

MPC Meeting December 2019

Neighbourhood planning report

Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report – 27th November 2019

1. 2500 copies of the “Household” and 250 copies of the “Youth” questionnaire were collected from the County Council’s printing unit on Tuesday 5th November. By the afternoon of 9th November over **2,100** copies of the “Household” one had been delivered to houses across the parish. Steering group members, supported by wives/husbands, plus a volunteer from the community library delivered them.
2. “Youth” questionnaires weren’t delivered to individual houses, but instead were held for distribution to interested groups like the Scouts; Queen Bees etc.
3. Spare copies of the both questionnaires are available at the community centre and the library. Collection boxes were prepared and left at: community centre; community library and the coffee bar at Markfield Court.
4. At the same time the online versions of both questionnaires went live. There may be an issue with the “Youth” one, which is currently being investigated.
5. To help anybody who had questions about either questionnaire or the Neighbourhood Planning process, a drop-in session was held at the library, on 16th November between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. It was attended by 15 to 20 people. Some of whom completed questionnaires whilst there.
6. A Steering Group member met the Queen Bee group, to talk about the Neighbourhood Plan, engage in discussions about it and encourage completion of the “Youth version.
7. Another Steering Group member contacted Markfield Scouts and they too have discussed it and will hopefully be completing their questionnaires.
8. South Charnwood school have been very supportive, with arrangements being made for their “Markfield” pupils to complete the “Youth” questionnaire online, whilst at school.
9. The return rate has been steady, with the following so far received and logged:
 - **139 to the community centre**
 - **60 to the library.**
 - **8 to the Markfield Court coffee bar.**
 - **31 have been completed online**
 - **Total completed to date: 238**
10. The questionnaires and the drop-in session have been publicised via 3 different Facebook sites. An article was prepared for the November edition of “The Herald” but was unfortunately overlooked.

11. At the Steering Group meeting of 26th November, it was agreed to extend the closing date for receipt of questionnaires until **Monday 9th December**.
12. Analysis of the questionnaire's findings should be completed by early February 2020.
13. An agent acting for housebuilder Taylor-Wimpey contacted the Steering Group via its website, to request a meeting to discuss their interest in a site at Field Head. That request has been forwarded to Markfield Parish Council and a holding reply sent to the agent.
14. Thanks, must be given to staff at the community centre, library and Markfield Court for their assistance with the publicising and collection of questionnaires and to the chief data loggers – Di and Jacqui.
15. The next Steering Group meeting is on 14th January 7pm at the Community Library

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