

## **Developing the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan**

### **THE PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**

Over the last 9 months we have had lots of comments from individuals, organisations and businesses in Shifnal and now we have reached an important stage in the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan .It is the first of the formal stages and it is called the Pre-Submission Consultation.

We are now required to consult statutory consultees, local organisations and the community on the latest version of the Plan. The consultation period starts on 28<sup>th</sup> September and ends on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

It is not possible to describe all the proposed policies in this article but here is a summary of what is included.

### **GREEN BELT AND THE SHIFNAL SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY**

- Retain the existing green belt and settlement boundaries

### **HOUSING**

- Proposals on design of residential development and on housing mix
- Ensure proportion of new dwellings are appropriate to the needs of older people
- Support new care home provision

### **TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT**

- Improve highways to enable better traffic flow and pedestrian safety
- Improve pedestrian access and walkway routes to the schools and the town centre
- Extend cycle routes and increase cycle parking facilities
- Improve bus and rail infrastructure
- Car parking in town centre

### **CHARACTER AND CONSERVATION**

- Support re –use or re-development of derelict and empty buildings

### **HEALTH AND LEISURE**

- Allocation of site for new medical facility supported
- Protect existing level of leisure uses , support additional leisure uses and the provision of a new town park

### **ENVIRONMENT**

- Protect and maintain local green spaces
- Avoid losses of public open space

- Minimise the impact of flooding from development

#### TOWN CENTRE AND ECONOMY

- Presumption in favour of retail in primary shopping area
- Better quality shop front signage
- Enhance the attraction of the town for visitors and tourists
- Protect existing commercial premises or land
- Support employment-generating uses and small scale commercial development
- Strengthen the rural economy

Copies of the Plan including the full wording of all of these policies will be available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Library and at the Shifnal Town Council offices, and on our website [www.shifnalplan.co.uk](http://www.shifnalplan.co.uk).

This is your chance to read the Plan and to tell us if you are happy with it or have any other comments.

Your comments should go to Shifnal Town Council at The Mansion House, 43 Broadway, Shifnal, TF11 8BB. Or you can use the contact form on our website.

The Neighbourhood Plan team will have a stall at the Food & Craft Market in Shifnal on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October so please come and see us then.

Following this consultation all comments will be considered, the Plan amended if appropriate and it will then be submitted to Shropshire Council who will check it, further publicise it and will arrange for it to be reviewed by an Independent Examiner. This final part of the process is to ensure that the Plan meets the legal requirements for neighbourhood plans.

Once these stages have been completed you will be asked to vote on it in a Referendum next year. If approved it will become part of the statutory development plan for Shifnal and have to be taken into account in determining planning decisions

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