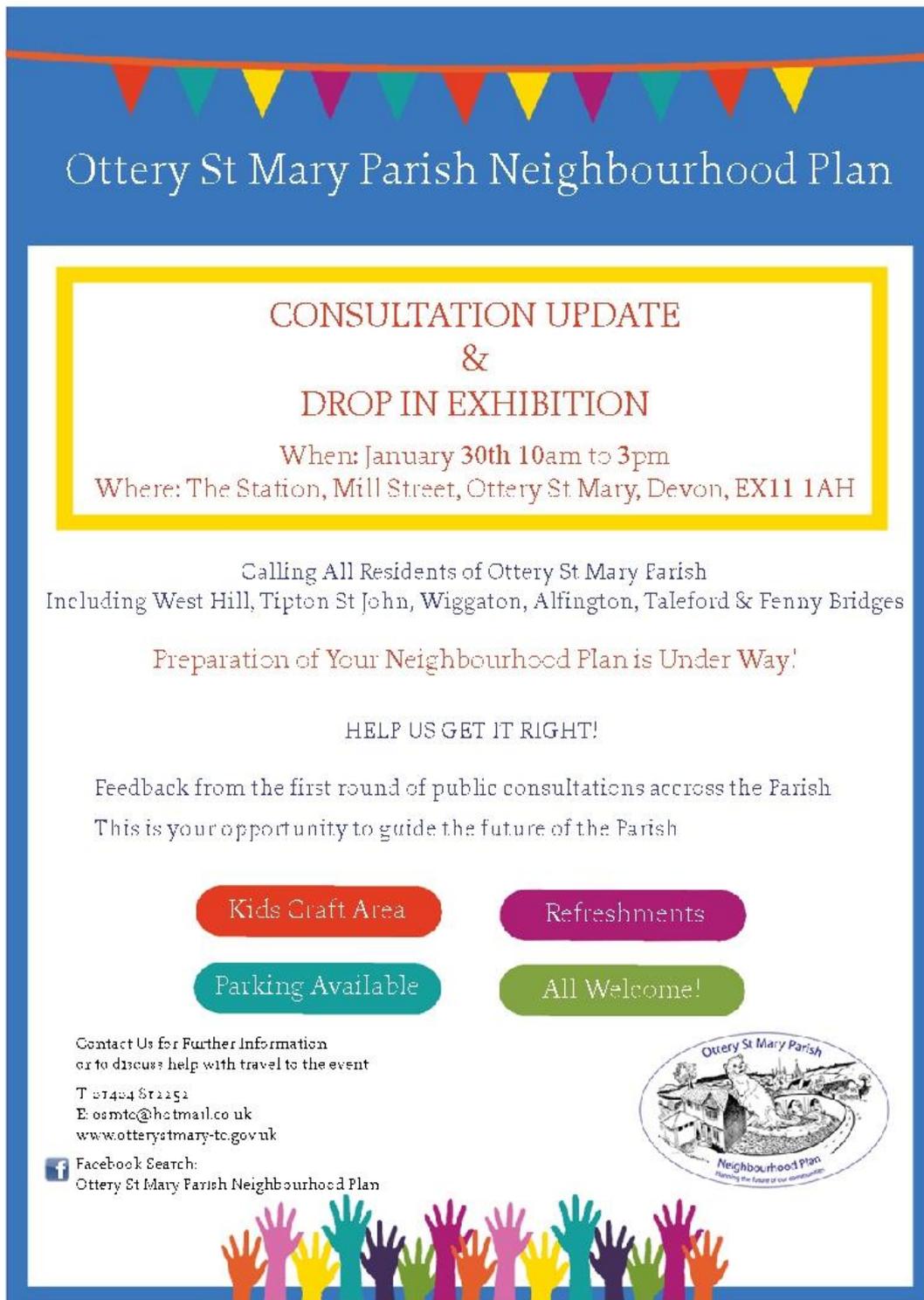


Appendix E Themes & Objectives Publicity Material & Exhibition Material

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Ottery St Mary Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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Kids Craft Area

Refreshments

Parking Available

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West Hill Messenger

January 2016

Neighbourhood Plan

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This is **YOUR** chance to shape the future of development in West Hill. If you were unable to attend the workshop but would like to be involved, contact me or one of the West Hill councillors on Ottery St Mary Town Council.

