

Partner Update

Update from	 Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan
Date of Area Board Meeting	14 March 2017

Headlines/Key Issues

Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan (MANP) - Summary

In the last 18 months, a Steering Group has been formed made up of representatives from Marlborough, Mildenhall, Preshute and Savernake to bring together a Neighbourhood Plan. Wiltshire Council has formally designated these parishes as the geographical area to be covered by the Plan. The Steering Group meets monthly and its Chairman is Councillor Mervyn Hall.

Work is carried out through the following groups:

- Housing Needs Working Party
- Business & Employment Working Party
- Traffic & Parking Working Party
- Countryside & Recreation Working Party

A number of consultative events have been held in all parishes over the last few months and feedback is being collated. Grants have been obtained to cover part of the work.

UPDATES

Housing Survey

There were just over 1,000 responses to the recent Housing Survey delivered to all households in Marlborough, Mildenhall, Preshute and Savernake. This is a good response and equates to an approximate 25% return. Feedback is currently being analysed by our consultants (Cobweb Consulting) who are also interviewing key stakeholders in the Neighbourhood Plan Area (Wiltshire Council, a Housing Association, a major employer, etc.)

Business Survey

Alongside the Housing Survey, a Business Survey was undertaken. Surveys were sent out to all businesses in the area as well as to all households so the views of those working at home were captured too. Feedback is currently being collated and will be analysed by our independent consultants.

Car Parking Study

The next evidence gathering exercise will be a Car Parking Survey which will build on evidence gathered through a Benchmarking exercise commissioned by the Town Council in 2014. The Benchmarking report can be viewed at

<http://www.marlboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk/images/2014MarlboroughPeopleandPlacesReport-November2014.pdf>

This will take place over the next 2-3 months.

More information about the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan and details about membership of its Steering Group is at www.manp.co.uk