

# MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWS –

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Hello Members and Friends

### Draft Plan

We are delighted to announce we have produced our first draft plan, with all our existing draft sections put together in a single document. This is being studied by the Management Committee and we know that there are a number of key issues to be resolved. We also need much more evidence to back up our ideas. Following the Management Committee discussion a second draft will be prepared on which we will start to consult more widely.

### A Reminder: Our Forthcoming consultation events

During the second half of January, we will display the draft plan and invite comments and reaction. This will be in Marple library (the date is not yet decided). This will be the first chance for you to see the overall plan, but it will be far from the final version. We will be hoping for lots of comments and inputs to further improve the plan and move to a third draft

At Easter, we plan to have a stall in Market Street – to raise further awareness of what a Neighbourhood Plan is all about.

In April, we'll be holding another Open Day, with the aim of bringing elements of the plan to life with pictures, designs and explanations, rather than just words.

### Focus Groups

After our recent invitation we now have enough people to run one or more focus groups. If you've put your name forward we'll be inviting you soon to a meeting in January where you will spend an hour one evening to discuss views on Marple with a small group of other residents, led by a facilitator. If you meant to volunteer and forgot it is not too late!

### Other activities

By the time you read this newsletter we will have presented an update of our work to the Marple Area committee, (on 13<sup>th</sup> December) ensuring we keep local Councillors and through them the Council in Stockport, up to date. We are also in the process of arranging a visit to the Plan area by consultants AECOM, who provide a free day of consultancy to Neighbourhood Plan Teams. We are also arranging a meeting to discuss Goyt Mill, to investigate the possible options for the future of the Mill.

### CONTACT US

There is a variety of ways in which you can get in touch or comment on our work. There is a post box in Marple Library where you can leave us written communications in the traditional way. You can get involved by giving your views using this method or use one of the others; our facebook page, which you should find under "Our Marple Plan"; our website which tells you other ways of contacting us and contributing to the debate about what should be in the Neighbourhood Plan. You can visit our website at [ourmarpleplan](http://ourmarpleplan). You can also contact us by e-mail at [info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk](mailto:info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk)

We welcome your views, opinions, comments and feedback and encourage everyone to get involved. Please mention the Forum to your neighbours.