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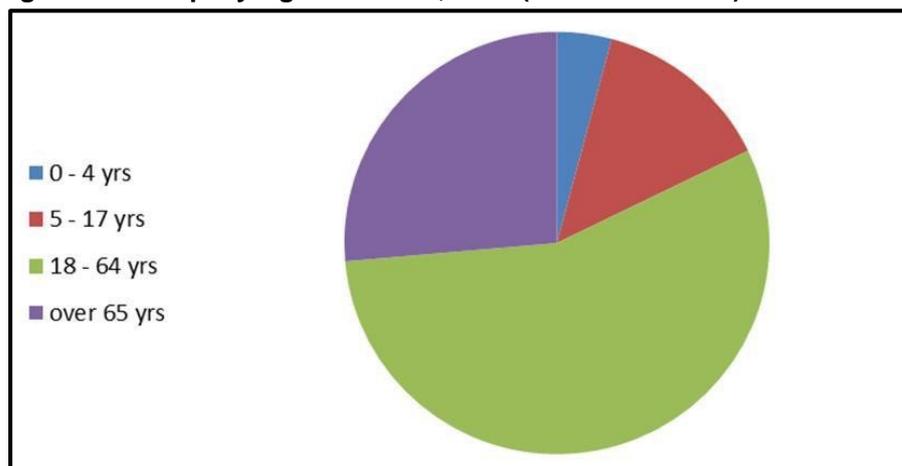
1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Kempsey is a large diverse parish of 1,307 hectares (3,233 acres). The latest available figures from the 2011 Census shows we have a population of 3,180 residents, living in 1,352 households¹.

¹ 1 All figures 2011 Census unless stated otherwise.

- 1.2 In 2011, the population of 3,180 was split into 1,521 males and 1,659 females. Of the total population, 4% are aged under 4 years, 14% are aged between 5 and 17, 56% are aged between 18 and 64 and 26% are aged 65 and over, see Figure 3.

Figure 3 – Kempsey Age Structure, 2011 (% of all residents)



- 1.3 Economic activity of the 2,298 residents aged 16 to 74 is 1,542 persons active (67%) with 756 inactive (33%): 511 of whom are retired; 89 are students; 75 are looking after the house; 48 are Disabled or long term sick; and there are 33 others.
- 1.4 There is a wide diversity of businesses in Kempsey: everything from one person businesses, working from home, through to larger companies. In total, there are more than 150 businesses in the Parish.
- 1.5 Household size in Kempsey is an average of 2.35 people per household with 319 in single person households, 583 in two person households, 215 in 3 person, 177 in 4 person, 44 in 5 person, 12 in 6 person, and two 7 person households.
- 1.6 Car ownership is 2,257 cars for 1,352 households which equates to 1.8 cars per household. 135 households, or 10% of the households in the Parish do not have access to a private car.
- 1.7 General health of the 3,180 residents in Kempsey is good, with only 164 (5%) of persons considering themselves to have bad or very bad health.
- 1.8 Kempsey is surrounded by open, tranquil countryside. On its western boundary is the River Severn and its Hams, which are very rare Lammas land². On its southern boundary are Ashmoor Common, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Kerswell Green. On the

² The Hams are the Flood plain of The Severn and Lammas Land is land grazed by registered commoners from 12th August to 6th April each year.

eastern boundary we have Normoor Common, Kempsey Common and Stonehall Common. All of our Commons comprise of multi-species habitats featuring wildflower meadows which are rare in the country as a whole, with 97% of this type of habitat having been lost since the Second World War³.

