

The Vision for the Neighbourhood Area

Protecting rural character while allowing for appropriate development

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan will maintain and enhance the rural character of the three parishes and protect and enhance the area's built and natural heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of all who live and work in the Neighbourhood Area, visit it or travel through it, now and in the future.
- It will provide for a range of homes to meet the needs of community members and promote a truly sustainable community and a diversified rural economy.
- Residents and businesses will be encouraged to adopt a variety of renewable energy technologies that do not adversely impact on the landscape.
- The plan will promote health and well-being by providing space and facilities for exercise and other leisure activity.

**It's your neighbourhood –
please support the Neighbourhood Plan!**



**Please be sure to turn out and vote in the
Referendum on the completed Plan**

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Chapel & Hill Chorlton, Maer & Aston and Whitmore Neighbourhood Development Plan



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Neighbourhood Area residents recently attended a series of Roadshows at Aston, Maer and Whitmore village halls where the results of the questionnaire were presented. They also had an opportunity to consult on the Vision and Aims for the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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This will be the overarching aim of the Plan. The questionnaire results showed that the rural character, landscape and natural environment are what residents value most about our Neighbourhood Area.

Charts from the Questionnaire

Please visit the website to see a set of charts showing results from the questionnaire that was held in September 2016. The charts were on display at the Roadshows.

Go to: www.cmaw-neighbourhoodplan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/charts.pdf

Next steps

We will now start writing the Plan and drafting policies to guide future development in the Neighbourhood Area. We hope to complete this work during the summer and that the Plan will be ready for Local Consultation during August–September 2017.

Local Consultation – please participate!

Please support the Neighbourhood Plan by participating in the Local Consultation when it takes place. After the consultation the Plan will be submitted to the Borough Council. At this stage the Plan's policies will start to influence decision making on local planning applications. For more information please visit the website:

www.cmaw-neighbourhoodplan.org.uk/the-plan-3/plan-process

Local Referendum

We hope that the Local Referendum on the Plan will take place in spring 2018. **Please turn out to vote!** If 50% or more of those voting in the Referendum vote 'Yes' the Plan will be made and will come into force.

Aims and Policy Themes

Biodiversity and natural environment

- To protect, preserve, restore and promote the area's natural heritage, landscape, habitats and biodiversity and to provide the means for residents and visitors to learn about and enjoy the area's natural assets.
- To designate Local Green Space, and to protect valued near and distant views and the landscape settings of the settlements.

Built heritage

- To protect, preserve and promote the area's conservation areas and heritage assets.
- To find new uses for disused buildings that make a positive contribution to the local built heritage.

Community assets

- To identify existing and new buildings and land that are of importance to the community's well-being. (See also Leisure and tourism)

Design and character

- To ensure that all new development, including replacement dwellings and extensions, is compatible with the area's rural character and local built heritage.
- To define and designate character areas.

Economy and transport

- To promote rural businesses that will contribute to the local and the wider economy.
- To promote homeworking and to provide suitable premises and communications technology to enable residents and employers to establish businesses in the Neighbourhood Area.
- To find ways to mitigate conflict between population and traffic on major transit routes and local roads.

Housing

- To provide a range of energy-efficient homes to meet the needs of residents of all ages, physical abilities and financial means.
- To identify suitable locations/sites for housing.

Leisure and tourism

- To provide suitable indoor and outdoor space for the enjoyment and leisure use of both residents and visitors.
- To promote the Neighbourhood Area's built heritage and natural assets and incorporate them into the local economy.
- To provide the means for residents and visitors to learn about and enjoy the Neighbourhood Area's natural and heritage assets.