

Press Release:

From the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on behalf of Shifnal Town Council.

Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan: final chance to have your say.

Over the last 12 months the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have had lots of comments and feedback from individuals, organisations and businesses about their priorities for Shifnal and now we have reached an important stage in writing the Neighbourhood Plan and it is called the Pre-Submission Consultation.

Chris Raine, Chair of the Steering Group said that, “We are now required to consult statutory bodies, local organisations and the wider community for a period of 6 weeks before the plan is submitted to Shropshire Council. This consultation started on 28th September and closes on 8th November 2015.”

Robert Harrop, Mayor of Shifnal, said that, “The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the future of Shifnal up to 2026 and will become part of the statutory local Plan. It will have legal status as it will have to be considered when decisions are made on planning applications in Shifnal.”

Altogether there are 24 policies in the Plan. These cover issues such as Protection of the Green Belt, Highways Improvements, site for a new Medical Centre, Housing, the Character of the town and Conservation of historic buildings, local green spaces and many other matters that residents and businesses have raised in the consultations.

Copies of the Plan including the full wording of all of these policies are available at the Library and at Shifnal Town Council, and on our website www.shifnalplan.co.uk.

Chris Raine, Chair of the Steering Group said: “This is the last chance that Shifnal residents will have to read the Plan and to tell us if they are happy with it or have any other comments.”

She also said that “The Neighbourhood Plan team will have a stall at the Food & Craft Market in Shifnal on the morning of 17 October and asks residents to, “please come and see us at the Food and Craft Market stall on Saturday morning and ask us if you have any questions about the Plan or please also come and tell us if you are happy with it too, as it is always good to get your feedback.”

Comments should go in writing or by email to Shifnal Town Council at The Mansion House, 43 Broadway, Shifnal, TF11 8BB. Or you can use the contact form on the Neighbourhood Plan website www.shifnalplan.co.uk

Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Sunday 8 November.

Following this ‘Pre-submission Consultation’, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to Shropshire Council who will check that it meets legal requirements and will arrange for it to be reviewed by an Independent Examiner.

Once these stages have been completed Shifnal residents will be asked to vote on it in a Referendum early next year.

Editorial Note: If you have any questions about this Press Release please contact Chris Raine, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 01952 461535 but this number is not for publication.