



Town Council Neighbourhood Plan & Local Referendum.

Market Drayton Town Council is taking an initiative offered by national government to prepare a "Neighbourhood Plan" with completion targeted for 2017. In order to achieve this a steering group has been set up Chaired by Dr. Richard Priestley from the Market Drayton Community Partnership

What is it?

Planning and development decisions that affect our locality are, at present, made by Shropshire Council, based at Shirehall in Shrewsbury following a thorough statutory consultation processes. Most recently this has taken the form of a Site Allocations and Management of Development plan (SAM Dev) which is currently in the final stages of approval. Policy contained in the SAM Dev cannot be changed but several issues of local concern are not included. The neighbourhood plan can help highlight these issues and put them up for public consideration with regard to future developments and spending of Community Infrastructure Levy (Development tax). Additional sites for development and commercial opportunities may be identified in the consultation process.

Formulating the Neighbourhood Plan

A consultation with residents, organisations and businesses from Market Drayton and surrounding areas will take place, followed by the publication of a draft plan containing policies, proposals and options. By a process of iteration a final draft plan will emerge which will be subjected to an examination of legal compliance with respect to existing regulation. The final version will be submitted for approval by a local referendum open to the Market Drayton electorate and those who live in some of the parishes close by. The plan must be approved by at least 50% of those who vote in order for it to be adopted.

It is very clear that local residents and businesses have an important role to play in the process. It would be pointless if the Town Council produced a plan that did not have local support as it will not be voted through. Community engagement is therefore at the heart of this process and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will make a questionnaire available through The Drayton Messenger, (September issue) to gauge the concerns and priorities of local residents, organisations & businesses.

Festival Drayton Centre Sept 9th 2015

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Day



On Wednesday September 9th we will be in the Festival Drayton Centre Vernon Suite 9:00 a.m. until 8:30p.m

PLEASE come along & talk to us!

On Saturday September 5th & Wednesday September 9th 2015, there will also be an Information Stall in Cheshire Street from 8:30a.m. until 2:00pm

Market Drayton Town Council is in the process of creating a "Neighbourhood Plan". This is very important and gives everyone the chance to have a say on the future development of our town.

Look out for the Neighbourhood Plan stall at the Saturday and Wednesday Markets and on Wednesday 9th September come along to Festival Drayton Centre (Vernon Suite) where you will be able to talk to us about the issues which you think we should be looking at.

This is your plan so it is critical to its success that your views are expressed in it, so please come along and have a say!

Even If you don't live in Drayton but you shop here or use any of the facilities, schools etc. please come along, we need your views.

The information you give us will be used to create a questionnaire which will appear in the December issue of the Messenger so that everyone may comment.

A Neighbourhood Plan allows everyone to have their say on the future development & services of the town and the facilities therein, to influence the type and quality of that development and to ensure that the change it brings meets local objectives, set and agreed by them.

Existing planning arrangements under the widely publicised SAMDEV (Site Allocations and Management of Development) scheme will continue, but the Neighbourhood Plan may address any issues not already covered.

Loggerheads parish has already taken steps towards this goal and residents who might be interested are invited to email the Parish Clerk, Karen Watkins on loggerheadspc@btconnect.com for more information.

This issue of the Messenger includes a questionnaire addressed to businesses in the area, it will also be available to fill out online at:
<http://www.marketdrayton.gov.uk>
If you would like to receive one by post, please email assistantclerk@marketdrayton.gov.uk



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MARKET DRAYTON TOWN COUNCIL - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY

Market Drayton Town Council is actively engaged in writing a Neighbourhood Plan to identify preferred actions and developments for the town for the next generation.

Neighbourhood Planning gives communities the opportunity to direct the development of their areas through creating plans and policies.

We want to capture the views of both residents and businesses in the town and the surrounding areas. Wherever you live your opinion is just as important to us.

Therefore we have commissioned a survey by an independent company, Data Orchard, which is contained in the centre of this issue of "The Messenger", to find out your views and opinions as part of this process.

So please, do take the time to read this and answer the questions, either by completing the form and returning it in the envelope provided or on line at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarketDraytonNPSurvey, or by clicking the SURVEY link on the Market Drayton Town Council website. By completing this questionnaire you are helping to create the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be by the people for the people!

Many thanks
Market Drayton Town Council.

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