

NEEDHAM MARKET TOWN COUNCIL



Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan

Our Neighbourhood Plan works over three phases.

<p>SURVEY Substantially completed</p>	<p>To understand the town and the issues it may face over the next 15 years, we have carried out a survey of the town – residents and businesses have commented in the survey process. The evidence base is substantially completed but the survey remains open if you still want to comment (please contact us as soon as you can)</p>
<p>ANALYSIS Current</p>	<p>The Town Council is now considering the findings from the survey process (some of which appear below) and will be developing some of the themes raised at forthcoming open workshops (details on reverse of this sheet). We are also asking interested agencies, such as our County/District Councils and the Health Authority, to contribute during this phase.</p>
<p>PLAN To follow</p>	<p>When final contributions have been received and analysis is complete the Town Council will publish a Neighbourhood Plan for Needham Market which will be offered for acceptance by residents. This will be in the form of a local referendum and run by the District Council. Residents will be asked to accept or reject the plan. The Town Council aims to complete the plan process by the end of 2014.</p>

“Our survey says...”

<p>The landscape around the town is important and is too precious to release for housing development unnecessarily – especially as there are other pieces of derelict or previously used land that should /could be developed first.</p>
<p>Needham Market is a great place to conduct business – The High Street is loved by its users and the people who operate there.</p>
<p>Manufacturing and other commercial activity is strong in the town’s industrial areas and this continues to provide a range of job opportunities.</p>
<p>The lorry weight limit in the High Street does not create a problem for local businesses so there may be no objection to continuing this safeguard for our Conservation Area and Listed buildings.</p>
<p>Large vehicles continue to be a problem at the low railway bridge by Needham Lake.</p>
<p>Many concerns have been expressed regarding the access to, parking at and getting appointments with a doctor at the Needham Market Country Practice.</p>

Based on the responses to the survey the Neighbourhood Plan will:

<p>Acknowledge what works well within the town and how this can be maintained.</p>	<p>Recognise where improvements to the town are needed over the fifteen years of the plan period.</p>	<p>Identify the additional amenities and services which are essential if growth takes place.</p>
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**Residents and Members of the Business Community
are cordially invited to attend**

'drop-in' sessions

to be held on Saturday 20th September

at Needham Market Community Centre

10:30am to 12:30pm

2:30pm to 4:30pm

**Please come and tell us what
you feel is important for the
future well-being of our town**