



# NEWPORT (Shropshire) TOWN COUNCIL

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<b>TITLE:</b>	Newport Neighbourhood Development Plan (NNDP)
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## BACKGROUND: NDP update for Town Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### REFERENCES / MEETINGS/ DISCUSSION

The process for the selection and appointment of an independent examiner has been undertaken by the Telford & Wrekin’s Delta Procurement system, and by an application being made to the **Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service NPIERS** the “new” accountable organisation launch in 2013 with qualified professional examiners who complete training and assessments to meet the stringent criteria required for producing examination and health check reports for Neighbourhood Development Plans.

T&W Delta Procurement system was open for expressions of interest for a period of 10 days and there were no applications or bids or submitted.

To date NPIERS have provide the names of two examiners who have indicated that they would be suitable to undertake our NPD examination. Their CV have been received.

With the help of T&W, and possibly input on the expertise of the candidate from Michael Barker, a choice with be made at a meeting to be held next week.

Our Plan is classified as a less complex plan with little expectation of public hearing, with an estimated 4-6 days required and needed by the examiner.

#### **Telford & Wrekin’s Council Green Guarantee / Big Green Vote**

The Green Guarantee is Telford & Wrekin Council project to safeguard council-owned land that people value whilst allowing the town to continue to develop and grow in a way

TWC are asking the public to vote for their favorites. 50 of those sites will be awarded support of up to £1,000 to enhance the places that mean the most to residents.

One of The Newport development plan objectives is to help to achieve the community vision to support and promote open and green spaces. The NDP identifies 10 local green spaces.

**Three local green spaces are identified on both the NDP and the TWC Green Guarantee, Broomfield Road, Norbroom Park and Masons Place.**

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

If NTC chose to promote and encourage TWC project it could provide an opportunity add some “added value” and investment to 3 green spaces in Newport, while providing a platform for the referendum and keeping the NDP current and raising awareness.

The big green vote is open and closes at midnight on Sunday 15 April, in just over 4 weeks’ time, the project as a whole has had around 1000 votes, so far (13.3.18).

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