

Summary of Response from a Public Consultation
Held at 'The Phez' public house
In Newport
On Friday 27 June between 5pm and 7pm

Aim

To provide NDP steering group with the initial responses to the consultation event held on Fri 27th June.

Introduction:

- The NDP Steering Group co-ordinated an initial consultation event at the Phez public house on Friday 27th June between 5pm and 7pm.
- Hosts for the event were (Steering Group Members) Cllrs Nelson Scott and Borrett, Mr P Beech (Chamber of Commerce), Mrs C Edwards and Mr C Worth (Newport 21), Mrs J Clarke (Policy), Mr L Jakeman (Town Clerk) and Mrs S Atkinson (Deputy Town Clerk)
- Each adversary group was asked to provide a list of questions designed to prompt a debate.
- At the end of the event we had received 24 completed (either in part or in full) questionnaires and 1 'comments' form.
5 questionnaires were completed for 'Character and Identity of Newport'.
3 questionnaires were completed for 'Transport'.
9 questionnaires were completed for 'Employment'.
7 questionnaires were completed for 'Sustainability'.

Putting the Process in context

- The questionnaires did not ask for the ages of respondents however it was generally considered (by those that had attended the library session previously) that the ages of respondents were significantly less than those of the library consultation.
- There were a number of lengthy discussions between individuals and members of the steering group.
- A number of comments from respondents that some of the questions were closed, particularly those around employment.

- The data received has not been modified in any way.
- Not everyone who completed a questionnaire completed all the questions.
- Not all advisory groups had representation at the event and some respondents expressed a willingness to have more of a dialogue to understand the direction of some of the questions.
- The lack of any conclusions in this document is intended in order not to lead the thought process.

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Next Steps

- Report to be circulated amongst NDP Steering Group members.
- Distribute report (by e-mail) to respondents that had indicated a desire to be kept informed.
- Arrange for a Steering Group meeting to review the comments decide what is evidence and see how we might help refine the next consultation.

Character and Identity of Newport

Q1. In your view has Newport got a <i>distinct character</i> and identity?	5x yes
Q2. What defines Newport's character and identity?	Typical market town – few national chains and lots of smaller retailers. Pretty town centre, good school/historical buildings in high street. Unique shops/very few nationals. Away from Telford. The local – pride of community.
Q3. What do you value most about Newport as a town?	<u>Quality Schools/Community vibe/ Waitrose.</u> Good place to live and people care about the town. Friendly people. Safety. Well kept bowling green.
Q4. What do you value most about Newport's town centre?	<u>Waitrose/small businesses.</u> Historical building/community feel. Independent shops in High St. The Phez.
Q5. What do you value most about Newport's community?	Cosy Hall – pleasant and well meaning people. People caring about the town, safe, transport links. Everyone knowing each other.
Q6. Overall, how would you describe Newport (in less than 10 words)	Independent/quality services and community/Waitrose. Away from Telford/Stafford but close enough for employment, opportunities. Small, quiet.
Q7. If you could change (up to) three things what would they be?	More restaurants get the Vic out ..., and more quality shops. Redevelop Water Lane – eyesore. Rates of shop, parking – avenue road, school provision. Town needs statue of Melissa Clarke (FHMs 24 th sexiest woman).
Q8. Looking forward 10 years - How would you like to describe Newport (in less than 10 words)?	Contemporary place so people travel to Newport as it's different. Growing but sympathetic to residents needs. Less cars more public transport/bicycles. Not Telford Town. Retched hive of scum and villainy.

Transport (excluding parking)

What general improvements do you feel could be made to make getting around in Newport easier?	Footpath along Chetwynd road – can't see if it's safe to cross. No bus stops on High St or no bus station on Stafford street car park. Cycle lanes.
Do you feel there is sufficient provision for walking / cycling in & around Newport? If no, what would you like to see more of?	Mixed opinion. Yes – could always do with more. No – need cycle lanes.
Do you feel there is sufficient public transport provision for journeys in & around Newport? If no, what would you like to see more of?	Mixed opinion. Yes. No – buses to the locals are too infrequent. People who don't use public transport can't comment.
Do you think a dedicated Park & Ride facility in Newport would be beneficial? For example for journeys by public transport to Telford/Stafford/Shrewsbury. If so, would you participate?	3x no – not necessary, maybe in future but people need to park close to the facilities.
Would you participate in an organised car sharing scheme if one was available? For example, for travel to work, shopping or hospital appointments?	Mixed opinion. No. Yes.

