

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE RE THE FOREST OF DEAN DRAFT LOCAL PLAN re ST BRIAVELS**

At the Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January the standard Agenda item to receive the District Councillor report included an important item of news.

The District Councillor report mentioned the draft Local Plan includes a previously unknown suggestion to build up to 110 new dwellings in the parish – believed to be off of Hewelsfield Lane. This proposed development is part of the 13,200 build allocation by 2042 for the Forest of Dean area.

It's important to note the previous version of the draft Local Plan had indicated St Briavels was unlikely to see development of this nature due to significant constraints within and surrounding the settlement and no allocation proposed, so this addition was not anticipated and a surprise.

A District Council meeting will be held on 15th January featuring the draft and following that there will be a public consultation, and we ask everyone to watch out for this and comment. The dates are still to be confirmed but we anticipate 4th Feb to 18th March. It will be the first opportunity to comment on this latest version of the draft Local Plan and new housing allocation.

The Parish Council will publish all information received to ensure parishioners are fully informed and consulted, and as a body will respond as a statutory consultee alongside any personal representations any member of public can make.

This is the relevant extract of the District Councillor report received by the Parish Council, including the link to the draft Local Plan report.

The cabinet meets on Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>) to determine the consultation of the draft Local Plan.

<https://meetings.fdean.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=5525&Ver=4>

This includes all the proposed allocations of housing in the district, all 13,200 houses by 2042.

**For St Briavels, this includes an allocation of 110 dwellings on land next to Hewelsfield Lane.**

The draft Local Plan will be debated by full council on Thursday 22nd January when we will see whether or not the proposed draft can go to full public consultation.

The District Councillor Chris McFarling confirmed:

The consultation dates - subject to Full Council approval - are 4th February to 18th March. Parish councils are statutory consultees and will be notified at the commencement of the consultation. In addition the District Council are preparing an email to send to Parishes and also one to members this week following Cabinet to advise of the potential consultation and start dates.

Please ensure you share your views when the consultation goes live – Thank you