

Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan

Update as 16 September 2019

Following the Droitwich Town Council meeting on 17 June it is good to report that there have been a number of Neighbourhood Plan meetings since then.

On 17 July a meeting was held of the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and it was pleasing that a reasonable number of town councillors attended and that others, who were unable to attend, sent their apologies and stated that they wished to be involved in future meetings.

Subsequently, there have been two meetings of the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan Management Group where good progress has been made about how we should progress.

Arising out of discussions at all three meetings a number of questions about process and information arose and it was agreed that there should be a meeting with Andy Ford of Wychavon District Council as he is able to offer support to Neighbourhood Plan teams.

A list of questions was prepared, and agreed by the Management Group, which was forwarded to Andy Ford in advance of the meeting which was held on Wednesday 11 September. Councillor Alan Humphries and Mike Lambden attended the meeting accompanied by Councillor Chas Murray.

A lot of interesting and useful information came out of this meeting with Wychavon which now needs to be reviewed by the Management and Working Groups so as to best determine how we structure the Droitwich Spa Neighbourhood Plan. Two interesting points which can be reported at this stage are – 1) there is no requirement to state any number of proposed dwellings with the NP and 2) Malvern made no land allocations but instead focussed on policies to influence planning applications as this can be used in future planning decisions.

Arrangements are being made for the Management Group to meet again very shortly and we aim to report in more detail at the Council meeting in December.