

## **Developing the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan**

### **LOOKING BACK ON THE EXHIBITION AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT STAGES**

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) exhibition/consultation held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Trinity Methodist was very well supported – over 300 interested Shifnal residents came along to find out more about the proposals 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. Your comments will be analysed and will be used to improve the proposals and finalise the whole NP document.

A big thank you to all who came along on the day or who have taken the trouble to complete the online survey form. Thank you also to all those volunteers who pushed 3,500 leaflets through letter boxes throughout the parish to let people know about the consultation event and the opportunity to come and `Have Your Say`

Many topics of concern were raised, but the three key ones were

- How the increasing volume of traffic will be managed. NP Steering Group members were able to explain that Shropshire CC are currently drawing up a 'Transport Strategy' for the town, and that a public exhibition/consultation event on this is expected to be held later in the year.
- Progress on a new Medical Centre. The NP has allocated the site on the corner of Houghton 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.
- The Green Belt. Maintaining the Green Belt boundary around the town is seen by Shifnal residents to be a vital issue. Previous articles in this magazine have explained the importance of this and also the vulnerability of the boundary as it is certainly possible that proposals by Shropshire Council to change it could occur, in order to allow further development around the town fringes.

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.

In the early Autumn we move to a more formal stage of six weeks of what is called the Pre-Submission Consultation on the Plan and this gives the opportunity for statutory consultees as well as the community to make representations as to its content.

More information will be given about the further stages that the Plan document has to go through in the next edition of the magazine.

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