

MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWS –

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Hello Members and Friends,

First of all, apologies for the gap in newsletters. These come out after each of our monthly meetings, but one was cancelled due to the snow (remember that) and the other was only a brief meeting. We're back to normal now!

Draft Plan

We are now shortly to produce draft 3 of our plan. Since last time, we've sent the plan to Stockport Council for any input and comments. We've also gathered more information so we are ready to revise again. At that point we will put our draft out to consultation. As we have said before we know this draft won't be right yet, and we have deliberately taken a stance on some aspects to stimulate responses and input.

How will we consult?

We want to do a significant electronic consultation. This won't exclude other methods but for those connected up, it is more effective and efficient to do it this way. We aim to launch this in early July giving six weeks for reaction. We are likely to stage the release of sections of the plan so we don't face everyone with huge documents, and allow people to consider carefully those parts that are most interesting. We'll focus this around the main emergent themes (not the topic groups). Our aim is to complete all this by mid August.

Then on 15th September, at our AGM, we will be in a position to make a full presentation on the draft plan including feedback, so put the date in your diary; usual time and place we hope; to be confirmed!

Stockport MBC

We are pleased to have had more support from the Council and met the relevant officers a couple of times. We now have a working agreement documented between us which, amongst other things, covers the support we'll get from there. Our Chair is also now in regular timetabled contact with the Head of Planning.

CONTACT US

Just to repeat, there is a variety of ways in which you can get in touch or comment on our work. You don't need to wait for the consultation and you can get involved by giving your views using one of these; 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. There is also a post box in Marple Library where you can leave us written communications in the traditional way.

Meanwhile please note: The law on Data Protection is shortly changing. Currently the Neighbourhood Forum holds your name, address, telephone number and email address on a data base. The information has been provided by you with your agreement that we should hold it. The only purpose for our holding the information is so that we can send you Newsletters and other information about our progress towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan. It is not, nor will it be, used for any other purpose.

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