

SHREWSBURY WIDE LJC 2ND DECEMBER 2014
PLACE PLAN WORKSHOP NOTES

The Place Plan workshop formed part of the wider LJC meeting where members of the audience were asked to form small discussion groups around themed interest areas using the 2014 Place Plan as a starting point for discussion.

The purpose of this workshop was to help inform Shrewsbury Town Council's 2015 Place Plan return to Shropshire Council required for submission by the end of January 2015.

Each group was facilitated by a Council, or partner agency officer, who encouraged members of the public to discuss their ideas and to verify the existing priorities from the 2014 Place Plan.

Each group then fed back to the LJC but there was no discussion about resource implications of the ideas expressed and there was no form of voting on any items.

These notes record comments as they were made and are not edited.

Economy, Tourism & Communications

- Pride Hill redevelopment- link with Gas works
- Canal Restoration- investment potential, £6m benefit potential, tourism, Flaxmill links
- One off Branding
- Work of BID
- Christmas Lights
- More joined up/ professional
- Café culture
- Pavement permits
- Returning street at what time
- Policy
- River enhancements- river festival, how do we get the EA to the table? Agreed strategy, flooding impact
- Collaboration of partners for better services
- Human Rights- access to internet, Wi-Fi in town centre, hotspots
- Market
- Festivals and events
- Exit Strategies for business so that the buildings have a use asap
- Apps for kids, families and visitors
- Car parking in town centre
- Better promotion of assets
- Redevelopment of shopping centre as tourism offer
- Family friendly town?
- Town centre- not just for shops
- Support for independents
- Re-emphasis on North Corridor
- Flaxmill and links to it from the town centre
- Redevelopment of the Dana and how it could impact on other developments
- Redevelopment of the Post Office site
- Possible relocation of Morris Lubricants
- University- how will the dynamic be managed
- Independent Shops

Development, major infrastructure and transport

- Leisure and employment sites across the town to reduce traffic/ transport needs in town centre
- Park and ride
- Transport corridor
- Bus and rail infrastructure improvements
- Walking and cycling schemes
- Improved way finding
- Car park signage- matrix
- Strategy for traffic routing in the town centre
- Review of signage upon entry to town- e.g. A5 signage is the confusing
- Reduction and eventual removal of through traffic in the town centre
- 20mph speed limit across town centre
- Provision of good quality bus services from the SUE's from their construction
- Electric buses- esp. park and ride
- Maintenance of Kingsland Bridge (privately owned)
- Cross town cycle ways using the canal route and linking the Flax mill to the railway station
- Cycle route through the bottlenecks
- Transport needs of university and their students- needs to feed into an integrated transport strategy
- Sustainable transport including buses and cycle routes
- Bus subsidies from outside of town
- Centre of town poor traffic routing options- needs a substantial change and a new strategy
- New Homes Bonus- need a consultation in Bicton- government has just moved goal posts on this
- Better engagement with surrounding rural communities to help them be more sustainable
- Education facilities
- Leisure facilities
- Countryside parks and environmental networks
- Open space buffers on edge of town and within town boundary not just edge of development
- Flood defence work especially the importance of Kingsland Bridge which is privately owned
- Canal potential
- Affordable housing needs to be a bigger priority
- Investment in the Dana and the Dana steps

Community Crime & Safety

- Continue to promote the reporting of crime using 101 numbers
- Littering and dog fouling
- Dangerous cycling in the town centre & purge on cycling dangerously on pavements
- Cycle lane/ traffic conflicts
- CSE
- How can councillors help more
- Hot line
- Drug dealing/ use- community intelligence to secure convictions
- Rough sleeping and begging- issues reducing
- Vulnerable person hot line- need to promote and implement an education/awareness campaign
- Incoming drug dealers
- Litter, dog fouling and fly tipping
- Burglary
- Future focus on asb

Environment

- Restoration of canal from Dana to Flax Mill- keep existing path well maintained and obtain lottery or other funding for restoration work
- Hydro scheme- incorporate a lock to enable navigation of weir
- Doorstep cardboard collection
- Clarity on cycle routes, especially near schools
- Flooding- remove sand bars near bridges
- Cycle safety- cycling on footpaths, cycling without lights- also disability buggies
- Can existing roads cope with the new developments
- Review frequency of street litter bin emptying especially near schools
- Reinforce enforcement powers against fly tipping, littering and dog fouling
- Increase sweeping and drain clearance in autumn

Health and Well being

- Ensure sufficient provision of GP's and dentist to meet new housing growth
- Ensure joint health and social care uses at the RSH
- Link swimming pool work to health and leisure facilities at the RSH and Redwoods Centre
- Future Fit consultation- where will be A&E services be? How many will there be? Desire to remain as having 2
- Walk in centre moving to the RSH
- Health Promotion work- diet, smoking, exercise- links to youth service and health champions
- Swimming pool- link to health issues, exercise, all abilities, and possibilities of hydrotherapy- café needs to have healthier menu- facilities need to remain centrally located. Look at long term costs of NOT having a pool- what are the options for different funding arrangements in the future. Look at other facilities that could be incorporated

Education

- University must be in harmony with the town- concerns over halls of residence, HMO's,
- Primary & secondary school provision particularly in the west and south west SUE areas
- Closing the gap from FSM
- Emphasis on every child's progress
- Capacity in rural areas for schooling e.g. Minsterley, Baschurch, Pontesbury
- Youth facilities- loss of SC direct provision from April 2015- very important to maintain safeguarding and trusted relationships
- Importance of voluntary sector in youth provision
- New model for targeting resources to areas with greatest need- venues and workers

Culture, Heritage, Sports & Leisure

- Appropriate recreational provision in the South West linked to developments
- Review of Castle- sustainable future use
- Canal restoration- Flax Mill to Uffington
- Flax Mill restoration and links to canal
- Swimming pool redevelopment in Town Centre
- Shelton site- protection of and investment in recreational facilities
- Vibrant creative and arts industries attracting investment and supporting mental health and well-being= availability of community facilities for C & YP- new cultural venue supporting co-location of organisations
- The Stew- secure future use
- Activities for children and young people and everyone- indoor climbing walls, skate parks, etc.- make museum and other facilities more child/ young person friendly
- Better use of existing leisure facilities supported by investment
- Potential of the Quarry
- Rowley's House and surrounding area- potential to create a vibrant town centre place- link to University