

Maltby Neighbourhood Plan

Community Consultation Event – November 2019

Summary and Outcomes Analysis

November 2019

1.Introduction

A community consultation event was undertaken in support of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

This took place on Saturday 22 November 2019 between 2.00 and 5.30pm at Maltby Progressive Club in Maltby Town Centre

The location and timing of this event were chosen purposefully to help maximise attendance by members of the community and stakeholders. Held annually, the annual Maltby Christmas Lights Switch on is one most popular, well known and well-attended community events in the Parish. It attracts thousands of people from the parish and more widely.

The main aims of the event were threefold:

- To inform the community of the aims and background of the Neighbourhood Plan;
- To outline progress to date; and
- To gain views and feedback on the initial draft of the Plan, before the finalised draft goes out for formal consultation.

The event was extensively publicised throughout the community including through Parish Council website, social media (including the Parish Council's facebook page), and word of mouth.

2. Format of Event

Introduction	<p>Displays, supporting maps and documents were made available to view</p> <p>The format of the event was explained to people by the members of the Steering Group and from the consultancy helping the Town Council prepare the Plan.</p>
Background	<p>The displays introduced neighbourhood planning, described the process that is being followed and the emerging policies and proposals.</p>
Consultation on key issues	<p>People were asked about the Neighbourhood Plan, the benefits of producing one and the emerging themes and issues it should focus on.</p> <p>Maps were also displayed showing the Parish as well as the key designations in the approved Rotherham Local Plan.</p> <p>Supporting evidence documents including the draft Matlby Masterplan and Maltby Design Code were available to peruse.</p>

	Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on the questions and broad themes by speaking to one of the people manning the displays or using the post it notes supplied.
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3. Outcomes

The event was very well attended with over 100 people noted as viewing the displays over the day. This included many young people perhaps due to it taking part at the same time as the Maltby Christmas Lights Switch on.

Though most of the comments received were verbal the following written comments via the post-it notes were received.

- It's a good idea.
- Whats happening with the pit site?
- Protect the two surviving WW2 Air Shelters at Tofts Car Park and in Wood Lea Common off Blythe Road.
- Protect the remains of the WW2 gun emplacement near Beacon Hill off High Horton Road.
- Save the Grammar School Tower Frontage.
- Save the Clock Tower, Library, Art Rooms and Cooking Rooms.
- Too many ugly buildings.
- Save the Miners Welfare Playing Field.
- Save the Grammar School Front.
- Sort out the Town Centre.
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- How do I find more about the Plan. Is it on the Council website?
- Save the Grammar School Front.
- Protect the Grammar School front.
- Better parks (14 year old).
- Protect CISWO buildings.

4. Conclusions

The event was very successful. Its timings coupled with the accessible and popular locations, use of simple language meant that its well attended with well over 100 people looking at the displays.

It was particularly pleasing the number of young people that viewed it and made comments. This was considered especially important and there was some concern that the views of this group may have been under represented in the other consultations that have taken place in the development of the Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group consider it very important that in developing the Plan the views of all sections of the community are heard.

Well over 16 comments were recorded. These were in addition to the many verbal comments received on the day. These comments were wide and diverse in their content.

The need to protect and enhance historic buildings and important community facilities featured heavily in the feedback. Several suggestions were received on which ones could be the focus for action. The frontage to the Grammar School was mentioned frequently in this respect.

A number of comments were received in relation to the need to improve the Town Centre and the design of new buildings. Where comments were received on the need for the Plan these were overwhelmingly positive, not one thought it was a bad idea,

There was a reasonable level of awareness of the Plan amongst residents, and the event will have raised this awareness further.

The findings provide a solid platform and sounding board for the development of the Draft Plan.

Illustrative photos of the day, including display board materials, are shown below.

5. Illustrative Photos



