

## **Developing the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan**

### **THE NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING THE PRE SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**

If you are reading this article before November 8<sup>th</sup> when the consultation period ends then you still have time to comment on the Pre-Submission Consultation version of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is available on the website [www.shifnalplan.co.uk](http://www.shifnalplan.co.uk) and at Shifnal Library and the Town Council offices.

We have been consulting statutory bodies and local organisations as well as individual members of the community on this first full version of the Plan.

All the comments received will be logged and formally considered by the Steering Group. A response to each comment will be recorded saying whether or not the Plan will be amended in any way.

Once any amendments resulting from the Pre-Submission consultation, have been made to the plan, then the Plan and accompanying Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement will be ready for the Town Council to submit to Shropshire Council.

On receiving the plan and these two supporting documents Shropshire Council is responsible for checking that the submitted Neighbourhood Plan has followed the proper legal process, such as designating the Neighbourhood area and has met the legal requirements for consultation and publicity. Shropshire Council is also responsible for publicising receipt of the proposed plan, making it available for inspection and inviting further comments over a six week period. It will then arrange for an independent examination to ensure the Plan meets the basic conditions set out by law.

At each stage the latest version of the Plan and accompanying documents will be available on the website and at the Library and Town Council offices.

Once these stages have been completed, registered electors in the parish will be asked to vote on it in a Referendum next year. If approved, and of course we hope it will be as it based on what you have told us, it will become part of the statutory development plan for Shifnal and have to be taken into account in determining planning decisions.

We will keep you up to date on how things are progressing through the website and in these monthly articles.

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