

# Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan

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## Context: what is a Place Plan?

Shropshire Council is working to make Shropshire a great place to live, learn, work, and visit – we want to innovate to thrive. To make that ambition a reality, we need to understand what our towns and communities need in order to make them better places for all. Our Place Plans – of which there are 18 across the county – paint a picture of each local area, and help all of us to shape and improve our communities.

Place Plans are documents which bring together information about a defined area. The information that they contain is focussed on infrastructure needs, such as roads, transport facilities, flood defences, schools and educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreational facilities, and open spaces. They also include other information which can help us to understand local needs and to make decisions. This wider information includes things like housing needs in light of population changes, and environmental issues in light of development.

In an ideal world, we would be able to support all of the infrastructure needs within the 18 Place Plan areas of Shropshire. However, funding restrictions mean that we have to make some difficult decisions, and prioritise the infrastructure that is most important. Place Plans help us to do this.

### **The aim of the Place Plans is:**

- To enable Shropshire Council and its partners, working closely with local Elected Members and Town and Parish Councils, to deliver the infrastructure needs of our communities.

### **The objectives of the Place Plans are:**

- To develop a clear picture and understanding of the Place Plan area.
- To identify and prioritise infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area.
- To identify lead partners, supporting partners, and funding opportunities (where possible) to deliver those infrastructure needs.
- To feed in to the Strategic Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the county as a whole.
- To feed in to Shropshire Council's Corporate Plan and Service Plans.

There are 18 Place Plans in Shropshire, covering the following areas:

- Albrighton
- Bishop's Castle
- Bridgnorth
- Broseley
- Church Stretton
- Cleobury Mortimer
- Craven Arms
- Ellesmere
- Highley
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Minsterley and Pontesbury
- Oswestry
- Shifnal
- Shrewsbury
- Wem
- Whitchurch

The Place Plans also include the wider hinterlands around each of these towns or key centres. In this way, everywhere in the county is included within a Place Plan.

Place Plans are reviewed regularly, and as such are 'live' documents informed by conversations with Town and Parish Councils, and with infrastructure and service providers. This document is the 2019/20 version of the Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan.

# 1. List of Projects

## 1.1 Data and information review

The infrastructure project list in the table below is based on information submitted to Shropshire Council by Town and Parish Councils in each Place Plan area. This information is then tested against data held by the Council, and further informed by consultation with a range of infrastructure providers. By gathering this information, we have been able to understand more clearly the needs of each Place Plan area, and to use this information to make some difficult decisions about prioritisation of projects.

For the Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan, a review of the data has shown that key infrastructure issues include:

- Issues relating to sewerage network capacity, which will require hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network in order to assess whether there is capacity to meet development needs.

## 1.2 Prioritisation of projects

Following collation and assessment of this information, the difficult task of prioritisation of projects can be undertaken. Projects are allocated to a category, based on extensive discussions with a range of partners, and on information included within the Implementation Plan of Shropshire's Local Development Plan:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/8603/ldf-implementation-plan-2016-17.pdf>.

Projects will be allocated to one of the three categories identified below:

- Priority A Projects
- Priority B Projects
- Neighbourhood Projects

The table below gives further information about the categories.

Category	Description	Examples
<b>Priority A</b>	<p>This is infrastructure which will unlock development.</p> <p>These are usually projects which will be led by Shropshire Council and/or its strategic infrastructure delivery partners, such as utilities companies, the Environment Agency, Highways England, broadband providers, etc.</p> <p>These projects are sometimes also legally required (i.e. Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to provide this infrastructure) or may be strategically important (i.e. essential for the good of the county as a whole).</p>	<p>Improvements to drainage in Whitchurch to allow significant housing and business premises development.</p> <p>Works at Churncote roundabout on the A5 to the west of Shrewsbury – improvements here will impact across the county.</p> <p>Provision of sufficient school places to meet local need.</p>
<b>Priority B</b>	<p>This is infrastructure which will support development in a number of ways and/or a number of locations.</p> <p>These projects will often be required across numerous locations in the Place Plan area, or will impact widely within the Place Plan area as a whole.</p>	<p>Improvements to Broadband connectivity across the county.</p> <p>Provision of housing to meet local need.</p> <p>Improved access to public transport facilities, such as rail stations.</p>
<b>Neighbourhood</b>	<p>Projects which will support and are important to an individual community.</p> <p>These projects will usually be led by partners in the local area, such as the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Playgrounds, village hall car parks, street lights, local road safety improvements, etc</p>

