

Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

ISSUES RAISED AT THE FARMERS' MARKET on 15TH NOVEMBER 2014

There were approx. 70 people from all age groups who visited the Neighbourhood Plan stall during the morning at The Farmers Market and posted comments in response to the question:-

“ Your Vision for Shifnal – What are Your Priorities? “

HOUSING - 5 types of issues from approx. 12 people

- 1 No more new houses
- 1 End all housing development
- 1 Restrict any more building
- 2 Keep Green Belt land
- 2 No development on the Green Belt
- 2 Preserve the Green Belt
- 2 Protect Lodge Hill
- 3 More houses mean more cars
- 4 More housing for retired or people wishing to downsize
- 5 Infrastructure should be in place before further development

MEDICAL PROVISION – 2 types of issues from approx. 10 people

- 1 New GP Surgery
- 1 Upgrade medical facilities
- 1 Need better medical facilities to support the growing community
- 1 GP surgery expansion
- 1 Better Doctors' Surgery
- 2 Medical services – opening hours

TRAFFIC AND CAR PARKING - 7 types of issues from 20 people

- 1 Sort out the traffic including speeding
- 1 Traffic needs to be slowed down

- 1 Traffic flow in the town will increase with all the new developments
- 1 Traffic flow through the town a problem with bad congestion at busy times
- 1 Improve the traffic flow in and around the town
- 1 Shared spaces – will help the road infrastructure
- 1 Go for shared spaces
- 1 Poynton looks a good plan (go for shared space)
- 2 Possible by-pass could help?
- 2 By-pass please
- 3 A one-way system in town centre
- 3 Not the one-way system please
- 4 Sort out traffic and car parking
- 4 More parking
- 4 More out of town parking with park and ride or maintained walkways
- 5 Introduce parking charges to deter people driving to Shifnal to abuse free parking at the train station.
- 5 Better parking at the station – as long as it stays free
- 6 The roadway up to train station needs to be safer and lighter for pedestrians
- 7 Remove Innage Road bottleneck
- 7 Car parking bays on grass verge on Innage Road so no parking in road allowing traffic to flow more easily

SHOPS AND BUSINESS - 7 types of issues from 12 people

- 1 More shops (different ones!) that open at weekends
- 1 Limit fast food outlets
- 1 Better shops e.g. shoe shop, keep shopping local- cheap prices and cheap rents
- 1 Old feeling facias for modern shops-shop fronts not attractive
- 1 No more coffee shops
- 2 No supermarkets on outskirts

3 Retain Farmers' Market

4 Important to have thriving small businesses and local people support them

4 Support local businesses

5 Small office accommodation and business space

6 Economic growth

7 Petrol station needed

PUBLIC TRANSPORT - 2 types of issues

1 Bus route for Wolverhampton Road

2 Covered area over bus stops

YOUNG PEOPLE - 3 types of issues

1 Increased funding for activities and space for youth within the community

2 More things for teenagers to do

3 New children's play equipment in park near St Andrew's

MISCELLANEOUS - 6 types of issues

1 Street scene and abandoned buildings falling into disrepair

1 Improve character of town – street scene

1 Retain town's character

2 Keep the community spirit

3 Walkway to town from Thomas Beddoes Court

3 Walk along the Wesley Brook through Shifnal

3 Green places to walk dogs, dog bins

4 Please keep our police station

5 Make sure we still have a community hall

6 What happened to swimming pool money?

6 Swimming pool

Issues raised at the Drop-In Days on 22nd and 29th November 2014

“Your Vision for Shifnal – What are Your Priorities?”

This was the part of the first round of Consultation asking local residents to identify what they saw as the key issues that the Plan should address looking ahead over the next 12 years till 2026.

There were approximately 60 people who came to the Drop-In Days and left comments. Others just came and looked at the maps and information.

The types of issues `posted` in response to the question “ What is your Vision for Shifnal – What are your Priorities” are shown below. The numbering denotes a grouping of similar types of issues.

Housing – 3 types of issues

1 No more new housing development

2 Keep the Green belt around Shifnal, not more housing until what is built is settled and residents belong.

2 Keep the green belt

3 Affordable housing for younger people in Shifnal

Traffic, Pedestrians and Car-parking – 5 types of issues

1 Traffic in and around the town will increase with the new housing developments

1 Redirect and/or reduce traffic flow through the town centre

1 Traffic free town centre

2 Traffic problems in Shifnal, particularly Innage Road, 5-ways Island and Victoria Road

2 Innage Road traffic is a problem

3 Car parking should be charged for over 1 hour

4 Look at more provision for pedestrians in the town centre

4 Provide adequate crossings for pedestrians in town

5 Provide walkways from the new housing through to schools and shops

Shops and Businesses – 3 types of issues

- 1 Restore shop fronts in shopping area to match the style of the older part of Shifnal
- 1 The building next to Blue the Florists needs immediate addressing it is derelict
- 2 The strength of local businesses is important for the town
- 2 More housing helps local businesses
- 3 Car Park needs to be free as charging will lose people for the local traders, especially as the Co-op is dear in comparison to larger supermarkets in Telford

The Medical Practice – 3 types of issues

- 1 Improvements in the medical practice –needs enlarging and to be more pro-active
- 2 A medical practice which suits people`s needs and not what suits the practice
- 3 Could a second medical practice meet the need maybe?

Community Facilities – 6 types of issues

- 1 Public Toilets need improving
- 2 A Community hub
- 3 A working Police station
- 4 A new secondary school, buildings are very old now
- 5 A swimming pool, within the school
- 6 Youth facilities –including a centre not run by volunteers, open more than once a week and run by licensed Youth workers

Miscellaneous – 4 types of issues

- 1 Support and enhance market provision
- 2 Flooding avoidance
- 3 Try to encourage the community atmosphere in Shifnal to include the new build
- 4 Critically review town lighting provision
- 4 Stop light pollution