



NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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TITLE:	Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)
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AUTHORITY:	Town Council Meeting 12 th December, minute 154/17-18 refers.
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BACKGROUND:

Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 act, requires the Local Planning Authority to publicise the plan proposal on their web-site and in any such manner as they consider is likely to bring the proposal to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area.

The next stage of the process is the submission of the plan to examination.

REFERENCE / MEETING/ DISCUSSION

Regulation 16 consultation process was carried out for a 7 week period, (*taking into account the holiday period*) between 5th December 2017 and 23 January 2018.

On 9th February the Deputy Clerk meet with the Local Planning Authority officer with responsibility for progressing the Neighbourhood Development Plan at the Civic Offices in Wellington.

A copy of comments received has been provided in their original format, these are not as yet in the public domain, and this is the format in which they will be sent to the inspector, with no redaction of personal detail. However, before release in to the public domain, that being accessible on the T& W web site, the comments are in the process of being configured by the LPA into a table for ease of reference and to protect some of the still confidential personal details.

There are approximately 14 comments, including statutory consultees; Environmental Agency, Severn Trent, Historic England, and local groups including the Newport Regeneration Partnership, Town Team and the Baptist Church. Representations have also received from developers.

Not all comments are positive. Housing numbers are questioned, consideration of flood risk, attention to detail of maps and boundaries, lack of detail for retail development as well as requests for the inclusion of the Baddeley Wells site as a green space, to name a few.

Neither the Town Council nor Telford & Wrekin Council is in a position to change the plan at this stage.

All comments received at the Regulation 15 and 16 consultation stage and the related documents submitted to Telford & Wrekin will be forwarded to the Examiner. The examiner will consider the representations and decide if any changes are required and make his/her “recommendations” and it is through these recommendations that we are able to amend the Plan.

An application form to request the referral of a Neighbourhood Plan Examiner has been sent to NPIERS (*Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiners Referral Service*) and Telford & Wrekin Council have also made arrangements and advertised the opportunity for qualified individuals to apply, via an open procurement exercise using the “Delta procurement system”. This is to provide transparency and openness. It is anticipated that the examiner will be required for between 4 to 6 days and appointed in February/March.

The Town Council will be actively involved in the selection process of the examiner.

There are still some legislative processes to go through and the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be an agenda item for consideration at a future T&W Cabinet meeting, prior to the referendum and the final adoption confirmation of the plan by the local planning authority.

Financial considerations – Members should note there is some risk that the process might incur additional expenditure e.g. dependant on the view of the independent examiner any expenditure will have to come out of general reserves as there is not a line serial number allocated for NDP in the 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Sheila Atkinson
February 2018