



Newmarket Town Council

Neighbourhood Plan Committee Report

May 2021

The Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2031 was formally 'made' (adopted) on 25 February 2020.

It is a statutory development plan document for West Suffolk Council and Newmarket Town Council's Development & Planning Committee.

The plan is a material consideration within the parish of Newmarket for planning application purposes.

It was formulated by a Steering Group commissioned by Newmarket Town Council and contains 32 Policies and 57 Community Actions.

NTC has set up a NP Committee to progress the Community Actions in accordance with the Policies.

The NP Committee meets on the second Monday of each month and members of the public are welcome – indeed encouraged – to attend and participate, whether on behalf of any organisation or in a private capacity.

The intention of this Committee and the Council is to action the NNP and protect and promote the best interests of the whole of the Town.

There may be different views on how this is best achieved BUT we can hopefully arrive at a consensus in the best interests of ALL.

The basic intention of this and other committees AND the Council is to make Newmarket a good place to live, to work and to visit.

The Committee has addressed a number of Community Actions and currently has Working Groups of councillors and residents as follows ..

- a) Cycling & Public Transport (E4/E9)
- b) Public Realm & Associated Initiatives (F3/C3)
- c) Parking Strategy (E10)
- d) SEND provision (B3i)
- e) Yellow Brick Road (C7)
- f) Museum Working Group (A7) / Local History Trail
- g) Volunteer Working Group
- h) Newmarket Market (A9)
- i) Conservation Area Working Group (A1)

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These Working Groups report to the Committee which makes recommendations to the Council.

The reports of the Working Groups and the Committee can be found in the Committee minutes at

<https://www.newmarket.gov.uk/your-council/council-meetings-town-councillors/council-meetings/newmarket-neighbourhood-plan/>

Details of the Neighbourhood Plan, its Policies and Community Actions can be found at

<https://www.newmarket.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

<https://newmarket.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Newmarket-Neighbourhood-Plan-1.pdf>

<https://newmarket.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/NNP-Policies.pdf>

<https://newmarket.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Neighbourhood-Plan-Community-Actions.pdf>

Much of the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and its Working Groups are 'works in progress' requiring continual monitoring and review.

The Public Realm Working Group seeks to keep the town tidy, clean and attractive; the Yellow Brick Road Working Group is galvanizing associated parties to improve that area. It is hoped that Volunteers will come forward to assist with these works.

The Parking Working Group has been working with the district and county councils to address parking problems and, together with the Transport Working Group, is seeking finalisation of a 'Newmarket Transport Master Plan' which the county council has been developing for a number of years.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee has been working with a number of parties to realise its objectives, including (but not exclusively), Suffolk County Council, Highways, West Suffolk Council, the Jockey Club and Discover Newmarket.

Covid has hampered the work of the Committee and the Working Groups but (hopefully) in time we will achieve the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan Community Actions and Policies.

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