### **1.3 Projects for Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan**

The projects in the following tables have been identified through evidence and data gathering as described in section 1.1, and through discussions and consultations with Town and Parish Councils. Discussions have also taken place with relevant departments across Shropshire Council, and with external providers of strategic infrastructure. However, please be aware that this table does not commit any partner to undertake specific activity, as priorities and resources are subject to change.

Further, whilst Shropshire Council will continue to support its Town and Parish Councils to identify specific infrastructure projects rests with Shropshire Council, based on the evidence gathering noted above.

Projects have been presented in two tables: the first covering Priority A and Priority B projects, and the second covering Neighbourhood projects.

Please note that completed projects will be included in a separate supporting document. This document will be made available on Shropshire Council's website, alongside the Place Plans themselves.

## Table 1: Priority A and Priority B Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
<b>Priority A Projects</b>				
<b>Environment and Utilities</b>				
Sewerage network capacity – hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network is required in order to assess whether there is capacity to meet development needs (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water have submitted the outputs of their high-level sewer capacity assessment to Shropshire Council, which identifies development sites that may require sewerage upgrades to accommodate additional flows. Severn Trent Water have an obligation to upgrade the treatment works at Cleobury Mortimer for phosphorus removal before December 2024. As part of their scoping, design and option generation and selection process, they will be reviewing the available growth data.
Installation of mains sewerage at Doddington (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Developers, Severn Trent Water	A request has been made to Severn Trent Water to provide sewerage services in this area. Further investigation has identified the properties which STW have a duty to connect to the system, and there are now plans to connect these properties during the asset management period 2020 to 2025.
Private sewer network / package treatment plant – there is no public sewer system in Kinlet, and any development will need to be served by a private sewer network and a package treatment plant. (Kinlet)	Not known	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Developers, Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water have submitted the outputs of their high level sewer capacity assessment to Shropshire Council which identifies development sites that may require sewerage upgrades to accommodate additional flows.

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				Severn Trent Water request that any local information relating to drainage issues in this area is communicated to them via the following link: <a href="https://www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/contact-us/">https://www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/contact-us/</a>
<b>Priority B Projects</b>				
<b>Community Infrastructure</b>				
Development of Community Hub and park / wildlife corridors as part of any future development – Neighbourhood Plan is under development, and will include land allocation for housing and employment, as well as changes to the development boundary. The Community Hub conceived and to be run by St Marys Youth Partnership including a climbing wall, café, music studio, dance studio, counselling and play rooms (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Developers	Town Council, St Marys Youth Partnership	Detailed within the Cleobury Mortimer draft Neighbourhood Plan
<b>Economic Opportunities</b>				
Facilitation of ICT / broadband technologies (All Parishes)	Not known	To be confirmed	Shropshire Council, Local Councils, private sector partners	Shropshire Council remains committed to seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for unserved premises and is confident that it can ensure that all premises in the Shropshire Council area have access to a superfast broadband connection by 2021. For queries about the availability of faster broadband, please email address details and landline numbers (if available) to <a href="mailto:connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk">connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk</a> Local perception is currently that Broadband

