



Shipston's neighbourhood plan

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Shipston past and present

Shipston dates back to Anglo Saxon times, and derives its

name from its historic use as a Sheep Wash town. Shipston has a rich cultural heritage, featuring many medieval and Georgian buildings. Much of the town is designated a Conservation Area.

According to the Census, Shipston's population was 4,450 in 1981, and estimated to be 5,300 by 2008. The number of homes in the town increased by 95% from 1981 to 2008 – more than any other town in the Stratford district. Although historically Shipston has offered more

The amount, type and location of new housing will need to be addressed in our plan



employment opportunities than other similar towns, the closure of the IMI Norgren Factory and loss of other businesses over the past few years has had a significant impact on employment in the town.

Since 2008, the town has continued to grow, with a number of small and medium-sized housing developments now established, some of which were specifically designed to provide more affordable housing in the town.



Parks, open spaces and other recreational priorities may emerge as priorities for Shipston



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More houses? Better shopping? A riverside walk? Better broadband?
Bigger schools? A public park? More jobs? Better facilities?

What do we need to ensure Shipston continues to be a desirable place to live and work over the next 20 years?

Get involved in Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan and speak up for Shipston's future.



Understanding the needs of different members of our community is vital in planning future services and facilities

Shipston's Neighbourhood Plan

Work has begun on a Neighbourhood Plan for Shipston, to set out what we, local residents, businesses and other stakeholders, want for our community in the next 20 years.

Neighbourhood Plans are new to the planning system and are designed to enable local people to have more of a say in how their communities develop.

Neighbourhood Plans are not just about housing. They can cover a variety of things, including parks and open spaces, broadband provision, infrastructure and economic prosperity. The plans can include initiatives designed to protect existing local features and services as well as priorities for new developments and enhancements.



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Our plan could include proposals for better public transport, education provision, health services or other infrastructure





Employment, economic prosperity and growth will need careful consideration in planning Shipston's future

Who is responsible for Shipston's plan?

We are – the community. Although the Neighbourhood Plan is supported and part-funded by Shipston Town Council, it is residents and other stakeholders who will determine its content.

How will the plan develop?

Some information about what people like about Shipston and how the town could be improved has been collated through public meetings and questionnaires. A number of activities are underway to spread the word locally and encourage further input.

A group of volunteers will be sifting through the feedback and drawing out the recurring themes which will form the basis of options to include in the Neighbourhood Plan. That could be anything from investing in flood defenses, generating employment, providing more affordable housing or even investing in

renewable energy sources such as wind turbines.

Once the options have been developed with guidance from planning professionals, further public consultation will take place before a draft plan is submitted to Stratford District Council for approval.

The final plan will be put to a public referendum in Shipston and, if adopted, will become part of the planning process for future developments.

How long will it take?

Neighbourhood Plans can take between 9 and 12 months to develop depending on their complexity and the resources available. We hope to have a draft plan by the end of 2013, with a referendum taking place in spring or early summer 2014.





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Getting involved

An adopted Neighbourhood Plan has to be considered whenever a major planning application is received. By developing a community-led plan, Shipston will be in a much stronger position to help ensure future development enhances, rather than threatens the town.

Help us make the most of Shipston's future – have your say on the Neighbourhood Plan.

For all the latest news on the Neighbourhood Plan, including how to register your views, please visit www.shipstonnp.org or follow us on twitter @Shipston_NP. Look out for regular updates in the Shipston Forum, produced monthly and available to download from www.shipstononline.org

Comments and suggestions can also be emailed to np@shipstononline.org or sent to the Town Clerk, Shipston Town Council, New Clark House, West Street, Shipston CV36 4HD

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