Article in Tipton Times November 2015 & Ottery Gazette January 2016

OTTERY ST MARY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CONSULTATION UPDATE AND INTERACTIVE FAMILY EXHIBITION EVENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF OTTERY ST MARY PARISH (INCLUDING Residents of West Hill, Tipton St John, Wiggaton, Alfington, Taleford and Fenny Bridges)

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- Drop-in exhibition
- Feedback from the first round of public consultations across the Parish
- Have your say on the emerging policy themes!

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The Station, Mill Street, Ottery St Mary, Devon EX11 1AH



Alfington Parish Pump

From the Winter 2015/2016 issue

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESSING - WITH YOUR HELP

If you live in Alfington, Taleford, Fenny Bridges West Hill Tipton St John, Wiggaton or Ottery St Mary - then preparation of your Neighbourhood Plan is now under way. There's an opportunity to find out how the plan is progressing, and have a say in its development, at an exhibition at the end of January.

You can hear feedback from the first round of public consultations around the Parish, and have your say on emerging policy themes at a drop-in style consultation update and interactive family exhibition taking place at The Station, Mill Street, Ottery St Mary EX11 1AH on Saturday, 30th January 2016. Parking is available, there will be a kids craft area, and refreshments too. Do come along anytime between 10am and 3pm, and have your say on how your Neighbourhood Plan develops. Everyone is welcome.

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives and Policy Themes presented at exhibition of 30th January 2016

Objective		Policy theme and Projects
1	Protecting and enhancing the character of our settlements	Sensitive, High Quality Design
		Protect existing Local Green Spaces
		Green wedges
		Flood Risk and Drainage
		Flood Defences
2	Valuing nature and our landscape	Development outside of Built Up Area Boundaries (BUABs)
		Protection of Local Wildlife Sites and Features of Ecological Value
3	Celebrating our heritage which is central to the character and 'sense of place' of the Parish	Enhancing the character of OSM Conservation Area
		Historic Parkland Landscapes
		Buildings of local historic interest
4	Enhancing and supporting linkages and accessibility	Accessible developments
		Fention to Sidmouth cycle link
		PROJECT: identifying and delivering a Local Green Infrastructure Network comprising of a network of off-road footpaths and cycleways with the aim of providing 'all weather' linkages between the settlements of the Parish
5	Supporting the housing needs of the current and future community of the Parish	Appropriate housing mix
6	Ensuring that the physical and social infrastructure needs of the community are met	Demonstrating infrastructure capacity
		Supporting and protecting health and social care infrastructure
		Supporting schools
7	Meeting the social, recreational and cultural needs of the community within the Parish as far as possible	Community Facilities of Value
		Protection and enhancement of sports and play facilities
		PROJECT: Further investigation is required to assess the potential demand and viability of construction and operation of a swimming pool
8	Supporting the Local Economy	Tourist facilities
		Working from Home
		Employment units at Finnimore Industrial Estate
		PROJECT: The Town Council will seek to agree landscaping and signage improvements in relation to the existing Industrial Estate frontage to reduce its visual impact on Barrack Road
OSM 1	Focusing future development on the western side of the River Otter in the interest of accessibility to the A30 and to minimise traffic impact on the Town Centre	Location of Development
		Land identified for Education
OSM 2	Enhancing Ottery St Mary Town Centre	Town centre public realm enhancements
		Town centre shops and facilities