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				speeds in Cleobury reduce during school hours, and homework is set on the assumption that there is good broadband coverage. Lack of fast coverage causes problems for students.
Mobile phone coverage – including likely availability of 5G in the area (All Parishes)	Not known	Not known	Private sector partners	<p>Shropshire Council is not directly responsible for mobile phone coverage issues, the responsibility is with the Mobile Network Providers (MNO's) to resolve service issues i.e. Vodafone, O2, Three and EE. Should there be ongoing issues or simply no provider coverage from any of the MNO's then please contact <a href="mailto:connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk">connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>An example of the impact of the lack of signal is that local customers with British Gas cannot have smart meters in this area, as the system is operated via Vodaphone, which has no coverage in the area.</p>
<b>Environment and Utilities</b>				
Flood defence programme for area at New Inn and Oreton Road junction (Farlow)	Not known	Not known	Shropshire Council, Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water	<p>Severn Trent Water have submitted the outputs of their high-level sewer capacity assessment to Shropshire Council which identifies development sites that may require sewerage upgrades to accommodate additional flows.</p> <p>Severn Trent Water request that any local information relating to drainage issues in this area is communicated to them via the</p>

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				following link: <a href="https://www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/contact-us/">https://www.stwater.co.uk/get-in-touch/contact-us/</a>
Attention given to the upgrading of the provision of electricity to businesses in the area who are experiencing problems with a constant level of supply – particularly Worcestershire Marble (Kinlet)	Not known	Not known	Parish Council, Shropshire Council, private sector providers	This area is covered by the Network Services team based out of Western Power Distribution's Ludlow depot. All applications for new electricity connections and/or infrastructure should be submitted to <a href="mailto:wpdnewsuppliesmids@westernpower.co.uk">wpdnewsuppliesmids@westernpower.co.uk</a>
To satisfactorily resolve the outstanding issues of all aspects of administration and operation of the Barbrook Sewerage Plant (Neen Savage)				This issue has been ongoing for over 13 years since Bridgnorth District Council upgraded the plant and asked residents to pay. This matter is now with the new Director of Adult Social Care & Housing.
<b>Transport and Accessibility</b>				
Local highways improvements - camber on the junction of Earls Ditton Lane and the A4117 requires attention, turning from Earls Ditton Lane A4117 at Doddington requires improvements, water run-off issues on the A4117, which is damaging tracks, lanes from Ditton Mills are in a poor state of repair, problems with commercial vehicles speeding, inconsistent road signs in Hopton Wafer Village, potential for interactive signage to warn of emerging vehicles, improvement to bus shelter in Doddington (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, Precept	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Further clarification is required regarding this project. Highways recommends that this is split into separate elements.
Local highways improvements traffic and road safety improvements - 40mph speed limit on the B4363 / B4194, speed restrictions on the B4363 at the northerly end, Severn Lodge Lane, School	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, Precept	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Further clarification is required regarding this project. Highways recommends that this is split into separate elements.

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Lane, B4363 in the Kinlet Bank / Baveney Wood area (extending into Neen Savage parish), and the B4363 at Winnall (Kinlet)				
Junction at New Bridge to Bridgnorth Road (A4117 and B4363) – address the road safety concerns with flashing speed warning light and alteration work to accommodate increased traffic from development in Cleobury and Ludlow. (Cleobury)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, Precept	Town Council, Shropshire Council	Cleobury Town Council and Shropshire Council are working together to find a solution to this issue.

## Table 2: Neighbourhood Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
<b>Neighbourhood Projects</b>				
<b>Community Infrastructure</b>				
Additional burial land (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Development funding	Town Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available late 2019.
Community land enhancements for health and wellbeing – outdoor adult gym / children’s play area at Love Lane, refurbishment (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept, grants	Town Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire. Currently awaiting confirmation from Shropshire Council that a transfer to the Town Council can be freehold rather than leasehold.
Additional burial land (Farlow)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available mid July.
Provision of open space for sport and leisure, improvements to the village hall (Farlow)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire.

