

WINSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FEEDBACK FORM

In the spring of this year Winsford Town Council consulted lots of local people and local organisations about the Neighbourhood Plan which is being prepared for the town. People told us what they like about Winsford, what they don't like and what needs to change. From this a vision was created for how the town should develop over the next 15 years, which was tested with groups of local people.

We are now at the stage where we are working out what needs to be done to make that vision a reality – how Winsford needs to develop, what kind of new development it should have, and where that development should be located. At this crucial stage the feedback and comments of local residents, businesses and stakeholders will be vital to ensure that the Winsford Neighbourhood Plan can deliver what people want for their town.

Please have a look at the exhibition panels and spend a few minutes giving us your views on what has been produced so far. A copy of the exhibition material is available on the Town Council's web site www.winsford.gov.uk, along with an electronic version of this form which can be printed off for posting, or filled in on a computer by typing in the gray boxes below and emailing it back to us.

1. Vision and Key Themes

Do you think the proposed vision and key themes for the Neighbourhood Plan could help Winsford become the kind of place you would like it to be? Please tick the box below which best reflects your own view:

Strongly agree**Agree****Neither agree
nor disagree****Disagree****Strongly disagree**

If you think the proposed vision and key themes are not what you would like to see, please say why

2. Strengthening the heart of the town

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to concentrate future development in the middle of Winsford to help connect the two sides of the town together and improve the town centre. Do you agree that this should be the main priority for the future development of Winsford?

Strongly agree**Agree****Neither agree
nor disagree****Disagree****Strongly disagree**

If you think there should be other priorities, please say what they should be

3. The Weaver Valley and the Flashes

The River Weaver and the Flashes are some of Winsford's best assets. Do you agree that more should be made of this by encouraging high quality development in parts of the waterfront for leisure, culture and community facilities?



Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you disagree, what do you think should happen alongside the River and the Flashes?

4. Development sites in the middle of town

The Neighbourhood Plan will help decide where new development should be located – see *Note about the Scale of Development on the last page of this form*. Please put a tick against each of the following to say how much you support or oppose new development in each of these places:

	Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Do not support	Strongly oppose
Redevelop site of Winsford United FC for housing and relocate football club to new purpose-built riverside stadium	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Develop part of Verdin Fields site for housing and lay out the remainder as a new public park linked to the town centre	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Develop the old Post Office site & adjoining land for leisure and housing with good links to town centre and to the riverside	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Develop land around St Chad's Church for housing with direct links to the town centre and the Flashes	<input type="checkbox"/>				

If you disagree with any of the above, please say why

5. New Station Quarter

A new Station Quarter is proposed with new housing development around the railway station which could help connect the station to the rest of the town by creating better public transport links, and improve the station environment making it safer and more attractive. It could also help open up the flashes to public access and provide a new foot bridge connection to the west side of the river.



Do you agree that a new Station Quarter would benefit Winsford?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you disagree, please say why

6. Western Winsford

There are two main areas on the west side of town where residential development is being proposed – the High School site in Over which will become available when the new academy is completed in 2013, and land to the west of Chester Road where developers are actively seeking planning permission. We don't yet know whether the planning application will be approved. However, it is sensible to look at how the Chester Road site could fit in with or benefit a town-wide plan for Winsford.

Do you agree it is sensible to look at how the Chester Road site could be integrated and benefit the wider Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes No

Should the Neighbourhood Plan look at how the High School site in Over could be developed?

Yes No

7. Employment

Extensions to the two existing business parks on the east and west sides of the town are proposed, which are likely to be larger scale industrial or warehouse uses. There are opportunities for other types of employment such as offices in other locations such as the centre of the town and near to the railway station.

Do you think these are suitable locations for new employment development?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you disagree, please say why

8. Heritage

The Neighbourhood Plan has identified a number of areas of heritage importance which are marked on the map with the exhibition material. If there are any other areas or buildings that you think are of local heritage value and should be protected, please give a brief description and an address so we can locate them.



9. The A54 Road / Old High Street

Parts of the main A54 road through Winsford do not create a good impression of the town centre, particularly the section from the shopping centre to the river. Do you agree that it is important to transform the image of the town centre by improving the frontage to the A54? This could include better designed new buildings and restoring the heritage value of older buildings.

Strongly agree**Agree****Neither agree
nor disagree****Disagree****Strongly disagree**

NOTE ABOUT THE SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT

Whilst Neighbourhood Plans give local people a say about what happens in their local area, the Localism Act 2011 says that they must be in line with 'higher level' planning policy. This means that the Winsford Neighbourhood Plan must reflect what is in Cheshire West and Chester's Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy is not yet complete. However, CWAC Council is considering a Preferred Option for the whole borough which would see an additional 3,150 houses and 20 ha of employment land developed in Winsford by 2030.

The Winsford Neighbourhood Plan must comply with the emerging Core Strategy for Cheshire West and Chester by making provision for new development at the scale envisaged, in order to meet demand in the area over the plan period. The role of the Neighbourhood Plan is to determine which particular sites in and around the town will be developed to meet these targets

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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To find out further details of anything mentioned in this newsletter, or to book a place at the Neighbourhood Plan focus group on 25 July, please contact Mick Downs by email at mickdowns@uvns.org or by phone 07979 183498.

When you have completed this questionnaire, please return it

- by post or by hand to Alan Warburton, Town Clerk, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 1AH, or
- by email to mickdowns@uvns.org

For further information about the Winsford Neighbourhood Plan please see the Town Council's website www.winsford.gov.uk

To make sure your comments are taken into account, please return your completed questionnaire by Friday 3 August 2012.

