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Dear Residents,

After lengthy research and preparation, the draft version of the Shipston Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed.

There will now be a six weeks period for you to review and comment on the policies and proposals, and I urge you to take this opportunity to do so.

All relevant feedback will be incorporated into the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan, prior to it being submitted to Stratford District Council early next year

It will then be reviewed by an examiner. Once that point has been reached, which will take a number of months, there will be a referendum in the town on acceptance of the plan.

Once the plan has been approved there will be much more to achieve. When future planning applications are considered there will be opportunities to more constructively influence outcomes. Some of the projects will happen only with the active participation of local organisations, businesses and residents working alongside the Town Council and District Council. I very much hope you will take the opportunity to contribute.

A Neighbourhood Plan deals with land use and development-changes to land, buildings and infrastructure. There are some topical issues which have arisen on a regular basis during the various public consultations, but they won't be specifically mentioned in the plan document. Primarily this is because they fall outside the defined objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan.

However, I thought you might welcome an update on some of them.

## **Proposed supermarket and petrol filling station**

The developers have confirmed that the provision of these local services is still the preferred use for part of the site on the Campden Road. It appears there is a supermarket chain interested (no details have been given), and that they also retail petrol. The delay has occurred due to some complex negotiations between Ainscough Strategic Land(ASL) and CALA Homes, who have taken over Banner Homes, about the proposed roundabout which is due to provide access to their respective sites. No timescale has been given.

## **New Medical Centre**

Land on the ASL Campden Road north site has already been gifted, at no cost, to the Medical Centre. It is understood that it is now a matter of obtaining the required funding from the NHS. No timescale has been given.

### **Car parking in the proximity of the town centre**

This has been raised on a number of occasions. Parking close to the town centre, at peak times, can be difficult, especially when there are popular events taking place. There isn't a simple solution to this problem, because it requires suitable land which can be used for this purpose. So far none has been found. The Town Council will continue to look at any opportunity to address this issue.

### **Former Norgren site**

There's been a delay in moving forward with this development because of some identified issues, including drainage. It's understood these are now in hand and CALA expect to commence building by the first quarter of 2017. The Town Council is in regular contact with the developers, so further updates can be given via the Shipston Forum.

### **Former Turbine Blading site**

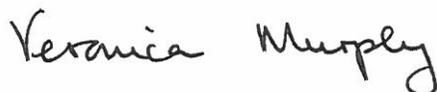
The preference was for this site to be retained for employment use. However, the planning application for Extra Care housing will create some local jobs, in addition to providing much needed care accommodation. This is consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan's objectives and policies. The Town Council is in regular contact with the developers.

### **Land at Shoulderway Lane**

The planning application from Barrett Homes was rejected at Planning Committee. The reasons for refusal have been accepted by the developers who have told the Town Council that they are not intending to appeal this decision. Barrett Homes have an option on this land, and have indicated they may wish to revisit the development of this site at a later time, particularly if there is a shortfall in house building in the District. This could occur if the house building numbers fall behind the target set in the Core Strategy.

In conclusion, please use this opportunity to tell us what you think. Your participation will help the Town Council to influence what happens in Shipston.

Yours sincerely,



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