

## NDP Report for Kidmore End Parish Annual Meeting 27.4.2021

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group has mostly met monthly over the last year. From March 2020 the meetings have been virtual, via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We have worked on the KENDP policies and getting the draft plan ready for the Regulation 14 Pre-submission Consultation, which started on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and was completed on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The draft KENDP and all the supporting documents were uploaded to the Kidmore End Parish Council website and a hard copy was also made available. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, a face-to-face consultation was not possible, which was very disappointing but unavoidable during these challenging times. We received 294 responses to the survey, with representation from every village and a further 8 written responses from residents, as well as feedback from landowners and other stakeholders.

We are currently working towards Regulation 15 which is the submission of the draft KENDP to the parish council and to SODC. This has included reviewing and considering the responses from the Regulation 14 consultation, updating the draft plan, writing a Consultation Statement and writing a Basic Conditions Statement. We have commissioned independent consultants to write the Basic Conditions Statement and develop the Spatial and Visual Character Appendices which supplement the Local Character policies. In December 2020 SODC adopted the Local Plan 2035 and the draft KENDP has been updated to reflect this development.

We have worked closely with the NDP team at SODC to ensure that the path we are taking is correct and they have been very supportive. Information from the Steering Group meetings is available via the KEPC website and Parish Council meetings.

I would like to thank all the members of the community and stakeholders who responded to requests for feedback during the Regulation 14 process. I would also like to thank members of the Steering Group who have worked tirelessly for nearly 4 years to get to this point and to parish councillors and the Clerk to the Council.

Sue Biggs

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Chair of Kidmore End Steering Group