

The Future of Winsford



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Winsford Town Council is seeking the views and ideas of local people on how the town should develop in the future.

The Town Council, working in partnership with the Weaver Valley Board and Cheshire West and Chester Council is going to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Winsford, which will set out the type of new development needed in the town, where it will go and what sort of social and leisure facilities need to be provided to make Winsford a better place to live, work and visit.

Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Town Councillor, Brian Clarke says:

“The big difference between the Neighbourhood Plan and previous plans is that it will be a plan for the town developed by the people of the town. The Town Council wants to ensure that everyone in Winsford knows about the Neighbourhood Plan and has the opportunity to influence it. When the final plan is available a referendum will be held and quite simply, if the people of Winsford don't like it, then the plan won't be adopted!”

Giving the community a say

As the first step in this process the Town Council wants to hear from all parts of the local community – residents, businesses, shoppers, young people, older people, community groups, service providers, and stakeholders - to help make this plan relevant and realistic.

Consultants appointed to help the Town Council with the Neighbourhood Plan will be holding a series of events to give local people a say in Winsford's future and make sure that the Neighbourhood Plan focuses on the needs and priorities of the local community.

Consultation events

- From 1st to 3rd March a Drop-in Centre will be set up in the former Clinton Cards shop unit in Winsford Cross Shopping Centre, where more information will be available and staff will be on hand to discuss concerns and ideas with local shoppers, workers and residents.
- At the same time, consultation workshops will be held with local businesses, and with groups such as the elderly and stakeholders.
- We will also be seeking the views of the town's young people through projects with local schools.
- We are hoping to highlight Winsford's natural and built heritage by inviting the local community on a local history walk and a riverside nature walk.
- Service providers, elected representatives, local community groups and other stakeholders will be involved through dialogue, workshops and questionnaires.

Further information

Further details of all of these events will be provided in future newsletters over the coming weeks. Information will also be published on the Town Council's website www.winsford.gov.uk and in the local news media, so everybody can get involved and keep up to date with progress on the Winsford Neighbourhood Plan.

In the meantime for further information please email mickdowns@uvns.org, or telephone Alan Warburton on 01606 593582.

Future consultation will continue throughout the year as the draft plan evolves.

How do you think Winsford should develop? What facilities do you think the area needs? When new buildings are constructed and new public areas created, what do you think are the most important issues that ought to be addressed?

The Town Council would love to hear from you.



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