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Purchase of land and provision of parking for the school (Farlow)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Parish Council	Parish Lead
Provision of facilities and equipment for sport, recreation and leisure – potential for facilities to be provided on Hopton Wafers Village Hall field e.g. a bowling green. (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire.
Repairs to Doddington Village Hall road side fence and the retaining wall at Hopton Wafers Village Hall car park (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Mapping of local footpaths, and signage improvements to footpaths (Hopton Wafers, Nash, Stottesdon, Coreley and Neen Savage)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Councils	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Further up grading of Kinlet Village Hall including the kitchen and insulating the roof (Kinlet)	Not known	Parish Lead	Parish Council	Parish Lead
Provision and maintenance of community facilities – increase size and upgrade car park surface at Victory Hall, extend balcony at Victory Hall, provide car parking and seating to Milson Village Green, preserve the Greens' borders and edges, replace worn / damaged parish street furniture (Milson and Neen Sollars)	Approx. £56,000	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Provision of facilities and equipment for sport, recreation and leisure – play area for school / local young people (Stottesdon and Sidbury)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playing Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess the supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire.
Provide a car park at the rear of the war memorial for visitors / commemorative events and for tourists visiting the area (Wheathill)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead.

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<b>Economic Opportunities</b>				
Additional Ha of employment land identified as part of the developing Neighbourhood Plan (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Developers	Developers, Town Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead
Expand Old Station Business Park – extension of 0.5HA, two units under construction, continued support from private sector (Neen Savage)	Not known	Developers	Developers, Parish Council, Shropshire Council	For further consideration as part of the development of Shropshire Council's Business Parks Strategy.
<b>Environment and Utilities</b>				
Improvements to drainage on the Playing Field and Football Pitch (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Town Council and sport clubs	Parish Lead
Pudding Brook CCTV and telemetry at 4 sites, culvert improvement and trash screen installation (Cleobury Mortimer)	£20,000 for CCTV and telemetry	Environment Agency	Environment Agency	This project is included within the Environment Agency's 5-year plan
Hydro turbine – second turbine generating 12Kw (Milson and Neen Sollars)	£30,000	Public Share Scheme	Parish Council, Developers	Parish lead. The area is covered by the Western Power Distribution Ludlow depot. New supply enquiries should be sent to <a href="mailto:wpdnewsuppliesmids@westernpower.co.uk">wpdnewsuppliesmids@westernpower.co.uk</a>
Environmental maintenance – enforce land owners riparian responsibilities, tree management on river banks, ensure safety of people on footpaths next to rivers (Milson and Neen Sollars)	£13,000	Land owners, Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Environment Agency, land owners, Parish Council	Parish lead.
Redesign of drainage associated traffic and safety improvements at the Ford (Neen Savage)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish Lead

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Installation of phone line / broadband to Parish Hall (Neen Savage)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish Lead
<b>Housing, Health, and Education</b>				
Improved healthcare – improved and locally-based ambulance service, improvements to out-of-hours doctor's service, issues about grid referencing and ability to find people (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	NHS England, grants, Neighbourhood Fund	NHS / CCG, Parish Council	The CCG is currently undertaking an estates review, and any potential improvements will be considered as part of the emerging Primary Care Network in South Shropshire. If GPs or local residents wish to comment on this, they should contact the CCG directly on 01743 277500 (main switchboard) or email <a href="mailto:SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net">SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net</a>
Install defibrillators in both Milson and Neen Sollars payphone kiosks – kiosks adopted, training and maintenance are ongoing costs (Milson and Neen Sollars)	Approx. £4,000	British Heart Foundation, West Midlands Ambulance Service	Parish Council, British Heart Foundation	Parish lead.
Enhancement of GP surgery – Marking for disabled parking (Stottesdon and Sidbury)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. If there is an issue with on-street disabled parking, please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>Transport and Accessibility</b>				
Extensions to speed limit restrictions at eastern (A4117), western (A4117), and Tenbury Road entrances to the town; 20mph limits on residential streets (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Town Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

