

Cradley & Storridge Reporter

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Chairman's Comments



Welcome to an exceptionally important 'Special issue' of Cradley Parish Council's Reporter -- perhaps the most crucial, in community and local government terms, the PC has issued since we started interfacing with you, our parishioners, back in this century's first decade.

The entire issue is taken up with our Neighbourhood Development Plan -- or NDP -- which, as I'm sure most of you are aware, is a policy document, demanded by the government, that, in tandem with Herefordshire's recently (2015) adopted Core Strategy, will shape our parish environment from the time it's accepted by you, the Cradley and Storridge community at large, until 2031 and beyond.

If we, the Parish Council and its NDP group, have got it right -- and we honestly believe we have -- the Plan will be a mighty bulwark against the predations of the modern developer.

Inside this issue is a consultation form which should be sent back to the address shown.

Two things I would urge:

- Read the finished document once it has been published on Cradley PC's website, or hard copies to be found in both Village Halls (Cradley and Storridge)
- Vote FOR our -- your! -- NDP at the Referendum that will follow later this year.

REMEMBER -- so much more, in community terms, can be achieved once the NDP has been adopted.



We are now about to enter into what is almost the final and most crucial phase of producing the Neighbourhood development plan for Cradley Parish.

Consultation with YOU the community

Inside this edition of the reporter is a copy of the consultation response form for you to fill in and return to the Parish Council.

It is crucially important that we receive your comments or observations if you have any. We want to hear if you think it is good bad or indifferent and not just the bits you do not understand or agree with.

We are quite happy to contact you to answer any questions you may have or explain parts which might be seem unclear.

All responses will be taken into account and relevant ones will be considered in producing a document for final submission to Herefordshire

If you do nothing else in the community please do this:

- **Read the NDP document** (hard copy or online)
- **Let US have your comments** (on paper or online)

Tanya Lloyd Jones
NDP Leader

Cradley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Cradley Neighbourhood Development Plan group was tasked by the Parish Council with producing, for the community, a plan to take the Parish through to 2031. The group is made up of a mixture of parish councillors and interested parishioners.

They have worked exhaustively from those early days to arrive at where we are today, ready to present the plan to the community for consultation.

The Plan is necessary for the community to fulfill its needs and aspirations within government and local authority strategies. Whilst the Localism Bill aspires to give communities greater say and control over their position in this structure **total** local control is a long way off.








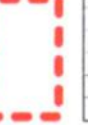



Whilst the NDP does go a long way to enable us to decide what we will and will not accept in our parish. We are unable to do such things as put a total ban on building houses in our area.

What we can do, through the NDP, is define where we want - and don't want - such developments.

Drop-in open days to speak to members of the NDP group and get your questions answered are:

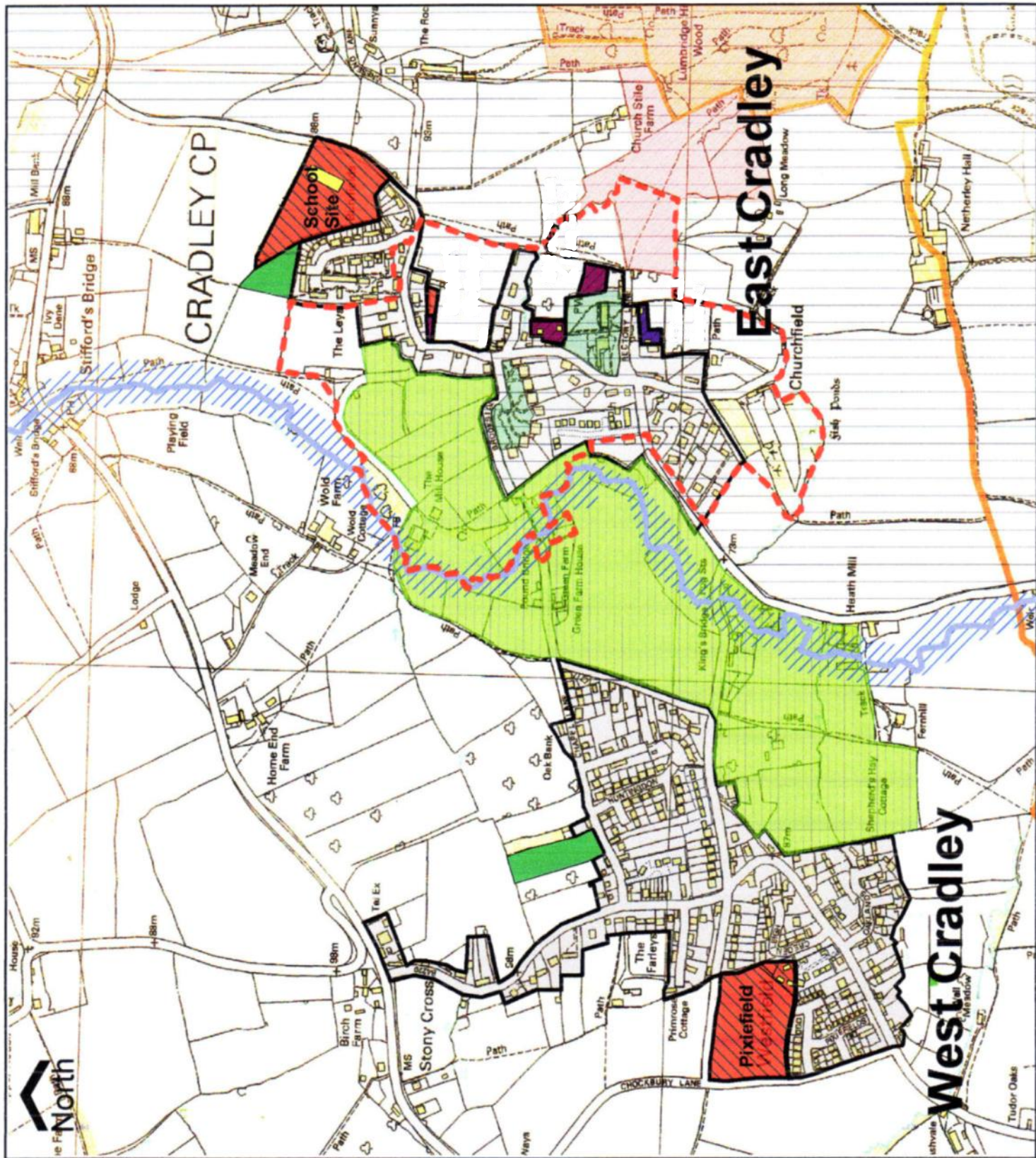
**Cradley Village Hall: 12th March & 16th April
Storrige Village Hall: 19th March & 23rd April**

3pm -6pm

-  Areas within UDP Settlement Boundaries
-  Proposed Alterations to Settlement Boundaries
-  To include School & other buildings now constructed - and sites with Full or Outline permission
-  Additional land within established Domestic Curtilage
-  Special Wildlife Site - Site of Interest for Nature Conservation
-  Safeguarding of Open Spaces
-  Protection of Open Area and Green Spaces
-  Area Liable to Flood
-  Outline of Conservation Area
-  Malvern Hills AONB
-  Strategic Green Gap

NDP Plan Map for Cradley Village

Reproduced from Ordnance Survey mapping with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office





Cradley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (in a nutshell)

- is the key protection policy framework designed to deliver desired development in the Parish over the next 15 years
- is formed from the Parish Council undertaking extensive consultation and public engagement over the past 5 years
- is formed from consideration of over 40 options in the formulation of the policies
- is referred to by planners when considering planning applications
- is a framework within which the community can develop their plans without weakening or compromising the policies of the NDP
- gives better protection from developers who wish to challenge planning requirements
- decides where the settlement boundary should be reinstated
- is not intended, or required, to be the vehicle to deliver individual projects, but provide the framework within which they are delivered.
- is compliant with Herefordshire's 'Core Strategy'
- does not remove the right to apply for planning permission
- supports the development of community facilities

Where to get details

ON LINE:

www.cradleyparishcouncil.org.uk or www.cradleynp.com

- You can view and/or download the Neighbourhood Development Plan from the Homepage of these websites
- You can fill in an electronic copy of the consultation response form and submit it to us
- You can view the Neighbourhood Development Plan as an interactive web page from the home page of either website
- You can check out, on the calendar, the dates and details of the four drop -in sessions where you can meet members of the NDP group and Parish Council members, who will be happy to answer your questions or help you with any difficulties you may have

OFF LINE:

You can obtain a copy of the NDP and view it online at Cradley Village Hall

Mondays 10:30am-1:00pm

Thursdays 2pm - 5pm

Fridays 10:30am- 1:00pm

A limited number of copies are available at Storridge Village Hall when open

Return your paper forms by post to:

The Clerk to the Council
2 New Cottages, Clenchers Mill Lane,
Eastnor,
Ledbury,
HR8 1RR.

Or drop them into the sealed boxes at:

- Cradley Village Hall
- Cradley Butchers
- Knights Farm Shop

Any Difficulties or questions please contact
Vice Chair Ken Nason on:01886 880952

THINK **Neighbourhood** **Development** **Plan**

**Your participation in the
NDP is needed**



community consultation
March 9th -April 27th

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