



## NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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Planning Committee

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)**

You will have had sight of the latest timeline for the delivery of the NDP and a copy of the minutes of the most recent steering group meeting. Furthermore you will have a copy of the Process Management Group's terms of reference.

The project has been ongoing for over 3 years. The large scale planning applications that have been at the forefront of planning issues over the past 4 years appear to have had the result of side-tracking long-term plans. While much effort has been put into opposing planning applications it has meant that those who were willing or able to contribute to the long-term planning policy for the Town have likely suffered from planning fatigue. Furthermore, the timing of shaping places has added to the amount of planning speak that has filled the airwaves in recent years.

The run-up to and the actions post elections has meant that there has been little opportunity to progress the matter with any vigour in recent months.

It was intended that the NDP process would be managed by a steering group (headed by a Process Management Group of a few councillors) and overall responsibility would lie with the Planning Committee.

With a new council being constituted and a significant change in the make-up of the planning committee it would be helpful for the Planning Committee to consider the TORs for the Process Management Group appraise themselves of the aims, ambitions and process of Neighbourhood Development Planning.

There is a page on the Town Council's web site that provides an overview of the process, evidence obtained, reference information and minutes of meetings, which members of the planning committee are encouraged to read to help appreciate the current status of Newport's NDP.

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