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2 extra streetlights, extension of the 30mph/40mph speed limits (Eastern entry to town) (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Town Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Potholes and road markings on the High Street (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Town Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Improvements to Shropshire Council owned footpaths – Love Lane, Bull Alley, Cleobury Meadows (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	TBC	Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Langland Road resurfacing and road markings by the school (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Town Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Talbot Carpark resurfacing (Cleobury Mortimer)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Town Council	Preliminary work completed by Shropshire Council Highways
Installation of new bus shelter at Doddington next to the Church (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead.
Speeding concerns across the common on A4117 (Coreley and Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Councils	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within

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				the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Local highways improvements - maintenance of ditches and drains, provision of proper bus shelters with clearly marked stopping places and timetables, speed restrictions, HGV restrictions, tackle debris and surface water runoff from New Rd on to A4117 (Hopton Wafers)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Landowners, Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Footpath and bridleway improvements - Formalising a permissive footpath connection between Woodlands Holiday Home Park and the bridleway north of Dowles Brook, complete missing links such as a lack of a north south connection from the Button Bridge area across the Borle Valley, limited connection into the Wyre Forest from the Severn Lodge area and the discontinuous bridleway between Kinlet and Chorley, more suitable links with neighbouring P3 groups bordering Worcestershire Parishes and Cleobury Country Partnership, develop a graded system of walks and rides in order to be included in guidebooks / leaflets and encourage sustainable tourism, general maintenance and minor repairs. Consider a community transport scheme using Lacon Childes school minibuses (Kinlet)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Additional road signage required approaching the cross roads at Kinlet from Catsley Corner relation to the turning into Little Stocks Close and the proposed new development next to it with possibly an increase in the 30mph area (Kinlet)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead - please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

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Improvements to traffic visibility and road safety measures at Six Ashes junction and improve safety of those walking along the B4363 from Newbridge to Six Ashes (Neen Savage)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead - please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Local highways improvements – Moon House Bank (Stottesdon)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead - please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Footpath enhancement to support local tourism activity i.e. walkers, B&Bs, caravan parks, Rays Farm (Stottesdon and Sidbury)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Possible link to Shropshire Council's Green Infrastructure Strategy, currently under development.
Local highways improvements – improve school car parking, tackle continued deterioration of road surfaces on unclassified roads, improve public transport provision, speed restrictions at dangerous points. Footpath between school and doctors – land owner has offered the land (Stottesdon and Sidbury)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead - please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>
Provide a bus stop at an appropriate place on the Ludlow to Bridgnorth road within the Parish (Wheathill)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund, grant funding, precept	Parish Council	Parish lead. Please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email <a href="mailto:transport@shropshire.gov.uk">transport@shropshire.gov.uk</a>

## 2. Planning in Shropshire

### 2.1 County-wide planning processes: the Local Development Plan

Planning is a statutory process (required by law) that all local authorities across the UK must undertake.

A number of planning policy documents consider a wide range of important planning issues such as housing, employment, retail, the environment, and transport. Together, these documents constitute the Local Development Plan, which plays a crucial role in prioritising and shaping development in the local authority area. In Shropshire, the current Local Development Plan period runs until 2026.

Of all the documents that make up the Local Development Plan, there are three that we will refer to here. They are:

- Core Strategy – adopted 24 February 2011
- Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan – adopted 17 December 2015

At the moment, the Local Development Plan is undergoing a review, which will ensure that Shropshire Council can respond to changing circumstances. The review will include, but is not limited to, consideration of housing requirements, employment land requirements, the distribution of development, and a review of green belt boundaries. Until the review is completed, the existing Local Development Plan remains as the overarching guide for all development across the county.

There is also a third set of documents which are of vital importance to the Local Development Plan. These are the 18 Place Plans, and you are currently reading the Place Plan for **Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area**.

