

## **PRESS RELEASE – SHIFNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

### **SHIFNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION WAS WELL SUPPORTED**

The Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan exhibition/consultation held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June was supported by over 300 interested Shifnal residents, who came along to find out more about the proposals being put forward in the Plan and to give their comments. The members of the Steering group were delighted at the turn out and are now ready to move on to the next stage of development of the plan, taking account of the feedback received.

Chris Raine, Chairwoman of the Steering Group said, “ I would like to thank all those who came along on the day and gave their feedback. It was great to see so many people wanting to know about the future plans for Shifnal.”

“ Anyone who was not able to come along to the Exhibition but wants to `Have their Say`, can see the proposals on the website [www.shifnalplan.co.uk](http://www.shifnalplan.co.uk) and there is still time to put forward their comments using the online survey form.”

“ The key concerns at that were being raised with members of the Steering Group were;

- How the increasing volume of traffic will be managed. The Steering Group members were able to explain that Shropshire Council are currently drawing up a ‘Transport Strategy’ for the town, and that a public exhibition/consultation event on this is will be held later in the year.
- Progress on a new Medical Centre. The NP has allocated the site on the corner of Haughton Road/Newport Road for this to be built. Further negotiations between the Town Council, the Medical Practice and the Site Developers will be taking place.
- Maintaining the Green Belt boundary around the town is seen by Shifnal residents to be a vital issue. Residents do not want further housing development around the fringes of the town. They all say that Shifnal is getting more than its fair share of new housing development in all of the Shropshire market towns and what the town needs now is the

improvements to the roads and the services to meet the needs of both the existing and new residents of the town. “

Robert Harrop, Mayor of Shifnal says, “ I am very pleased by the turnout to this event and the interest shown by those who came. All of this makes it clear that getting the Neighbourhood Plan through all the remaining stages required is of real importance for the town of Shifnal.”

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