



MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWS –

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Hello Members and Friends,
And a happy new year to you all!

The Plan

We hope this will be a significant year for us as we expect to finalise the plan in 2019. We already have a fairly advanced document but we are now working on it to make it even better. We were able to get some very valuable advice from a specialist who works with the Localities Team in Central Government, and we shall be applying their guidance over the following months. Our topic groups will be editing and adding to what we have written, with special emphasis on data, evidence and illustrations. We have two big challenges to get through in the year ahead – firstly an inspection by the authorities to make sure we have written and structured the plan correctly, professionally and within the rules. Secondly, there is the preparation for the referendum (which may not happen this year) when eventually the final plan will be put to a vote of all residents in the plan area. Exciting times ahead!

Surveys

The survey we've put up on our web site, "Have your Say" will shortly be taken down. We're grateful for the 184 responses we've had so far, which have considerably helped us look at what we've written and how it fits with the opinions of residents. This isn't the only way we've been asking for views so please look out for our events and other means of hearing you and making sure we take your opinions into account!

Recent and future progress

We took council representatives around our town centre and to strategic sites just before Christmas, and we continue to seek their practical help and support for what we are doing. All topic group leaders met with council staff to talk through the plan draft, and exchange views on how to make it better.

Our topic groups will be meeting again soon to work on the plan in the light of all the advice and input we've had – it's not too late to join a group on subjects where you have an interest or maybe some expertise to offer.

CONTACT US

There is a variety of ways in which you can get in touch or comment on our work. You can get involved by giving your views on our facebook page, which you should find under "Our Marple Plan" or 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.co.uk. You can also contact us by e-mail at info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk. For those not using electronic media, you can leave us written communications in the traditional way in Marple Library.

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