## 2.2 This Place Plan area in the county-wide plan

The Core Strategy, as referenced at section 2.1, recognises the role of Shropshire’s market towns and key centres through Policy CS3. This policy outlines how all of our towns have distinctive identities, which new development is expected to reinforce, by respecting each town’s distinctive character, and by being sensitive to its landscape setting, historic features, and the towns’ functions. You can read more from Policy CS3 by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8534/core-strategy.pdf>

For Cleobury Mortimer, Policy CS3 recognises that:

- Development must balance environmental constraints with meeting local needs.
- Cleobury Mortimer has retained its attractive historic character.
- It supports a reasonably high level of employment self-containment given its size, and although the number of workplaces is limited, there are a number of important employers.
- Additional hydraulic capacity will be required at the Cleobury Mortimer Wastewater Treatment Works

The SAMDev Plan, as referenced at section 2.1, also provides brief settlement policies for each Place Plan area. You can read more from the SAMDev Plan by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8503/samdev-adopted-plan.pdf>

The policies for Cleobury Mortimer, and then for the wider area, are as follows:

- Cleobury Mortimer will provide facilities and services for its rural hinterland. To support this role, around 350 additional dwellings and a minimum of 0.7 hectares of employment land will be delivered over the period 2006-2026.
- New housing development will be delivered on two allocated housing sites, alongside additional infill and windfall development within the town’s development boundary.
- New development will take account of known infrastructure constraints and requirements.
- The Community Cluster of Kinlet, Button Bridge and Button Oak will have growth of around 30 new dwellings up to 2026.
- Hopton Wafers and Doddington will have limited growth to help to meet local housing needs.
- Farlow and Hill Houses lie partly within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and new development will have to pay particular regard to its setting.

Shropshire Council began reviewing its Local Plan in 2017 and recently consulted on the preferred sites, which are needed to meet the county's development needs during the period to 2036. The new Plan is unlikely to be adopted before 2021. The review will ensure that the Local Plan continues to be the primary consideration for decisions about development in Shropshire by maintaining robust and defensible policies that conform with national policy and address the changing circumstances within the County and beyond. You can read more the Local Plan Review preferred sites consultation by following this link: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/local-plan-review-preferred-sites-consultation/>

Key points from the Local Plan review include:

- Cleobury Mortimer Town Council are in the early stages of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town also to cover the period to 2036.
- Shropshire Council continues to have a role in providing strategic planning policies for the area, and in discussion with the Town Council the Local Plan Review will provide an overall housing guideline for Cleobury Mortimer. However, it will be the role of the Neighbourhood Plan to subsequently provide additional policies on how this growth should be managed and to support sustainable development.

