**BREINTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

Many thanks to those of you who made comments during the recent final consultation. Since this closed on September 15th Herefordshire Council have sent us copies of everything they received. These are now being considered by the Steering Group who may recommend that the Parish Council make changes to the Plan – it’s too early to tell.

Herefordshire did a thorough job with the consultation and, once again, contacted all the businesses, local landowners and statutory organisations that were on the Parish Council’s original list of consultees. Interestingly Herefordshire appear to be able to reach people who did not respond to any of the Parish Council’s earlier letters or e-mails and we have received comments from a number of sources for the first time. These are very welcome and are perhaps a measure of the seriousness with which the Neighbourhood Development Plan is now being taken. After all it will be guiding planning decisions for the parish through until 2031 alongside the National Planning Policy Framework and Herefordshire’s own Core Strategy when that is finally approved.

As well as deciding about any final changes to the Plan, the Parish Council are hoping to make progress by choosing our independent examiner in the near future. This is a joint decision with Herefordshire Council. Once this is done all the paperwork will go to the examiner and they will review the Plan. We are one of seven parish councils to have got this far.

More information about our progress next month.

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