

Report from Infrastructure Needs Review

We met on 22nd January to review the Infrastructure Needs in the light of downward changes to the predicted population figures in 2031.

A significant number of attendees were in favour of a complete review of Infrastructure Needs due to perceived faults in the original methodology and changes and improvements that had come to pass since the original report was agreed in 2013. As that was outside the remit provided by New Alresford Town Council it proved difficult to proceed.

The original report included possible profile of the working population in order to substantiate the need for resilient communications. 2011 census data is now available which demonstrated that a significant proportion of the current population that work in Alresford is home based. The need for resilient communications is unchanged, but it is likely that a domestic provision will be necessary as well as communications to support those employing staff.

It was agreed that all matters concerning the working population be referred to the Employment Needs Group for consideration.

In February New Alresford Town Council (NATC) resolved to comment on of Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) with regard to the changes to predicted population in 2031. The chairman can see no LPP2 content on Infrastructure that is dependent on population figures. Members of the group were asked to inform the chairman if they could identify such content on 16th February. As of 22nd February no such advice has been received.

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