		Car parking serving the town centre PROJECT: identify and realise a programme of public realm enhancements to improve and support the attractiveness and vitality of the town centre PROJECT: Options for additional parking for OSM will be investigated by the Town Council
West Hill 1	To protect and maintain the unique character and special qualities of West Hill, whilst enhancing the settlement's sustainability and inclusiveness	West Hill Design Policy
		West Hill Playing field
		PROJECT: West Hill Residents Group together with the Town Council and EDDC will continue to investigate potential playfield locations and secure this facility during the plan period.
		PROJECT: investigate the potential for a public right of way to provide public access to the listed historic monument of Belbury Castle to the east of the village.
Smaller Settlements 1	The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to support a sustainable future for the smaller settlements which protects their special character whilst allowing for a vibrant future, recognising the needs of the community.	Housing Allocation – Alfington
		Primary School Allocation – Tipton St John
		Angela Court - Tipton St John
		PROJECT: The Town Council will continue to be aware of road safety issues and to liaise with DCC Highways to seek solutions including reduced speed limits and weight restrictions.

Press Release February 2016

Ottery St Mary Parish Neighbourhood Plan –

Well-attended public exhibition marks the latest step in the development of the Ottery St Mary Parish Neighbourhood Plan

A public exhibition event, presenting the progress of the Ottery St Mary Parish Neighbourhood Plan, was held by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and consultants LDA Design on Saturday 30th January 2016. The event, held at The Station in Ottery St Mary, attracted a number of interested members of community and provided an opportunity for locals to comment on how the Neighbourhood Plan is developing at this early stage.

Information was provided on feedback received from the Visioning Workshops held across the Parish in autumn 2015. Exhibition boards presented the suggested vision for the Neighbourhood Plan, along with a number of objectives and policy themes that the Neighbourhood Plan could include. Copies of the exhibition boards that were displayed are available to view on the Ottery St Mary Town Council website.

The next stage for the Working Group and their consultants is to process the feedback received from the exhibition and produce the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This will be presented to the community for a formal round of consultation towards the end of this summer. Details on when to get involved in this round of consultation will be provided closer to the time on the Town Council website, the Ottery St Mary Parish Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page and in the local press.

[Photo of event attached to cover email]

Alfington Parish Pump

From the Spring 2016 issue

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE - by *Dave Moss*

The Ottery St Mary Parish is steeped in history, with a conservation area including much of Ottery town centre, and parkland to the north. This area is on the Historic England 'At Risk' register, through physical decay, modernising development and other issues. Also, it seems no Conservation Area Management Plan exists to work towards removing that "at risk" status.

From consultations already undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, (NPWG) the town's past and its historic buildings are seen as important elements of Ottery's character and appeal - and there's a local desire to improve the town centre environment. The Neighbourhood Plan offers a great opportunity in both areas, by defining policies to help shape future town centre and conservation area improvements.

The extent of the problems has only recently come to light, but with the help of Historic England, Ottery St Mary Town Council and the NPWG are seeking to identify what's needed and achievable in coming years in relation to the area's heritage, the conservation area and town centre. However, suitable policies have yet to be formulated, with much depending on a formal review of the current situation, from which studies can indicate the range and type of measures that might be both possible and desirable. Most importantly, funding sources also need to be identified, so preferred measures can be taken forward.

Overall, the Group is currently looking to identify what might realistically be incorporated in the emerging plan to help drive improvements in the conservation area's status - supporting a more far-reaching framework ultimately aimed at removing the 'at risk' grading and reinvigorating the town centre. Quite how to achieve all that is still being considered - for its a big, wide-ranging and costly task, requiring everything from professional assessments and reporting through to identifying and prioritising local people's concerns.

One promising suggestion is to form a new Heritage "action group" under the wing of the Town Council, tasked with looking at the whole issue. Decisions on such things are outside the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, but such information is central to formulating the plan's policies - so we really can't stop now. Current discussions in Ottery's "corridors of power," initially centred on reversing years of conservation area decline, could be the start of exciting times for the future of our historic town.

If you have any thoughts on how the Neighbourhood plan might address the challenges facing the Ottery St Mary Conservation area, please contact the working group via the Town Council Offices.



