



Neighbourhood Development Plan

Documenting the Neighbourhood Area

On 8th March the draft Neighbourhood Plan was at last submitted to the Planning Department at Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council for **Environmental Screening** (see February issue of One Way). Prior to this, the three Parish Councils and the Steering Group held a joint meeting with our consultant, Hannah Barter, at the beginning of March. From now onwards the progress of the Plan rests in the Planning Department's hands. In the meantime the Steering Group is continuing to work and is starting to make preparations for the **Local Consultation** so that this can go ahead as soon as possible following completion of the Environmental Screening.

During preparation of the Plan we have collected a large amount of evidence, a lot of which is available on the website at www.cmaw-neighbourhoodplan.org.uk. If you have internet access you can access it by clicking on 'The Plan' tab and selecting 'Evidence base'.

The evidence is clearly organised by topics. It includes profiles of the three parishes based on Census data, a report on the results of the August–September 2016 Residents' Survey (the questionnaire), the three reports that were prepared for us as technical support by AECOM consultants, and a report on the proposed Local Green Space designations.

The County Council's Historic Environment service has been very helpful and provided a lot of information and maps documenting historic features of the Neighbourhood Area and these are all available to view. There are also some links to historical maps that can be viewed in online map libraries. The County Council's Landscape service also provided maps.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has also been very helpful and has supplied a number of maps documenting the Neighbourhood Area's natural environment and habitats, as well as lists of species of birds, animals, plants, insects etc. recorded in the Neighbourhood Area.

Highways, transport and accessibility are a big issue for residents. So is HS2. A number of reports, maps and other information on these topics are available.

Do visit the website! We can guarantee that you will learn something new, interesting, even fascinating, about the Neighbourhood Area.

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