

12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation Event – Newport Library 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – Initial Findings

### Aim

To provide NDP steering group with the initial responses to the consultation event held on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

### Introduction:

- The NDP Steering Group co-ordinated an initial consultation event at the Library on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May between 10 am and 2pm.
- Hosts for the event were (Steering Group Members) Cllrs Fowler, Nelson and Scott, Mr P Beech (Chamber of Commerce), Mr T Pryce (Newport Visitor & Tourism Advisory Group Chairman), Mrs C Edwards (Newport 21), Mr L Jakeman (Town Clerk) and Mrs S Atkinson (Deputy Town Clerk)
- The event was publicised in the local press, on Facebook and in the Town Council's main window (in the high street) and on the Town Council's website.
- 4 display boards were erected providing 'light touch' information on the NDP Process and purpose, a map of the boundary of Newport, some examples of evidence collated regarding 'walking the green spaces'
- Available for reference at the consultation were numerous documents including: the Core Strategy, the NPPF, examples of other parishes ND Plans, the Water Lane Planning Statement and the Public Realm Design Guide.
- A questionnaire was produced. The purpose of the questionnaire was several fold; to prompt discussion, to provoke comment and capture some initial thoughts and 'test the water'. There was no particularly scientific approach to the questionnaire, it did not seek either to lead to a preferred end solution or rule certain topics out of future debate, keeping it to 2 sides of A4 was deliberate. The questionnaire did not seek to address all the issues that had been discussed at steering group meetings, it would likely have been too long and therefore risk being ignored.
- In addition to asking people to complete a questionnaires, people when leaving the library were asked to answer a few questions – What was their post code and whether they had or had not completed a questionnaire.
- At the end of the event we had received 30 completed (either in part or in full) questionnaires and 3 'comments' forms.
- 29 people responded to the exit survey (10 of whom said they had taken a questionnaire to complete later)
- After the event a tally count was undertaken for the responses.

### **Putting the Process in context**

- It is considered to be helpful to disseminate the findings promptly to allow the debate to continue and develop maturely. However, there are some health warnings to be aware of before reading too much in to the data:
  - This was the first consultation of many.
  - Not all the potential themes were explored or prompted.
  - Not everyone who viewed the boards responded to the exit survey.
  - It is likely that some people left with blank questionnaires and did not tell us.
  - The data received has not been modified in any way, e.g. someone indicated that they were a resident of Newport, later on in the form they gave their address (which was not Newport) – I guess the point here is that some people might think they live in Newport, when they don't. The answers are as recorded.
  - Not everyone who completed a questionnaire completed all the questions.
  - Not all the responses are relative to the NDP process (albeit they are useful to put items into context).
  
- The lack of any conclusions in this document is intended in order not to lead the thought process. At this stage we would wish to be open minded and susceptible to original thought.

### **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.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) - Questionnaire

Question	Yes	No	Comments
1. a. Are you a resident of Newport?	27		I've lived in Newport all my life and the local council to be careful how we progress in the town.  I live in Newport my parents, in Church Aston they are not happy. (non-resident) Shop in Newport + Library+ Hardware
1. b. Are you a resident of a Neighbouring parish (Church Aston, Chetwynd, Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote, Edgmond, Forton?)	2		
2. How old are you? a. 18-25 b.26-34 c. 35-44 d. 45-54 e. 55-64 f. 65-74 g.75+	N/A	N/A	<b>18-25: 0, 26-34:2, 35-44: 3, 45-54:4, 55-64: 7, 65-74: 8, 75+: 3</b>
3. How many people live in your home?	N/A	N/A	Adults: 2, 2, 2,2,1,2,2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 4,2,3,1, 2, 2,2,2,2,3, Children in Education: 1,3,
4. Do you have a business interest in the town?	8	22	
5. Do you think a hi-tech business park aligned to Harper Adams University would be useful for employment?	24	4	<b>IF</b> and only if it's allied to Harper North of Newport. Harness what's already here!! Very Yes it will increase employment opportunities.
6. Have you looked at the map that defines the NDP area?	23	4	