Employment:

Are you happy that St Modwen should take away the existing Business units at Audley Avenue and that they should replace these units with housing? If not-

1. Would you want every effort made to attract new businesses to Newport to provide employment opportunities?	9x yes – efforts should always attract new businesses, regenerate the small market town as long as High St businesses don't suffer.
2. Would you want the land on Audley Avenue to be retained for use by new businesses?	7x yes – as long as High St businesses don't suffer and plans are put to purpose. 2x No – not necessarily but to a certain extent commerce would be separated.
3. Would you want land opposite Audley Avenue on the other side of the A41 used for employment purposes?	2x no. 7x yes – only if it was planned and developed. But depends on the cost of a business plan.
4. Would you want discussions to be held with the Audley Avenue land owners and for your views to be made known to them?	7x yes. 1x no. Might as well explore the option of ???
5. Would you want to see Harper Adams University encouraged to locate research faculties and starter businesses on Audley Avenue to assist with agriculture and engineering opportunities?	6x yes – local universities should be encourage to contribute to local community. 1x possibly. 1x no – bunch of spoilt little rich kids who aren't trusted to work on own parent projects so they come over here.
6. Would you like to see the Springfield Industrial Estate retained for business purposes?	9x yes – if it lets Homer keep his job and potentially used for community business projects.
7. What other types of businesses would you	<u>Local food suppliers ...</u>

like to see attracted to Newport?	<p>Non-geographic businesses (not reliant on other businesses to succeed).</p> <p>Clothing stores (Primark, Next, New Look).</p> <p>Weatherspoons, street market and train station.</p> <p>Micro brewery, crafts and skills.</p> <p>Children play gym, manufacturing/production.</p> <p>More restaurants that are also national chains.</p> <p>Massage Parlour</p>
General Comment on initial question.	<p>The Question should have been constructed better but thankfully someone helped me out</p>

Sustainability

If you had the choice of ten of the following on new property in Newport, what would you like to see? Is there anything you definitely do not want?

Some of the below may need explaining - members of Newport 21 are available to assist with any queries, please ask

PV (Photovoltaic) roof panels to generate electricity and heat hot water	5 5x yes 1x no
Solar thermal water heating	3 5x yes 1x no
Rainwater collection and re-use	4 5x Yes 1x no
300mm of insulation to all external wall cavities	5x Yes 1x no
Large south-facing windows and small north-facing windows	2 3x yes – only if plot size allows the maximum amount of units. 3x no
Renewable heating e.g. ground source, air source, district heating using waste biomass	1 4x yes 2x no – needs more research.
Triple glazing	12 5x yes 1x no

Sustainability continued

Grey water collection and reuse	6 3x yes 2x no
Safe car-free areas for children to play outside Green spaces with wild-life corridors in each estate	9 3x yes – very important, less dead ends. 2x no – maintenance costs.
Cycle lanes from new developments into town centre and schools	8 3x yes 3x no
35% of new housing to be 'affordable'	7 5x yes – possible more and in line with guidelines.
Future-proofed broadband provision to enable people to work from home	10 5x yes
Provision made for you to grow your own fruit and veg.	13 3x yes – more allotments. 2x no -
All flat roofs to be green roofs	11 5x no – no future proof, people aspiring to Tom & Barbara but reality is different..
Provision made to keep bees	14 2x yes 3x no – dangerous.
Provision made to keep poultry	15 1x yes – as long as they're quiet. 4x no

Comments

***Keen to have sustainability in buildings of the new houses and to keep green spaces in the town.
Need to put polices in place to make these developments to then take these into consideration and build a more sustainable future for Newport.***

Summary of Post Codes of respondents:

<i>Postcode</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>9 people who completed the questionnaire did not include their postcode, making them unknown</i>
<i>ST20</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>TF10 7</i>	<i>12</i>	
<i>TF10 8</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>HDS 8RJ</i>	<i>1</i>	