

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan, copy for The Link, December 2018.

HELP SHAPE DATCHET'S FUTURE

Come along to the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in Session on 27 January and make sure your views are heard

Over the past few months, the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan team has been conducting Character Assessment walks around the village, asking residents what works well and what can be improved by better planning.

We started by looking at key routes through the village (Slough Road, Eton Road, London Road, Ditton Road, Horton Road), the village centre Conservation Area, Holmlea Road area, and Montagu Road. The information we've gathered has been collated to create a factual record, or 'evidence', of what we have in the village and to highlight areas you would like to see improved or protected. Even though we haven't covered the whole village, there are some common key themes and issues which are starting to emerge.

The next step is to share our findings with everyone. We need to know if you think we've included the most important planning issues. Is there anything we've missed? Or anything you disagree with? To do this, we're organising a drop-in session in the Village Hall on Allen Way on 27 January so that everyone can come along and see the evidence we've gathered. If you haven't been able to join us on a Character Assessment walk, this is an opportunity to make your views heard. And if you have joined us, please come along and see whether we've included everything you think is relevant.

No-one knows an area better than the people who live there. With everyone's help, we'll be able to determine the key planning issues for Datchet, and then we can start to draft and develop policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Datchet's Neighbourhood Plan will support the conservation and enhancement of Datchet's local character so that any new development can be designed to fit in sensitively. It will

also help to set out criteria for positive change in areas which have been identified as being in need of upgrading or redevelopment, for example green or open spaces which could be enhanced; pedestrian or cycle routes which could be improved, and we hope it will help to provide additional protection for the Conservation Area.

If you'd like a preview of the Character Assessments, we've started to publish draft versions on the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan website. If you can't come along to the Drop-in Session, you can also comment online; please use the 'contact us' page on the website. Or write to the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan team, c/o Datchet Parish Council Office, 1 Allen Way, Datchet, SL3 9HR.

**For more information about Datchet's Neighbourhood Plan, please visit
www.datchetneighbourhoodplan.org**



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Please come along to the
Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in Session
On Sunday 27 January 2019
At Datchet Village Hall, Allen Way, Datchet SL3 9HR
From 11.30am to 4pm

Ends