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Walford Parish Council is publishing the following factual corrections to an anonymous letter being circulated which is urging parishioners to vote no in the NDP referendum.

This factual response addresses each of the points raised within the anonymous letter.

Please make up your own mind on the matter by reading all of the NDP documentation that has been developed during the last 11 years. These can be found at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory-record/3112/walford-neighbourhood-development-plan>. Alternatively, Google - Walford NDP Herefordshire.

1. By voting on the NDP you have full power to decide for the parish. It's an important matter for us all.
2. There is no proposed development of over 100. There are five proposed sites, the maximum site size is 0.8h located on Leys Hill which might take 5 houses.
3. The NDP restricts housing to allocated sites (Policy WALF21 on page 60, Table 2 on page 63, and Policies Maps on pages 69 to 72). These are all small-scale sites. Individual applications cannot be restricted by size and can be any size. The Walford NDP has a policy against major developments (Policy WALF3, page 27).
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/24782/neighbourhood-development-plan-january-2023>
4. The independent consultant did not advise anybody on how to get their property accepted in the NDP.
5. Walford Parish Council did not support the application and minutes dated 9th November 2022 state "Councillors voted unanimously to abstain from any comment in respect of this application". Given that a councillor had expressed an opinion on the matter the following comments were posted on the Herefordshire Council website by the council: 'Walford Parish Council met on 9th November and considered this application. Council decided that, as one of the applicants is a councillor involved in the formation of the council's NDP, council should not express an opinion either in support or objection to the planning application. A councillor did express concern that local roads were insufficient to support more dwellings.'



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6. Full and open public consultations were conducted and can be seen in the full consultation document. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/24035/consultation-statement-june-2022>.
7. Settlement boundaries are proposed that follow the edge of the built form, plus any allocated sites. These settlement boundaries are in the "Policies Maps" inside the NDP document. <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/24782/neighbourhood-development-plan-january-2023>, pages 69 to 72.
8. Full details of all site assessments are available in the "Meeting Housing Needs and Site Assessment Report" (plus 4 addendums).
 - a. <https://walford-ndp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Meeting-Housing-Requirement-Report-Final.pdf>
 - b. <https://walford-ndp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Walford-Parish-Council-NDP-Committee-Approved-Addendum-Report-no-1.pdf>
 - c. <https://walford-ndp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Meeting-Housing-Need-and-Site-Assessment-Report-Addendum-2-report-V.3.pdf>
 - d. <https://walford-ndp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Addendum-3-report.pdf>
 - e. <https://walford-ndp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Addendum-4-report.pdf>