

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE SHIFNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO - `TELL US YOUR VIEWS FOR THE FUTURE OF SHIFNAL`

Shifnal residents are being asked to give their views on proposals that will shape future development in the town of the town over the next 15 years.

Shifnal residents have expressed a lot of concern about the 1400 additional houses that are going to be built and the urgent need for investment in the infrastructure and facilities to help cope with this increase in the number of residents in the town.

Issues that are being raised are about; the need to manage the increase in traffic coming through Shifnal; the need for a new GP Surgery; more car parking for local shoppers and the railway station; keeping the character of Shifnal as a small market town with a variety of shops and facilities for young people such as better BMX track in the park, goal posts and a nature reserve area.

Now the local community have a real opportunity to say what their priorities are for the future of the town over the next 15 years and beyond in a Neighbourhood Plan, that once approved will be a legal document and have to be used when planning decisions are being made.

Chris Raine, a volunteer from the local community and the Chair of the Shifnal Neighbourhood Steering Group which has been set up by the Town Council, says,

“... this really is best opportunity that Shifnal residents and businesses have ever had to put their views forward and support the development of this Neighbourhood Plan. This is the first time that a local plan for Shifnal, which is community – led, will have legal status and real clout, so don't miss the opportunity.”

Chris wants residents to fill in and return the Questionnaire that has been distributed to all households. They can fill it in on-line via the Link on the Shifnal Town Council website which is a very easy way to do it and she wants residents,“ to come along to a `Drop-In Day` being held in the Old Fire Station in Shrewsbury road this Saturday 29th Nov. between 10.00am to 4.00pm and put your views to members of the Steering Group and find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan”

Robert Harrop, Mayor of Shifnal and also a member of the Steering Group says that the Neighbourhood Plan is really important for the town as it will enable Shifnal to receive more money from Shropshire Council to spend in the community on local projects.

For more information on this Press Release you can contact Chris Raine on 01952 461535. Please note this phone number is not for publication in the paper.

