

**Henley in Arden and Beaudesert Joint Parish Council  
NDP 2 Theme Meeting – Community**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7.00pm  
Venue: The Station, Henley in Arden**

**Summary**

**Attendees:**

Simon Wood (Chair) (SW)  
John Latham (JL)  
Geoff Norman (GN)  
Sheriden Bevan (summary) (SB)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Rouse

**2. Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest were declared

**3. Review set-up arrangements**

- Set up arrangements summarised in email to Chair by Richard Clark, namely:
- Review/discuss Made plan
- Discuss next actions

**4. Discussion of existing Made plan**

- Made plan shows Henley in Arden (HIA) in positive light, however evidence that HIA is divided with respect to level of involvement/interaction in community activity and local groups/societies e.g. JPC, Court Leet, Guild Hall
- Need more inclusivity and unite community
- Diversity of voice in theme groups is welcomed
  - SW advised that Henley in Arden Co-Op will be allowing staff paid time out of work to encourage staff to contribute to theme groups
  - Co-op will be undergoing refurbishment in the new year. It has been queried whether there are opportunities for locally based staff to participate in community work during this period

**Community Facilities**

- Need to assess current facilities, could these accommodate increase in demand? What else would be needed?
- Need to explore what the residents of HIA need and want from their town in terms of community/sports facilities, infrastructure (e.g. travel, connectivity) in terms of what we have now, and would like to preserve and secure for present and future HIA residents
- It was proposed that members of community groups and societies could be invited to complete a short online survey to seek out opinion on their top 3 likes/dislikes of current community facilities, and top 3 wants for the future. Respondents would be asked to provide some top-level demographic information. Survey will be anonymous

## **Housing**

It was highlighted that the 2021 census informs that HIA has >31% residents >65 yrs old and 65<=/16yrs old and this balance needs to be addressed in the availability of starter homes in future development, to encourage younger HIA residents to raise their families in HIA

It was acknowledged that this aspect will be covered in the relevant NDP2 themes

## **Medical facilities**

Development must not have adverse effect on the current quality and level of provision by Henley in Arden Medical Centre. Consideration in terms of:

- Capacity and capability of Henley Medical Centre – what could/would the practice absorb; what would resources required to do this? Second medical centre?
- Overall provision required for additional residents e.g. 500, 1000+ residents
- What does the future of primary care look like? e.g. access of services in the community as opposed to within secondary care, so more facilities required?

- **Schools**

- What are the future needs of schools in HIA and surrounding area?
- Schools are undersubscribed so may be possible to accommodate incoming pupils

## **5. Action points**

- Contact local primary schools – assess future needs– **SW**
- Contact Henley in Arden Medical Centre – assess future needs – **JL**
- Draft survey content/collate list of local groups – **SB**
- Set up survey – **SW**
- Assess current community facilities - **GN**

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

**Venue:** The Station, Henley in Arden