7. Do you want to be included in planning policy discussions? If so how? <i>email update, newsletter, part of discussion</i>	19	8	Newsletter , Newsletter or e-mail Newsletter & e-mail Have no time to go to meetings e-mail e-mail
8. Are you familiar with planning policy?	10	13	Vaguely – not in detail Fairly
9. Do you want to leave planning policy to those that seem to know best?	10	16	Seem to know best is not very reassuring is it? Sort of although not happy What does seem to know mean? Telford & Wrekin Council should not be left to decide the future of Newport, because they do not allow Newport to be a Market Town in a farming area.
10. Does the production of an NDP interest you?	28	1	
11. Do you have better things to do with your time?	6	15	Not necessarily <u>better</u> but time is limited. Probably. ? yes but I'm still interested! ? Always
12. Are you content that others will produce an adequate plan?	10	16	Some parties are only interested in their own profits – not best for Newport.  With some reservations As long as it is people who live in Newport Not totally

<p>13. Do you have any strong views on future development in Newport?</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Impact of large numbers of students and living in residential areas requires more focus.</p> <p>Stop housing</p> <p>I feel more could be done to bring tourism to Newport – e.g.-the canal on Water Lane.</p> <p>Newport is still saying a Market Town- this finished when houses were built on the market.</p> <p>Protection of retail viability of High Street.</p>
<p>14. What green spaces in the Town are of high value to you?</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>All (<i>Green Spaces</i>) x 7 responses</p> <p>Newport Parks and Play areas x 2 responses</p> <p>Norbroom Park/Marsh x 5 responses</p> <p>Shuker Fields x 5 responses</p> <p>Strine Brook Park x 2 responses</p> <p>Victoria Park x 4 responses</p> <p>The Canal and its towpath in entirety x 4 responses</p> <p>I don't agree with building on greenfield sites, And should be protected.</p> <p>Millwood Mere.</p> <p>The old Railway Line</p> <p>Land West of Station Road, where T&amp;W Council want to build Sainsburys.</p> <p>Green Field sites.</p>

<p>15. Do you think there should be more small scale purpose built student accommodation in the Town?</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>I'm not sure. Students in private houses are sometimes a problem. If it is going to expand-maybe a good idea.</p> <p>Much needed</p> <p>Land to the left of Shrewsbury Road that runs along Chetwynd Road,</p> <p>Which might reduce the pressure on 3 bed family houses.</p> <p>Should be built on or near campus.</p> <p>Build accommodation at Harper Adams – Edgmond.</p>
<p>16. Have you heard or know about Shaping Places?</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>Not familiar in <u>DETAIL</u></p> <p>If it means local people can make a difference then-it's a good idea.</p>
<p>17. Do you think a lorry park on the edge of Town is desirable?</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>No strong view ether way</p> <p>If it means keeping the lorries out of the centre yes.</p> <p>And a Petrol Station.</p> <p>Yes free up Car Parking</p> <p>Near Focus</p> <p>Only if it is on industrial estate and brownfield site.</p> <p>Maybe – keep the lorries out of laybys.</p> <p>Would this include re-fuelling facilities and accommodation?</p> <p>Where would the site be</p>

