

Newsletter 6, October 2017.

Dear Everyone

Neighbourhood Plan October update - Plan Aims and Objectives

We have now reached the stage where we are starting to put the plan together after a year or so of data gathering and talking to people.

We need your help. This note contains the first draft of the aims and objectives of the plan and we would like comments on them. Please comment even if you are completely happy with them as we have to provide evidence to the planning authority that you have been consulted.

You can comment in two ways, either by replying to this letter or (preferably) come along and talk to us in the **Market House this Saturday morning (14th Oct) from 9.30**. Any time.

The Draft Aims and Objectives for each aim are set out below. They have been prepared by an independent adviser based on the data we have gathered. Our task is to add, subtract and modify them develop them and take them over as a community.

You can download the Objectives on the Martock Plan website [here](#). You can also download the [local evidence report](#) on which the objectives are based.

Natural Environment

Aim 1 - Protect and enhance our natural environment

Protect and enhance sensitive areas and habitats

Create a network of wildlife corridors

Prevent harm from development

Aim 2 - Improve flood resilience

Support flood prevention measures

Avoid development on land liable to flooding

Aim 3 - Support responsible change in the countryside

Extend and enhance public access to the countryside

Enable necessary farm diversification

Responsible stewardship of the countryside

Built Environment and Heritage

Aim 1 - Respect the heritage and character of the area

Protect historic buildings and their settings

Support improvements to the built environment

Safeguard valuable green spaces within the settlements

Aim 2 - Ensure new development has a positive impact

Establish the limits of development

Set design standards

Support sustainable development practices

Aim 3 - Support wider use of renewable energy

Encourage small scale renewable energy generation

Housing

Aim 1 - Ensure housing meets local needs

Establish an appropriate level of housing development

Ensure new housing development is suitably mixed

Ensure affordability is a major consideration

Aim 2 - Encourage innovative housing solutions

Support local housing initiatives

Support self-build projects

Encourage energy saving installations

Local Economy

Aim 1 - Facilitate the growth of local employment opportunities

Protect existing business and commercial sites and buildings

Identify local business development opportunities

Facilitate high-speed electronic communication

Transport and Travel

Aim 1 - Reduce the impact of the motor vehicle

Increase safe cycling and walking routes

Support public transport initiatives

Increase off-road parking opportunities

Aim 2 - Improve safety and accessibility

Improve pedestrian routes

Support traffic management initiatives

Community Wellbeing

Aim 1 - Ensure community infrastructure meets local needs

Support local delivery of services

Protect existing community facilities

Leisure and Recreation

Aim 1 - Encourage healthy leisure and recreation activities

Protect exiting sport and recreational facilities

Support provision of new facilities that meet local needs

Come to the meeting on Saturday to share your views.

Best wishes

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