

MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWS –

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Hello Members and Friends,

The Pandemic

We hope this newsletter finds you fit and well and that you've coping with the changing situation we all find ourselves in. Times are difficult for all of us and many things are much higher priority in our lives for now than the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have been continuing to meet as a Management Committee by video conference. Our newsletters aren't as frequent but work has continued with steady progress

The Plan

We have had some excellent feedback from the Council, which is a mixture of extremely helpful corrections, amendments and minor changes along with the highlighting of where extra work is need. We have four streams where we are working to finalising the plan itself; consultation, evidence, photos and the final "health check". This is as well as the additional drafting work required. By the time of the AGM we will have circulated a near final version for members to see.

AGM

We have circulated an explanation of the revised format the AGM will take due to the pandemic restrictions. If anyone is unclear please do get in touch. Also if anyone is willing to join the Committee, nominations will be opened. We have yet to fix a date for the final stage of the AGM process, which will be by video conference. We expect this will be during November. For those without access to "Zoom" we can assist if you want to participate, comment or vote!

Other Matters

We will have been involved in the next stage of consultation on the new pool/community hub for Marple by the time you read this. We will report back when we can and, of course continue to have our input into the plans on behalf of our Forum members. As we announced last time, Marple High Street continues to change and adapt. There are more closures but openings too, and we await some new ventures that are not long away including the new Co-op store at the end of Market Street. We mentioned last time that the Council were implementing a 20mph speed limit in the centre of Marple. This is now in, including speed bumps that have attracted the usual difference of strong opinion. Feedback on this trial measure can be given to the Council, to local councillors or indeed to us to pass on!

CONTACT US

The Pandemic has not changed the list of ways in which you can get in touch or comment on our work. Involvement remains a central part of what we do as it's "your" Plan. If you're not a "member" already you can still become one. There is no fee or commitment to attend meetings and you simply have to let us know you support the aims of the Plan. Whether or not you're a member, 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](http://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 and need your views, opinions, comments and feedback and encourage everyone to get involved. Please mention the Forum and the Plan to others.