<p>18. Should Newport be looking to attract a large company to set up a major facility?</p> <p>a. If yes what type of industry (e.g..Insurance/Construction/Waste disposal)</p>	12	9	<p><u>BUT</u> a company which employs only between 50-100 people so that if it goes bust or pulls out of the town it doesn't have a major impact.</p> <p>We do need somewhere for waste disposal.</p> <p>Not waste disposal or anything highly industrial anything else is good.</p> <p>Just large employer.</p> <p><u>NOT</u> large-several medium-sized would be better. <u>NOT</u> waste disposal or any other smelly industry.</p> <p>That is what Telford is for-this is a small town/village and we need to maintain that feel.</p> <p>Financial Services</p> <p>Small industries would be more appropriate for Newport.</p> <p>Newport is in an agricultural area and employments should be maintained in the farming industry.</p> <p>Waste disposal, re-open Police Station</p> <p>Waste.</p> <p>Any employer is welcome there is a need for recycling in the Town.</p> <p>In the right place.</p> <p>How Large is Large, is it Dirty? Smelly? Ugly?</p> <p>Only waste disposal which does not compromise residential property</p>
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19. If you are a Newport resident are you likely to vote in any referendum on a final plan?	24	2	
20. Newport – Should it be proud to be A University Town?	29		<p><u>BUT</u> impact of students living in the community should be considered.</p> <p>Need more student accommodation.</p> <p>Very.</p> <p>It already is. It should stay as such because of the income it brings to the Town.</p>
21. If you wish to kept informed please provide an e-mail address			
22. Name and Address (optional)			
23. Additional Comments (anything else to add?)	<p>Came to complain <u>AGAIN</u> re Parking on entrance to Bellman’s Yard from High Street <b><u>FATAL ACCIDENT IMMINENT</u></b></p> <p>Will fill in a more detailed sheet and return to the Guildhall.</p> <p>Will pray for the right plans to be made</p> <p>I hope the large Sainsburys –Station Road- will not happen. I very much want to maintain the High Street, Attractive small shops and cafes. So much could be done joining up St. Mary’s Street and Water Lane we need something to attract the people through to connect the areas.</p> <p>Build for the future – schools are an attraction, jobs needed.</p>		



Important to preserve the heritage of a medium-sized rural market town whilst accepting the necessity for appropriate development and progress.

Let's make a difference!

Newport is a thriving town with wonderful green spaces. It would be a shame to change this.

Newport needs to maintain its village atmosphere!

Trees, additional employment 'Eco' Housing defined protection of green space.

Please do not destroy the integrity of Newport as a market town by too much development too soon! All green spaces should be protected and further green spaces created to provide "green" corridors throughout Newport.

The Hutchinson Way gateway, which is maintained by Newport in Bloom, on land west of Station Road, should be maintained as Green Field Site. It brings walkers and is an area of wildlife interest – and leisure activities (walking/cycling) Newport does not need another supermarket on Greenfield site. There is enough space on Brownfield sites to build on. Develop Water Lane before you destroy more Greenfield sites.

BE careful what you wish for!

Newport does not take care of existing business- Newport is a dying town- albeit for estate agents, charity shops & Hairdressers!!! –Why does the council allow this and not nurture new enterprises – it is so they can say all the shops are taken.

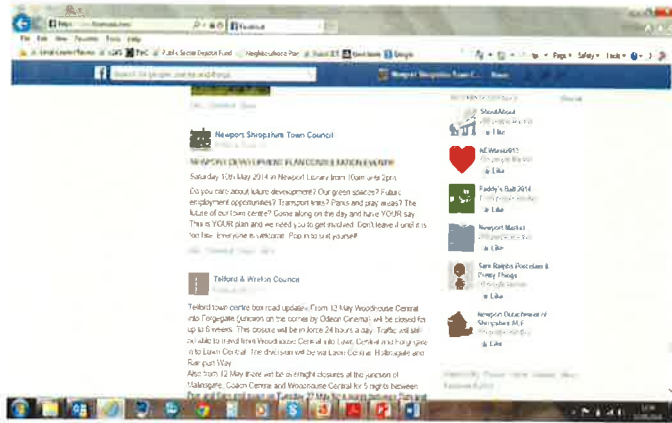
WE seem to be between a rock and a hard place unable to develop the town for its residents.

**Exit Survey – Post Codes – Where people said they were from**

TF10 7	21	TF10 8	1	TF10 9	3	ST20	1	TF10 (?)	2	TF9 2	1

  
 Lee Jakeman  
 Town Clerk

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## Scorn at diagonal parking proposal

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## Volcano challenge for centre supporters



From left are volunteer Lynette Gilling-Waters, opposition leader, David Durrant and serving holders Luke Barthe and Paul Hunter.

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# DROP STORE BID

Photographic Evidence of the Consultation in the Library – 10 May 2014

