



Residents' Questionnaire

We are starting to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Shifnal. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been set up by Shifnal Town Council to lead the process. The Steering Group comprises three local people who have volunteered their time to help to work on the preparation of the Plan, and Shifnal Town Mayor Robert Harrop and Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell.

We want the residents and businesses of Shifnal to have their say about the future development of the town over the next 10 to 15 years.

As a first step we have put together a proposed vision for the town and some proposals about our future. We want to know what you think about these and when we have heard back from you we will go on to the next step. So please complete this questionnaire and let us have your comments or suggestions.

What's different about the Neighbourhood Plan is that:-

- it will be a legal document and will have to be used when decisions about future developments in Shifnal are made
- it will enable Shifnal to receive money from Shropshire Council to spend in the community
- you get to vote on the Plan, once it's been written, in a Referendum

Please complete your questionnaire and return it by 7th December 2014.

If you prefer, you may fill in the questionnaire online by following the link from the Shifnal Town Council website.

Please place your completed questionnaire in the box at any of the following places:

- 'Katrina's' in Cheapside
- 'Blue' in Market Place
- Cooperative stores in Bradford St. and High St.
- Shifnal Library
- Shifnal Town Council office in Broadway



Our Vision

“Our vision is to create a future for Shifnal that takes into account the existing character of the town, with houses and developments which reflect the character of existing buildings and which continue to encourage our community spirit. We also want to ensure that traffic management, services and facilities are improved to support our present and future needs.”

Do you agree with this vision? Yes: ☐ No: ☐

Please write any comments below...

To achieve our vision we have come up with a number of initial proposals and we need to know how you feel about each of these.

There is also plenty of space for you to tell us more, or to add your comments or suggestions. Please rank the following initial proposals in order of importance to you as follows:

Very important	1
Not sure	2
Not very important	3

Housing

- 1 Land for housing should only be allocated to meet local needs, including those of the young and the elderly.
- 2 The design & scale of housing should be in keeping with the character of the town.
- 3 The Neighbourhood Plan should seek to protect certain sites in and around Shifnal from housing development (please say which sites).

Please write any comments below...

Economy

- 4 The Neighbourhood Plan should seek to retain existing employment land.
- 5 The Neighbourhood Plan should allocate additional land for employment to meet Shifnal’s needs (please say which sites).

Economy continued

- 6 The Neighbourhood Plan should support initiatives to make Shifnal more attractive to visitors and tourists.
- 7 A variety of shopping outlets in the town should continue to be provided.

Please write any comments below...

Transport

- 8 The road network should be improved to accommodate the extra traffic generated by recent housing developments.
- 9 Adequate public car parking should be provided in the town centre.
- 10 Better pedestrian and cycle ways into and around the town centre should be provided.
- 11 Local bus services & routes should be improved.

Transport continued

Please write any comments below...

Character of the Town

- 12 Any new developments should not adversely affect the market town character of Shifnal.
- 13 The conservation area and our historic buildings should continue to be protected.
- 14 Core town centre shopping area should be kept.

Please write any comments below...

Health, Education and Leisure

15 A new health centre should be provided to meet local health needs.

16 Improved education facilities and services should be provided for everyone in the community including adults.

17 Better opportunities for leisure should be provided for everyone in the community.

Please write any comments below...

Environment

18 Existing parks, play areas, playing fields and open space should be retained and additional spaces provided.

19 Any new developments should not adversely affect drainage and flooding in the town.

20 The existing greenbelt around the town should continue to be protected.

Environment continued

Please write any comments below...

Finally, is there anything else that you wish to see included in the Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan, or do you have any comments regarding the future of Shifnal?

Please write any comments below...

Please complete your questionnaire and return it by 7th December 2014.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your comments and ideas really are important to us. There will be further opportunities for feedback and comment as we go through the Neighbourhood Plan process during next year. Information will be posted on the Town Council website and on Noticeboards. There are Drop-in days being held on 22nd and 29th November at the Old Fire Station in Shrewsbury Road so please call in if you would like to talk to members of the Steering Group about this questionnaire or the plan in general. **Shifnal Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.**