic calming/speed limits. Car parking. Pedestrian safety. Reroute heavy vehicles.	Deal with litter.			Street lighting and open space to be included in new development.
Stoke Lacy	Maintenance of ditches.	Facilities for young people			Need for a village green.		Areas for outdoor activities. Need for playgrounds and sports facilities.			Traffic calming. Road safety.				
Sutton		Community facilities for youth and the very young. Skateboarding facilities and young play.					Improving playing field facilities. New primary school.			Road safety.				
Tarrington		Kick-about/play area.		No executive homes. Affordable housing. Sheltered housing.	Monitor polytunnels. Maintain/enhance parish appearance.	Improve recycling facilities.				Speed limits. Road safety. Improved access to footpaths. Create more circular walks. Improved public transport.	Deal with litter.			Low noise tarmac in future development. Development in character with surroundings. Minimise light pollution.

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Upton Bishop	Improve road flooding.	Young people's recreation equipment.	Adult education.		Enhance churchyard as a wildlife haven. Safeguard church as historic centre. Preserve open countryside and sites of interest for biodiversity. Plant trees. Provide allotments.	Kerbside recycling collection. Composting. Energy conservation. Alternative energy. Monitor agricultural waste. Mains gas and sewage.	Need for sports facilities. Larger hall with more facilities. Community shop and post office. Health services.	Diversified local craft or light industry. Discourage intensive farming practices.		Additional footpaths to create more circular walks. Traffic calming. Road safety. Improved public transport.	Deal with litter.	Local marketing of locally produced food/craft products – through use of redundant buildings.	Deal with anti-social behaviour.	Tackle noise and light pollution. Future development to have minimal environmental impact. Harmonious infill development.
Walford		Play areas.			Retain greenbelt.					Continuous footways (main B4234). Extend footpath and bridleway network. Establish cycle network. Adopt alternatives to the car.		Balance agriculture, community and tourism.		Restrict future development size. Encourage improvements in design of property and shape of village. Minimise use of street lighting.
Wellington		Youth club and youth facilities. Play area for under fives. Skateboard park.	Adult education.	Affordable housing.	Need for a recreation area/village green. Plant more trees. Nature reserves.	Parish recycling collections and facilities. Alternative energy. Energy conservation.	Playing field extension and access. Ensure that all new housing developments make provision for children's play area. Health services.			Improved bus service. Traffic calming/speed limits. Public rights of way – of higher status than footpath. Community transport. Recreational footpaths. Pedestrian safety.	Deal with litter. Clean up the Dingle.		Deal with anti-social behaviour.	Some areas lacking in appropriate lighting.
Wellington Heath	Improve storm water drainage.			Affordable housing.	Need for an area for formal and informal activities. Consider village adopted as a conservation area. Tree protection. Control polytunnels.	Parish recycling collections and facilities.	Additional equipped play area.			Safe footpath/cycleway to and from Ledbury. School transport. Improved bus service. Traffic calming/speed limits.			Deal with anti-social behaviour. Smoke pollution.	Resist large-scale development.
Weobley	Drain clearance to avoid flooding.	Adult fitness facilities. Adult education. Social and leisure facilities for the young. Skateboard park.	Youth education.	Affordable housing.	Maintain open spaces. Reinstate bowling green.	Parish recycling collections and facilities.	Sports facilities. After-school facilities. Single community facility. Small-scale commercial development. Protect commercial centre of the village.	Farm diversification.		Support for local bus service to swimming pool. Community transport. Improved safety along cycleways/footpaths and new cycleway linked to the school. Additional pavements. Improved bus routes and more accessible buses. Car parking. Traffic calming/speed limits. Pedestrian safety. Alternative transport. Improved traffic flow.	Deal with litter.	Develop a central Tourist office. Farmer's market. Draw attention to architectural significance of Weobley.		Use of local materials in conservation area. Avoid modern structures. No further large development during UDP period. Include disabled access in development.
Weston-under-Penyard	Improve road flooding.			Affordable housing.	Retain and respect open spaces. Protect trees.	Parish recycling collection and facilities. Improve quality of water supply. Update sewage system.				More frequent bus service. Pedestrian safety (A40). Speed limits. Reroute heavy vehicles.	Deal with litter.		Deal with fly tipping.	Remain a rural settlement.
Whitchurch and Ganarew	Maintenance of ditches and drainage.				Nature Trail.	Parish recycling collection.				Improve maintenance of footpaths, byways and bridleways. More and accessible pavements. Road safety. Traffic calming.				

Parish Issues	Wigmore	Youth facilities. Local employment opportunities.					Sports facilities. Public toilets.				Footpaths needed. Community transport. Traffic calming. Village hall. Car parking.			Mitigate against light pollution from street lighting.
	Woolhope	Youth club. Improve facilities in the Children's play area by the provision of additional equipment.									Re-establish old footpaths and create a bridleway around the parish. Car parking.		Promote tourism for walkers, cyclists and naturalists.	
	Yarpole	Play areas. Youth club.			Preserve and protect rich diversity of flora and wildlife.		Development of Yarpole stores and post office.	Support and develop small businesses. Develop local economy by promoting use of local skills.			Maintain footpaths and make more accessible. Speed limits. Reroute heavy vehicles. Car parking. Community transport. Improve cycle routes. Road safety. Improve public transport.		Deal with fly tipping.	Disabled access to stores. Resist street lighting.

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Bosbury and Coddington	Marden
Brimfield, Wyson and Little Hereford	Pembridge
Brockhampton with Fawley	Shobdon
Bromyard	Weobley
Callow	
Dorstone	
Eardisland	
Garway	
Hereford	
Kilpeck	
Kimbolton	
Putley	
Ross-on-Wye Town	
Vowchurch	
Welsh Newton and Llanrothal Group	
Withington Group	
Wyeside Group	