- 1.9 The urban extension to the south of the city of Worcester (SWDP45/1), will, when completed, leave a half a mile wide gap between the urban extension and the northern boundary of the existing built-up area of Kempsey. Preventing coalescence with Worcester city and maintaining what is referred to in the South Worcestershire Development Plan as a 'significant gap' is a longterm key requirement of residents.
- 1.10 Community facilities in the Parish include a small doctors' dispensing surgery, Church, village shop, farm shop and Post Office, Primary School, Youth Centre, Parish Hall, Playing Field, Community Centre and six Public houses
- 1.11 Kempsey would like to move forward in a sustainable way, with an all new, allpurpose community centre, further shops, a café and with an increase in its outdoor and indoor sports facilities. These facilities are already needed for the current population and even more so when the population increases as a result of proposed developments and those already under construction.
- 1.12 Neighbourhood Plans need to be assessed for their environmental implications using a process called Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The plan also has to be assessed as to whether it requires Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Malvern Hills District Council have carried out a SEA screening. Initially, this concluded that a full SEA may be required. This stemmed from possible impacts of proposals under Policy K10 affecting heritage assets. Following further work, a revised SEA screening has concluded a full SEA is not required. The initial screening concluded that the Kempsey NDP did not require a full HRA. The original SEA screening and the amended screening are submitted alongside this draft plan.

2.0 Key Issues for Kempsey

³ Ref: Worcestershire Wildlife magazine. Issue 130, August 2014. Author: Steve Quartermain. WWT – Grasslands Officer

2.1 The key planning issues which have been identified for Kempsey through consultation and engagement by the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan are:

- Future housing growth that, if not managed appropriately, could lead to Kempsey losing its character and appearance.
- Maintenance of the “Significant Gap” between Kempsey and the city of Worcester.
- The need to protect built heritage and historic assets.
- The need to protect existing and provide additional community facilities, particularly if there are to be new facilities away from the village as part of the urban extension to the south of the city on the Worcester Southern Urban Extension.
- The need to protect and enhance existing and provide new green spaces.
- The need to improve access to health care facilities.
- Protection of the wider countryside.
- The need to improve local recreational facilities.
- Concern that Kempsey could become a dormitory village, but to be sustainable, appropriate local businesses for employment and training need to be encouraged.
- The need for safe and accessible transport, and for more frequent and shorter journeys times by public transport.

Comment [Robert Ga1]: Potentially confuses ‘need’ with ‘desire’, the former requiring justification. However, for consistency the issues should be expressed similarly – hence add “The need to manage future housing growth ... “, which also then corresponds to the first objective below

Comment [Robert Ga2]: Parish or village? Elsewhere some distinction is achieved by referring to ‘Kempsey village’ when appropriate, it would be helpful to commence the practice here to avoid confusion

Comment [Robert Ga3]: As previously, add “The need to protect the ...”, having removed “Protection of ..”

Comment [Robert Ga4]: As previously, perhaps express as “The need to encourage appropriate local businesses for employment and training to ensure Kempsey is sustainable and does not become a dormitory village.”

2.2 The bulk of these issues were identified in a questionnaire survey undertaken in the Parish in September 2014. A full copy of the survey is available on request from the Parish Council. Further consultation and engagement work helped to refine and confirm that these were the issues to be tackled by the Neighbourhood Plan. All of the work on consultation and engagement is documented in the Consultation Statement that is submitted alongside this Neighbourhood Plan.

2.3 The following section (Section 3.0) sets out how we intend to tackle each of these issues by identifying a set of key objectives.

3.0 Vision and Objectives

Vision

3.1 Our Vision for Kempsey is:

“To ensure that Kempsey Parish continues to be an identifiable, sustainable rural community with facilities to cater for the needs of the residents and existing and new businesses.”

Objectives

3.2 To achieve this vision our Neighbourhood Plan has the following objectives:

Objective 1 – To manage future housing growth in Kempsey and the smaller settlements in the Parish.

Comment [Robert Ga5]: Add '... village' as before

Objective 2 – To maintain the Significant Gap between Kempsey and Worcester City.

Comment [Robert Ga6]: ditto

Objective 3 – To conserve and enhance the historic environment

Comment [Robert Ga7]: and/or

Objective 4 – To maintain, improve and expand community and recreation facilities

Comment [Robert Ga8]: does this mean 'retain'?

Objective 5 – To conserve and enhance green spaces and green infrastructure

Objective 6 – To support opportunities for the development of existing and new businesses

Objective 7 – To promote safe, accessible modes of transport

4.0 National and Local Planning Policy Context

4.1 Neighbourhood Plans are required to meet Basic Conditions, these include having regard to national planning policy and guidance to be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Development Plan for the area: the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). This section of the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan summarises the national and local planning policies which provide the planning framework for the draft Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan.