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A Consultation on the proposed changes to the Southwell Neighbourhood Plan was carried out between 25th July and 26th September 2023. The Proposed Changes and associated documents were published on the Town Council's website and responses were invited either in writing / email or via an online response form.

The documents for the review were placed on the Town Council's website with a link to the on-line questionnaire. Hard copies of the documents and the questionnaire were placed in Southwell Library and the Town Council offices in time for the start of the consultation period on 7th July 2023.

The consultation was advertised in The Bramley newspaper, published on 7th July (delivered to all houses in Southwell and District), on Southwell Community Chat Facebook Page on 14th and 28th July (4,700 members), on the Southwell U3A website on 20th July (772 members) and at the meeting of 1st August (200 members present).

It was also advertised by the Local Liberal Democrats, by Green Southwell, and by the Southwell Civic Society to all their members.

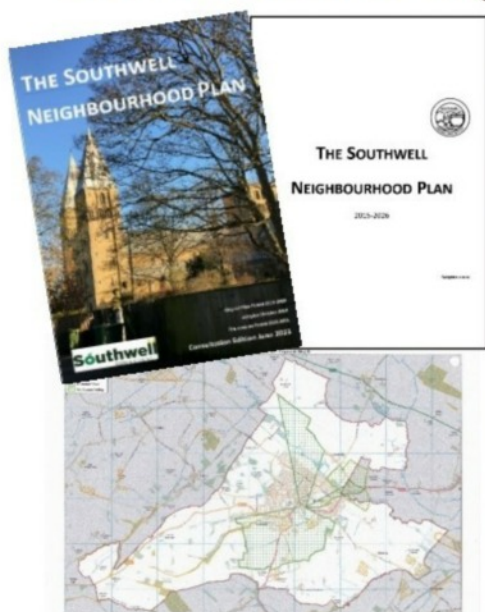
Town Council Officers emailed and leafleted all the businesses in the town and Newark and Sherwood District Council emailed a letter from the Town Council to relevant landowners and statutory Consultees as prescribed by the regulations.

Direct contact with the public was made with a stall on Southwell Market on the morning of Saturday 8th July and with drop in sessions in Southwell Library on Tuesday 11th (evening) and Saturday 15th (morning).

Responses

In total, **63** online responses were received from respondents. Further comments were received from several landowners and/or their representatives and detailed comments have been received from Newark and Sherwood District Council.

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The area covered by the Plan

Bramley Article 7th July 2023

Public Consultation about to begin

Neighbourhood Plans guide decisions about the way places will change. Very importantly, they influence decisions on applications for planning permission to put up new buildings or make other changes that are referred to as "development". Each Neighbourhood Plan is prepared by and for the community that lives in the place to which it relates.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Southwell was approved at a community referendum in 2016, and then formally adopted by Newark and Sherwood District Council in October of that year. Since then, Southwell's Neighbourhood Plan has formed part of the Development Plan for the district and it is used in conjunction with the other components (the Core Strategy and Allocations and Development Management DPD) to determine planning application and appeals in the parish of Southwell.

This consultation is being carried out on behalf of Southwell Town Council by a Working Group made up of local residents and town councillors who have been working over the past couple of years to review the Southwell Neighbourhood Plan and would now like to know what other members of the community think about changes that are being proposed.

Copies of the Original Plan, the proposed New Plan, a Report showing the precise changes and supporting documents are available to view at Southwell Town Council Offices and Southwell Library together with a paper questionnaire.

However we would prefer you to save paper and do it online. You can find all the documents and a link to the questionnaire on the Town Council's web site at <https://www.southwellcouncil.com/neighbourhood-plan/> Responses must be returned by 18th August.

Come and meet members of the Working Group on the Market on 8th July and in Southwell Library on Tuesday 11th July 7pm - 9pm and on Saturday 15th July from 10am until 12 noon.

Southwell u3a NEWS & EVENTS:

News of our AGM, Tuesday 1 August 2023: [AGM 2023](#) & subsequent "Social"

We have a new "Handbook for Group Leaders", from July 23, for consultation and comment

Another new group forming! Anyone for a [quiz?](#)

We need [volunteers](#) to support our many Southwell u3a activities

GOOD CAUSES & RELATED INFORMATION (Not related to Southwell u3a):

Newsflash! We have been asked to alert members to the Southwell Neighbourhood Plan Revision Consultation. This could make significant changes to Southwell - [Click here for details](#)

1. An appeal for members willing to support local refugees - [details](#)

2. Mesothelioma :

We have been contacted by Julie from The Mesothelioma Center (Asbestos.com): Older people make up around 80% of those diagnosed with mesothelioma since it takes anywhere from 20-50 years after exposure to occur. There is a free information page here: <https://www.asbestos.com/mesothelioma/> and further information here: Mesothelioma-Information Plus a further two from "across the pond" here:

Southwell Neighbourhood Plan Revisions

Have your say!



A working Group of Councillors and residents has been revising the Southwell Neighbourhood Plan. This is now available for public consultation so you can have your say about the proposed changes.

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Southwell U3A Website (see red text)..... and the link takes you to this poster



Part of Southwell U3A meeting 1 August 2023

As the end of the original six weeks consultation period approached, we were made aware that many of the Local Landowners had not been contacted by the District Council. One of them provided a list of people they knew and we attempted to discover the others using the Land Registry map search facility. Unfortunately, this drew a blank. The landowners that we had been made aware of were contacted by email and the consultation period was extended by six weeks until the 29th September.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESULTS

The 2023 Southwell Town Plan has (1) Vision (6) Objectives and (23) policies

Vision/Objective/Policy	Respondents' comments on proposed changes:	
	% Agree	% Disagree
Vision		
a) Building a Strong Community – ensuring that the community is supported by a strong social structure and appropriate infrastructure. b) Supporting a Vibrant Trading Environment – to develop the economic vibrancy of the town and its hinterland. c) Delivering a Good Place to Live – Ensure the protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment and leisure facilities whilst allowing appropriate new development.	92.1%	7.9%

Objectives

1 To ensure that new development contributes positively to the social, economic and physical well-being of Southwell's community and the health of the environment, locally and globally.	95.2%	4.8%
2 To effectively protect and manage the natural environment in and around Southwell to achieve sustainable development and mitigate the effects of climate change.	84.1%	15.9%
3 To ensure that all development, regardless of type or location, contributes positively to the quality of Southwell's environment and does not detract from the town's unique character, historic environment and landscape setting.	85.7%	14.3%
4 To ensure that all residents and visitors have safe, convenient access to services, facilities and amenities whilst minimising transport-related pollution and congestion.	88.9%	11.1%
5 To protect and enhance the range of community facilities within the town to improve the quality of life for people both living and working in Southwell.	96.8%	3.2%
6 To support residential, and other employment-supporting development that meets strategic requirements for growth and promotes a sustainable relationship between homes and workplaces, whilst maximizing the benefits for the community.	84.1%	15.9%

Policies

(Showing average % of respondents in agreement per policy topic)

Environmental (6 policies)	77.7%	
Design and Heritage (3 policies)	79.3%	
Transport and Access (5 policies)	78.7%	
Community Facilities (proposed Policy Map change to designate areas of land around the edge of Southwell as protected open spaces.)	0%	100%
Housing and Employment (2 policies)	75.4%	
Site Specific Policies(3 policies)	84.1%	