

MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWS –

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Hello Members and Friends

Draft Plan

We are hoping to produce our first draft plan by the end of the year. All the topic groups have written a section on their specific subject which we are now putting together in a single document. Thanks to all those who commented on the introduction we circulated last month. That's also guiding us in pulling things together into some key themes.

Our Forthcoming consultation events

We are planning three events over forthcoming months. In the New Year, during the second half of January, we will display the plan and invite comments and reaction to the first draft. This will be in Marple, probably in the library. This will be the first time we'll be able to show what the overall plan looks like, but it will be far from the final version. It's only by seeing how all the different and, in some cases, quite diverse elements piece together, that you will be able to judge whether we are doing all the things the Plan sets out to do.

At Easter, we plan to have a stall in Market Street – something we've done before and which has been successful at raising further awareness of what a Neighbourhood Plan is all about.

Soon after this, in April, we'll hold another open day, with the aim of bringing elements of the plan to life with pictures designs and explanations, not just words.

Focus Groups

Meanwhile we are still looking for volunteers for the next focus group. All that is required is that you spend an hour one evening to discuss views on Marple with a small group of other residents, led by a facilitator. Let us know if you can be a volunteer for this via our e-mail address or web site or in response to this newsletter.

Marple Station Community Hub

Many of you will know of the project to develop the waiting room at Marple Station; the intention is to have a community hub there with a range of facilities. The initial proposals are now available and will be on display in Marple Library on Saturday 18th November from 10am to 2 pm. Please come along and express your views.

CONTACT US: New post box in Marple Library

We have a new means of contacting us. There is now 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. You can also contact us by e-mail at info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk

We welcome your views, opinions, comments and feedback and encourage everyone to get involved.