### 3. More about this area

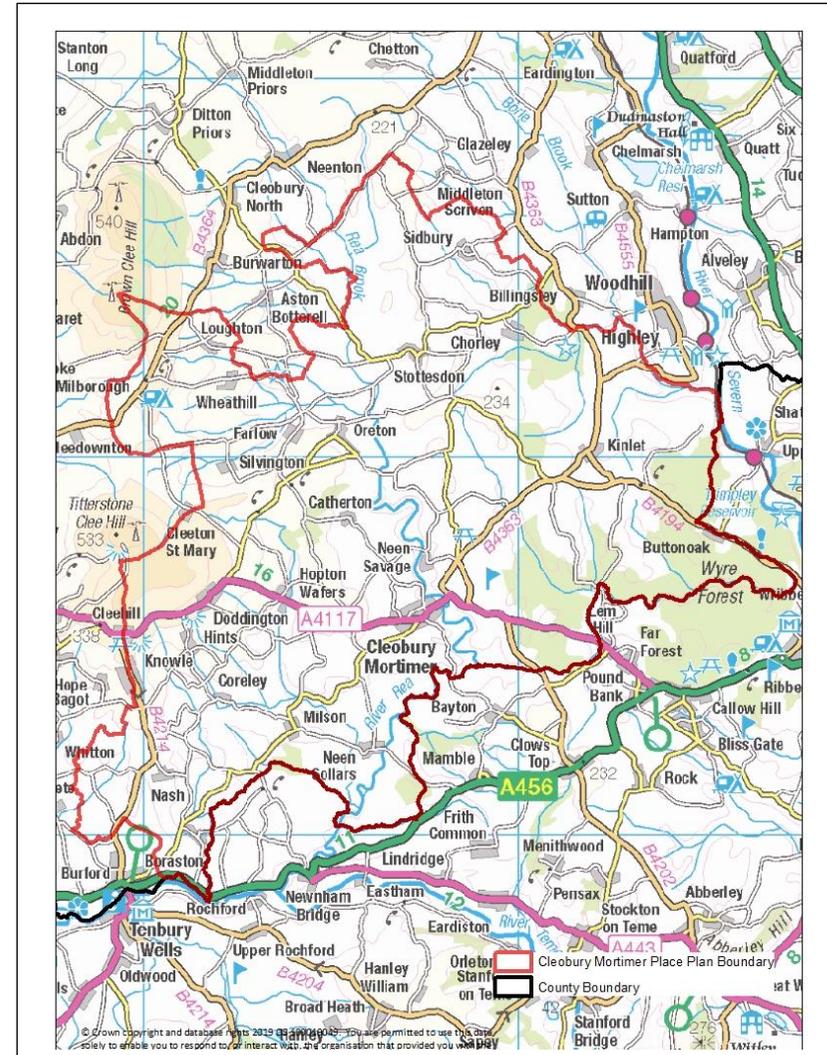
#### 3.1 Place Plan boundaries

Place Plans were developed to include a main centre (often a market town) and its surrounding smaller towns, villages, and rural hinterland. These areas are recognised in the Local Plan as functioning geographical areas, with strong linkages to and from the main town and the wider area.

The Cleobury Mortimer and Surrounding Area Place Plan geography is shown in the map.

#### 3.2 Pen picture of the area

Cleobury Mortimer is a small market town in the south east of the Shropshire. Midpoint between the Clee Hills and the Wyre Forest, the town of Cleobury Mortimer is an ideal base for exploring these areas. The name of Cleobury is thought to be derived from the old English *clifu* meaning a steep place and *burg* meaning dwellings within a fortified settlement. Another suggested origin is from the old English word for clay which describes the soil of the area. Mortimer originates from Ranulph de Mortimer of Normandy who was granted the land after the Norman Conquest. The town was granted its town market charter in 1253 and regular farmers markets continue to be held.



Cleobury Mortimer today is a small rural town supporting the rural agricultural hinterland however in the 16th century the town played a role in the industrial revolution. The establishment of furnaces and forges led to the production of high-quality wrought iron. The decline of industry in the 19th century led to the town returning to its roots as a rural market town.

Monthly markets are held around St Mary's Church and attracts local producers. Check the website for details and dates <http://www.cleoburycountryfarmersmarket.co.uk/Home>

### **3.3 List of Parishes and Local Elected Members**

This Place Plan area covers the following Town and Parish Councils:

- Boraston Parish Meeting
- Cleobury Mortimer Town Council
- Coreley Parish Council
- Farlow Parish Council
- Hopton Wafers Parish Council
- Kinlet Parish Council
- Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
- Nash Parish Council
- Neen Savage Parish Council
- Stottesdon Sidbury Parish Council
- Wheathill Parish Council

The following Elected Members of Shropshire Council represent constituencies within this Place Plan area:

- Cllr Gwilym Butler (Cleobury Mortimer Ward)
- Cllr Madge Shingleton (Cleobury Mortimer Ward)
- Cllr Richard Huffer (Clee Ward)

### **3.4 Other local plans**

When developing the Place Plan for an area, Shropshire Council also looks at any other local plans and strategies that focus on infrastructure needs within this particular area. For Cleobury Mortimer and the surrounding area, the relevant plans include:

#### **Community Led or Parish Plans:**

- Cleobury Mortimer 2014 <https://www.cleobury.org.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Cleobury-Mortimer-Parish-Plan-2014.pdf>
- Coreley Parish Plan ongoing
- Farlow and Oretton 2016 <http://farlowparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/FarlowParishPlan2015DRAFTv2.pdf>
- Hopton Wafers – Parish Plan 2012 hard copy available
- Kinlet Parish Plan refresh 2012 <http://www.kinlet-parish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/KPPrevisedActionPlanAutumn2012.pdf>
- Neen Savage Community Led Plan 2014 – hard copy available
- Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Plan 2012 <https://www.stottesdonpc.co.uk/sites/default/files/parish-plan-2012-for-website.pdf>

#### **Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Plan 'Light':**

- Cleobury Mortimer - ongoing

## 4. Reviewing the Place Plan

### 4.1 Previous reviews

To date, the Place Plans have been updated through conversations with Town and Parish Councils, Local Elected Members, infrastructure and service providers, and local businesses. The ambition was to hold such conversations on an annual basis, but this approach has been difficult for the Council to resource, and has not enabled the Place Plans to be quickly and easily updated in response to changing local circumstances.

### 4.2 Future reviews

Undertaking an annual conversation involves significant consultation and engagement across the county. In light of current resource constraints, Shropshire Council will therefore now update the Place Plans on a rolling basis. This means that the Place Plans are 'live' documents, which can be updated as required in order to reflect changing infrastructure needs within a community. Town and Parish Councils will be able to submit projects for inclusion in their Place Plan on an ongoing basis.

A summary of the process that we will follow to review and incorporate these updates is shown below and overleaf.

Update required	Process
The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project	The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer (see contact details at Annexe 1). This can be done via letter, email, or conversation and discussion.  Shropshire Council's Internal Infrastructure Group (a group of officers with responsibility for delivery of infrastructure) will consider

	<p>the information and agree any amendments that need to be made to the Place Plan.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will then be shared with the Strategic Infrastructure Forum (external infrastructure providers, such as utility companies, Environment Agency, etc.) for their input.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will feedback the results of the discussions to the Town or Parish Council, and the final form of the amendment will be agreed.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan, and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>
<p>The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Neighbourhood Project</p>	<p>The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will consult with internal and external partners to ensure that there are no reasons why the project should not be included.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the required changes to the Place Plan, and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>
<p>Shropshire Council or an external infrastructure provider wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project</p>	<p>The relevant Place Plan Officer will contact all Town and Parish Councils in the Place Plan area to discuss any proposed amendments to A and B projects.</p> <p>Once any amendments have been discussed and agreed, the Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan, and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>

## Annexe 1 Supporting information

For more information on Shropshire Council's planning policies, please go to:  
<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/>

For more information on Place Plans, please go to: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/place-plans>  
or contact your Place Plan Officer via [PlacePlans@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:PlacePlans@shropshire.gov.uk)

For additional information on Council services, please refer to the telephone numbers below:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Number</b>
General enquiries	0345 678 9000
Housing benefit	0345 678 9001
Council tax	0345 678 9002
Business rates	0345 678 9003
Planning and building control	0345 678 9004
Housing	0345 678 9005
Streets, roads and transport	0345 678 9006
Bins and recycling	0345 678 9007
School admissions, free school meals and school transport	0345 678 9008
Concerns for the welfare of a child/children's social care or early help support	0345 678 9021
Registrars	0345 678 9016
Concerns for a vulnerable adult and Adult Social Care	0345 678 9044
Elections	0345 678 9015

Alternatively, you can contact us via our website using the online enquiries form:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/forms/contact-us?>

For more information on health provision, please contact Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group directly:

NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group,  
William Farr House,  
Mytton Oak Road,  
Shrewsbury,  
SY3 8XL.

Tel: 01743 277500 (main switchboard)  
Email: [SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net](mailto:SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net)