



# NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

## NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - POINTS OF PRINCIPLE

Newport Town Council (NTC) considered it appropriate to identify some broad principles in relation to planning and economic development in and around Newport. Primarily assist the Council in making comments regarding planning applications and proposals.

The following principles were RESOLVED:

NTC are against building on green space.

- This opposition is tempered, to a degree, however by the conflicting demands of development.

NTC support development of 'brown field sites, for mixed commercial, retail and residential use.

NTC believe Newport can and should have a measured level of residential expansion.

- *What is currently (Aug 2011) proposed, across the Town, is not measured. The LDF ceiling of 60 dwellings a year pertains, and should include all types including e.g. ' Care Village development will impact on/increase 'normal' housing availability.*

NTC are in favour of the Care village principle and therefore supported the Stafford Road/ Meadow View development (Jul 2011).

- *However, further developments of this type would involve unacceptable building on Green Space.*

NTC reject Newport becoming physically part of Telford.

- *This has implications for developments to the South West of Newport [and the North West of Telford]*

NTC recognise the principle that more subsidised (affordable) housing is needed in Newport.

- *NTC are insistent that in the first instance this provision is for Newport residents/ex residents only.*

NTC will defend the High Street vigorously and so are cautious of any development that risks damage to the High Street.

NTC has a point of principle that, new build residential / commercial property should be of the highest, and NOT the minimum, building standards.

- *Developments should only be passed if they are leading edge. E.g. Energy efficiency.*

NTC support on principle developments that will bring employment to the Town.

- *However, this is not a green light for just any development: employment needs to be complementary not cannibalistic, it needs to support owner occupier lifestyle for the future sustainability of the Town, and must include non-retail youth/starter employment*

In setting out the principles consideration was given to, comments made by the Town Council on previous planning applications, outcomes of previous planning applications, comments and correspondence from individual residents and community groups and planning policy. It is not intended to be exhaustive.

***Original signed***

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