

## **FUTURE VISION FOR TOWN APPROVED BY COUNCILLORS**

Newbury Town Council has formally approved its Town Plan, which sets out priorities and objectives for the future planning and development of Newbury from 2019 to 2036.

The Plan deals with the character and the future role of the Town, as well as economic development, environmental issues and a range of services covering transport, recreation, the arts, educational and health and wellbeing.

The Council will now seek for the Plan to be included in West Berkshire Council's Local Plan, and for it to be adopted as a material consideration in the planning process. This means that proposals outlined in the plan would be taken into account when decisions are made on future planning applications.

Cllr Anthony Pick, who chaired the Town Plan Steering Group, said: "Throughout our discussions with councillors and senior officers at West Berkshire Council, the reaction to our plan has been positive and constructive. The support and involvement of the neighbouring parishes of Greenham, Speen, Shaw-cum-Donnington and Enborne has been essential and very much appreciated."

Cllr Miles Evans, Deputy Leader of the Council, added: "Planning for the future is never an easy exercise but with our Town Plan now officially adopted, we can ensure that the decisions we're making today are in the long-term interests of Newbury and the residents we represent."

Newbury Town Council's Town Plan can be viewed on the Town Council website, [www.newbury.gov.uk](http://www.newbury.gov.uk) or purchased from the Town Hall at £5 per copy.

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