

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE SHIFNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

**THE SHIFNAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP WILL BE MAKING A PROPOSAL TO SHIFNAL RESIDENTS ON FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE and WILL THEY SAY `YES - I AGREE`?**

If you live or own a business in the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan Designated Area that's the Parish of Shifnal (see map attached) , the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Chris Raine, invites you to a Public Exhibition of the Neighbourhood Plan Proposals.

The Exhibition will be held in the **Trinity Methodist Church Room, Victoria Road, Shifnal on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June between 3.00 and 8.00pm.**

Chris says "Come along and have a look and tell us whether or not you agree with the proposals. Members of the Steering Group will be there to listen to what you say and help answer any questions you may have."

"The proposals have been prepared in response to the issues and concerns which residents, businesses, community groups and young people told us about in the autumn last year. All residents had a questionnaire and there were drop-in sessions and small group consultations."

Robert Harrop the Mayor of Shifnal Town and leader of the Town Council said, " The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have worked hard to develop these proposals based on what people have said were their priorities for the town. So come along and have your say now about what goes into this plan. This is `Your Town and it is Your Chance to Have Your Say`, so don't miss it. "

The topics covered by the proposals include; the Green Belt, Housing, Transport, Character of the town and Conservation, Health, Education and Leisure, Environment , Open Spaces and Flooding, the Town Centre, the Economy and Employment.

Chris Raine wants to remind everyone that " the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan, once approved by a Referendum of the local people, will become part of planning law and that means that what it says will then have to be taken into account when decisions are made on all planning applications. This is the first time that a plan developed by the community has ever had this legal status, so this Plan has real clout! It is important that you give us your comments on the proposals now before it's finalised."

If you are not able to come along to the Exhibition on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Trinity Methodist Church Room between 3.00 and 8.00pm then you will still be able to see the proposals on the Plan website [www.shifnalplan.co.uk](http://www.shifnalplan.co.uk) and you will also be able to send in your views via the on-line Comments Form.

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For more information on this Press Release you can contact Chris Raine, Chair of the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 01952 461535. Please note this phone number is not for publication in the paper.

