



Neighbourhood Development Plan

Policies, policies, policies!

The 6-week Local Consultation on the Plan ended on 31 July. August will be a busy month for the Steering Group as it works with its consultant, Hannah Barter, to review the responses and revise the Plan, ready for submission to the Parish Councils in early September. Thank you to everyone who responded to the Local Consultation.

We hope that the Parish Councils will be able to submit the revised Draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Borough Council in September. It will then have to undergo a further 6-week consultation before being examined by an Independent Examiner. Then, finally, the time for the Local Referendum will arrive!

The process of writing the Plan has been guided by local input received during the Roadshows and via responses to the Questionnaire in September 2016. The input told us some very important things: (1) How the community relates to the local area; (2) What the community values about the local facilities and what improvements or additional facilities are needed; (3) The community's perceptions about local housing needs; (4) What can stay the same and what needs to change for the better; (5) How the community would like the Neighbourhood Area to develop generally over the coming years.

The Plan itself may seem rather complicated. That is because planning for development is a somewhat complicated process and the Neighbourhood Plan will be a legal document with legal status in the planning system.

The most important part of the Plan is the policies, which are contained in the consultation booklet that was distributed to every household in June. The policies are the means by which the aims of the Plan will be achieved. The chart in the consultation booklet shows how each policy will contribute to achieving the aims of the Plan.

Each policy must be supported by evidence to show why that policy is needed. The evidence is presented in the full text of the Plan that was available during the Local Consultation in a printed copy in Chapel Chorlton and Maer churches and in Aston and Whitmore village halls, and online on the website. The online copy of the Plan is still available on the website.

The evidence creates a fascinating picture of the three parishes of our Neighbourhood Area. If you have not yet visited the website to read the Plan, we encourage you to do so. We can guarantee that you will learn something new!

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