



Our Marple Plan

Have Your Say

Have you heard about the Marple Neighbourhood Forum which was set up to produce a Plan for Marple? This was the question asked of Marple Residents as they walked through Marple Shopping Centre on Saturday 6 May 2017. Some of those given a leaflet had heard of the plan but many had not. It was a blustery day but softened by balloons blowing in the breeze advertising the stall where Malcom Allen, Tony Kay, Joe Harvey (see picture) and other members of the Forum were on hand to explain that the people of Marple can have their say. Residents' views will be taken into consideration in any future planning issues in the Marple area.

Those stopping at the stall were invited to express their views on future developments in Marple. There were many ideas voiced some of which included, "No buildings on greenbelt but we need affordable housing", "Keep Marple free of big developers", "A tram link to Marple", "Keep Marple as it is but we need another school". "Skate Park great for Marple and kids", "A Saturday/Sunday Street Market", "Free Parking on Saturday", "We need a safe place to cross on Station Road", "More affordable rental homes", "Keep businesses in Marple and keep our banks open", "Information Centre", "We need a Leisure Centre", "Traffic issues need resolving", "I like Marple as it is, good shops and facilities like, Library, Cinema, Theatre and Swimming Pool are great assets", "Town Centre looking tired and jaded", "Need a better supermarket", "We need other retail shops to attract people into Market Street", "Need more G.P. Practices", "Late night shopping to enable people working to use our local shops", "Open up Market Street with one way traffic". "Don't open up Market Street", "We need an Arts Centre". "We live in a great area with our lovely Canals".

Some of these ideas are not in themselves planning matters. However, the Forum is keen to collect as many views as possible to inform what should go in the Plan (which will have a life of up to 20 years) and what the community might like to see developed by other means.

Everyone is welcome on Saturday 30 September (starting at 10 a.m.) at the United Reformed Church on Hibbert Lane for the Forum's Annual General Meeting when the progress to date will be explained. Also see the website ourmarpleplan and contact us on info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk