



10th February 2017

Consultation

Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy: Formal Consultation Period open to 5pm, 20th March 2017

Having considered the issues raised through the examination process, the Inspector issued his views on further modifications needed to the Local Plan Strategy on 13th December 2016. As a result, Cheshire East Council has proposed a series of Main Modifications to the Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes (March 2016 Version), which are considered necessary to make the plan sound and capable of adoption.

These Proposed Main Modifications are now published for six weeks of public consultation, ending **5:00pm on Monday 20 March 2017**. The consultation documents are available at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan and in Cheshire East customer service centres and libraries, including Poynton library. Full details of the consultation are available to [view online](#).

After the consultation, the Inspector will consider all duly-made representations before submitting his final report into the legal compliance and soundness of the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy. Further information from CEC www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/localplan, by email to localplan@cheshireeast.gov.uk or by telephone on 01270 685893.

Legal advice needed for the Local Plan

Poynton Town Council has met with David Rutley MP to raise concerns about the Cheshire East Local Plan and discuss how to move forward, and will be considering the response to the consultation at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting on Monday 13th February. We are looking for some pro-bono legal advice and would welcome you to contact us for a no obligation conversation about this. Please email liz.osborn@poyntontowncouncil.org.uk or ring 01625 872238.

Poynton Town Council precept for 2017/18

The Town Council sets an annual precept as part of the Council Tax to help pay for the many local services it provides. The Council works hard to keep the precept low and makes savings wherever possible. This year the Council was faced with an unexpected rise of over £15,000 in the business rates for the Civic Hall. We are currently appealing against this revaluation. Cheshire East Council has also cut a grant which they paid to reduce the precept – last year this was almost £6,000.

The Town Council currently part funds five Police Community Support Officers. The nature of neighbourhood policing is changing, probably from April 2018, and the Town Council is looking into other community policing options. We have added £30,000 to the budget, so we are ready for these changes and can ensure Poynton remains a safe place to live.

The Town Council's precept for 2017/18 is £429,313, an increase over the current year of £31,161 (7.83%). For a Band D home, the annual precept is £74.15 a year, or £1.43 per week – an increase of less than 11 pence a week. We believe that this represents good value for money when measured against all the additional services in Poynton which are provided by the Town Council. These include:

- Hockley and Brecon Close play areas
- The majority of Lady's and Prince's Inclines
- CCTV monitoring – five cameras in the centre of Poynton
- Graffiti removal
- Coppice Road allotments
- Five PCSOs (part funded with Cheshire Police)
- The Town Council owns and maintains the Civic Hall, home to many local voluntary organisations and clubs
- We support the Time-Out café which provides social contact and the Wednesday Lunch Club for older people who are frail and/or have memory problems. The Town Council took over the Lunch Club from Age UK when they moved to Macclesfield.
- Many local organisations and community events receive funding from the Council, including Poynton in Bloom, Higher Poynton Summerfest and the Christmas Fest.
- The Town Council acts as Poynton's voice on many issues, including the Cheshire East Local Plan, defending the Green Belt and protecting the environment.

The Communities Co-ordinator promotes health and well-being initiatives for both older and younger people, working with voluntary groups and service providers to ensure Poynton is a strong and resilient community. These include Men in Sheds, Age UK, the Police and medical centres. A key project currently being developed is to make Poynton a dementia friendly town.

The Operations Manager and Village Ranger have a key role working with Cheshire East, pushing for road and footpath repairs and lighting improvements; dealing with residents' enquiries, dog fouling and litter problems; repainting key street signs; emptying bins and similar jobs maintaining Poynton's infrastructure.

Town Councillors receive no form of salary, attendance or other allowances and give freely of their time. Poynton Town Council's website is www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

Poynton Mayor's Golden Hog Roast, Saturday 11th March, 2pm to 5pm – an invitation

Councillor Mrs Sandra Horsman, Poynton Town Mayor, is inviting you to an afternoon of hog roast, food, music, wine and general entertainment in aid of Ollie's Army. All welcome. £15 adult, £7 child. For tickets, please call in to Poynton Civic Hall or ring 01625 872238.

Hockley Park refurbishment

New drainage has been installed and the park is closed while the ground dries out and recovers. The new play equipment will be installed in March.

Annual Civic Awards

The Town Mayor presented awards to three winners before the January Town Council meeting as they had been unable to attend the 2016 civic reception. Keith Lambert received a Certificate of Civic Service while Libby Harkins and Emma Wylie received the Certificates of Youth Civic Service. Congratulations from the Town Council.

Légion d'Honneur

The Town Council congratulates Poynton resident Roy Bennett on receiving the Légion d'Honneur. This is France's highest military award and is being presented to all surviving British and Commonwealth servicemen involved in the D-Day landings to honour their part in the liberation of France. Roy was a Royal Marine Commando in Normandy on 6th June 1944.

Park Lane

Cheshire East highways will be attending to the three refuges on Chester Road between the Railway Bridge and Woodford Road, fixing their lighting and cleaning the reflective bollards and replacing where necessary.

Park Lane now has 11 new bins which replace the old wooden and black ones which had been damaged by vehicles.

The utilities companies continue to dig up the shared space area, filling with concrete and tarmac as a temporary measure while they source the matching stone from China. Poynton Town Council are working hard to hold the utility companies to account as they have a legal obligation to replace what they remove like for like.

Let's loop Poynton

Hearing Loops make listening easier for people who use hearing aids or cochlear implants. They are needed in shops, banks, offices, hospitals, theatres and many other public places that people visit every day. The Let's Loop Poynton group are working in partnership with charity 'Action on Hearing Loss' to improve the quality of hearing loops in Poynton. This is part of a wider initiative called Let's Loop the UK and led by Poynton Rotary Club.

The group are looking for volunteers to check the hearing loops in Poynton and make sure that they are being used to their full potential. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like further information, contact lets.loop.poynton@poyntonrotary.com or 01625 872987 or drop-in at the Acoustic Lounge on Thursday 16th February 10am.

Twinning Association of Poynton (TAP) Annual General Meeting

This takes place at 7.30pm on Friday 17th February, at the British Legion. After the brief formal business of the AGM is a social evening, and supper is offered at £5 per person - optional, but advance booking is required. If you are contemplating a trip to France this year, and are interested in visiting our new twin town of Haybes in the Ardennes region, let TAP know on the night for advice on hotels, camp sites etc. Further information from the TAP Secretary, Glenys Parry Jones on glenys.parryjones@ntlworld.com.

Criminals targeting dogs and thefts from cars

There may be criminals targeting dog thefts in the Green Lane area of Poynton. Please report any concerns to the Police on 101, or 999 in case of emergency, or discuss with a Police and Community Support Officer.

Recently several vehicles across Poynton have been entered and items stolen, including in Mallard Crescent and Coppice Road. The Police advise you to secure vehicles and remove valuable items. Report any suspicious behaviour to 101 or 999 if a crime is taking place.

Unsigned letter

The Town Council has received an unsigned letter regarding issues on the Coppice. We are unable to pursue this without further information - please would the author contact the Clerk.

February 2017		
All events are in the Civic Hall, off Park Lane, Poynton SK12 1RB		
Mon 13 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee meeting
Thurs 16 th (all Thursdays)	9.30am- 10.30am	New: Kickstarter 8by8. Pre-school football. Contact info@8by8football.co.uk or 07853 273578
Thurs 16 th (all Thursdays)	7.30pm- 8.30pm	New: Fighting Fit Core stability exercise class. Pay as you go £5 per week. Contact Janette on 07739073367
Mon 20 th	8pm	Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting
Thurs 23 rd	9am- 12.30pm	Business Jelly café for freelancers and small business people, wifi, refreshments, Poynton in Business host, £3
Sun 26 th (last Sun, except 19 th Mar)	4pm- 6pm	New: Restorative Yoga. £12/£10 concessions. Call Emma on 07977 886779
Mon 27 th	8pm	Community, Order and Public Safety Committee meeting
March 2017		
Sat 3 rd	10am- 12 noon	Councillor and PCSO Surgery. Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 01625 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am
Mon 6 th	8pm	Planning and Environment Committee meeting
Sat 11 th	2pm- 5pm	Poynton Mayor's Golden Hog Roast. An afternoon of food, music, wine and general entertainment in aid of Ollie's Army. All welcome. £15 adult, £7 child. For tickets call in to the Civic Hall or ring 872238

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