

Newsletter, January 2018

Happy New Year

This year the real work drawing up the plan starts. As bits are developed we will put them on the website and ask for comments. Here are two of the bits which will be discussed at the **Farmers' Market tomorrow, 13th January**. Come along if you can

1 Review of the Conservation Area

The South Somerset Conservation Team have produced a map showing an initial proposal for the revision of the Conservation Area. It shows two extensions, one into North Street and a small one incorporating Old Sparrows Works in Bower Hinton. More details at <http://martockplan.org.uk/Environment/ConservReview.html>, from where the maps can be viewed or downloaded.

The SSDC team also proposed to remove some parts of the village from the Conservation Area. This will bring the area in line with the new Planning Law. We are concerned with some of the suggestions and there will be an opportunity to discuss them tomorrow

2 Development Boundary

Development boundaries are rather meaningless under the new legislation which says that development can be anywhere unless there are good reasons for not doing. But it's a good idea to be clear about where we do not want development and why. These will be discussed and put on a map at the **Farmer's Market**

A good starting point is the excellent map showing the most sensitive landscape areas around the village that was produced by South Somerset in the Martock Peripheral Landscape Study. Click here for the map.<http://martockplan.org.uk/Images/Environment/Landscape%20Capacity.jpg>

3 Martock Community Plan

The Martock Community Plan is not the same as the Martock Neighbourhood Plan. The Community Plan is a five year programme of activities to be completed (mainly) by the Parish Council. It is concerned with matters such as health, community facilities, communications, traffic and parking, access for pushchairs and mobility scooters etc. It is masterminded by M3, Making the Most of Martock Community Partnership. The Plan for 2012-17 can be seen here https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/media/322171/martock_community_plan_2012.pdf

There will be a public meeting to develop the 2018-23 phase of the Community Plan in the School at **6.30pm on Thursday 25th January**. Please come if you can. There will, I'm assured, be refreshments.

Best wishes

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