

Whittington Neighbourhood Plan Update

July 2017

The formal 6 week consultation on the latest version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan ran from January 30th to March 13th 2017.

A total of 156 questionnaires were completed and returned. Two Open Forum Days were held in Whittington Village Hall and 78 interested parties attended.

All of the Policies and Strategic Aims and the Vision achieved a positive rating of over 80% and the majority over 90%, with the exception of Community Proposal CPTM1 regarding a 20 mile per hour speed limit. This received 75% approval and 13% disagreement.

Disagreement with any of the other proposals was very low ranging between 1% and 10%, with the majority being under 4%. In addition, the majority of the neutral responses were also low with the most being in single figures.

This level of support for the draft plan was very pleasing and taking the comments from residents, Lichfield District Council, Statutory Bodies and interested parties (such as Developers) only minor amendments have been necessary to finalise the plan.

Following the Statutory Consultation Process, the amended version of the plan was forwarded to Lichfield District Council for their observations, any comments or amendments. The latest draft was then circulated by LDC to the necessary statutory bodies for their observations.

Although our part of the consultation process is complete, Lichfield District Council decided to undertake a further mini Statutory Environment Assessment, but after consulting the necessary agencies decided that a full SEA or HRA was not required. Good news indeed.

We have now forwarded the finalised Plan, Appendices, Consultation Document, Basic Conditions Document and a request for it to be subject of examination to LDC and we now await the outcome.

We are, hopefully, still on course to have the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum before the end of 2017.

We have worked on the Neighbourhood Plan for almost 3 years and many thanks must go to everyone who has participated, especially members of the Steering Group and our Consultant Clive Keble who has been our excellent guide in producing the plan and jumping over the many hurdles to get it to this stage.

Well done!!

Garry Hyde

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