From the Summer 2016 issue

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE - by Dave Moss

The key task of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG) is to set out a future vision and objectives for the Parish alongside workable policies to guide future development and land use. The Group has already heard that Ottery's town centre Conservation Area is currently on the 'Heritage at Risk' register. Reversing this situation links directly to the town's so called "Public Realm" - which is perhaps best described as how buildings link to the areas between them, and their use: streets, roads, spaces, pathways and 'street furniture.'

Experts affirm the Public Realm is the key to quality of life in towns and cities, providing a framework for their perception and use. It should, they say, tempt people to slow down, stop and chat, provoke thought, watch the world go by - and move easily through. Its quality is influenced by the arrangement of buildings, how spaces are overlooked and enclosed - and the character, quality, design and positioning of street hardware. Overall it should help both town centre economic performance, and public perception of historic and natural assets.

Consultants LDA design have produced an outline Public Realm study for the NPWG and Ottery Town Council. It identifies traffic volume and speed, and number of heavy goods vehicles cutting through the town, as major issues, not helped by narrow pavements and excessive, awkwardly positioned road signage. A lack of 'cultural uses' are also noted, with no opportunities for outdoor café seating, and minimal 'social' traffic-free spaces. A need to strike a better balance between vehicles and people/ movement and place is identified, for a future "promoting appreciation and enjoyment." This vision would be achieved by balancing traffic impact against a more comfortable, user friendly town centre with pedestrian priority, encouraging people to linger longer.

Some suggestions could provoke very mixed feelings. "The town centre and Broad Street would benefit from visual cues to further slow traffic, and road width reductions to minimum standards... with tightened junction turning radii, creation of high quality seating areas in the sun to combat a lack of open public spaces, trees, cycle parking and opportunities for outdoor café seating.."



What if Broad Street looked like this? >>>

Re-location of the bus-stop is suggested to free up pedestrian-only space, coupled with removal of "unnecessary white and yellow lining." On offsetting negative HGV impact, Alfington residents may be somewhat dismayed by the statement that "Otter Nurseries deliveries from the north via Alfington Road should be encouraged to continue."



Overall, far reaching changes to the town's character are suggested, with possibilities ranging from a co-ordinated shop front approach - whilst maintaining businesses' individual identity - to use of tastefully coloured paving materials, and coordinated, higher quality, street furniture and lighting.

Ottery Town Council's Planning Committee considered the report on June 13th: its minutes will be published in July. NPWG members are also considering the study, to ensure the emerging Neighbourhood Plan includes an appropriate future framework. A first draft is expected in the Autumn. These, though, are early steps on a long road. Change on the scale suggested would require both public acceptance and major funding - alongside detailed collaborative inter-agency working, and creative, even revolutionary, design thinking - none of which the town has seen before. Any "button-pushing" decision rests with the Town Council - but as yet, even the talking has hardly begun.

Ottery St Mary has a unique history and special charm, and is currently seeing much new house building, putting its familiar character under pressure. Neighbourhood plan work is helping focus thoughts and minds - for the first time in decades - on key "matters arising," including risks to the town's heritage - and its future. The LDA report reveals the fading, sometimes unwelcoming character of Ottery's public places today, and especially the negative impact of traffic.

Yet it's also a blueprint of hope, outlining a vision full of new and exciting possibilities. Here, the Neighbourhood plan working group - spurred on by the 'Heritage at Risk' designation and this new study - is determined to develop the best possible framework for the Parish, to help the community seize this and other opportunities, and enable positive change in years to come.

Press Release September 2016

THE PROGRESS OF THE OTTERY ST MARY AND WEST HILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Cllr Jo Talbot, Ottery St Mary Town Council

Alfington Parish Pump

From the Autumn 2016 issue

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Ottery St Mary Parish Neighbourhood plan has gained a new name with the news that West Hill will form its own Parish Council, entirely separate from Ottery St Mary, in Spring 2017. From now on it will be known as the Ottery St Mary and West Hill Parish Neighbourhood plan, and here, the Working Group's chairman, Councillor Jo Talbot, reviews recent progress - and what happens next.

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