

## Appendix 7: Consultation Statement

# Marple Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement

This document outlines the extensive consultation carried out with our local community, businesses, Stockport Council and statutory consultees both before and during preparation of the Marple Neighbourhood Plan.

‘Our Marple Plan’ is our vision for the future for Marple. We are proud of Marple, and love living or working here. Marple is a dynamic community, and this document shows how we have included the priorities and concerns of consultees to make sure that the Marple of the future provides a good quality of life for everyone.



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## 1 Introduction and Background

This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI 637) Part 5 Paragraph 15 (2)<sup>1</sup> which defines a consultation statement as a document which:

- contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- explains how they were consulted;
- summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives relevant bodies powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in local areas. These powers give local people the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined.

The area was formally established on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and the forum designated by Stockport Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, renewed on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 after a Stockport MBC consultation from 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 1 October 2021. The mapped area and the council decision papers are shown in Appendix 6a. Both these processes include public consultation, although in the event, without comment other than supporting confirmation.

Consultations with Marple people, elected representatives and businesses over the production of this Neighbourhood Plan have been overwhelmingly positive and reflect a genuine desire to enhance the area, ensure a holistic view is taken and for the community to have a leading influence over planning decisions that affect our community.

## 2 Neighbourhood Forum and draft Plan

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was prepared by a Steering Group that included residents, businesses and elected Councillors. The draft Development Plan sought to establish specific and local planning policies for the development and use of land in the Neighbourhood Area and proposed the

main topic areas that the Policies would be developed from. The Neighbourhood Plan establishes a vision for the future taking into account the data gathered through community engagement and consultation alongside demographic and socio-economic data.

### 3 Initial consultation

A wide range of public consultation was carried out before the Neighbourhood Forum was set up. The following is a summary of the key consultations that have been carried out in Marple since 2010 on issues that are included in the plan.

**2010-12 The Marple Vision Partnership (MVP):** This was set up to take forward The Vision for Marple, a community project developed by Marple Civic Society to create a partnership between our community, Stockport Council and British Waterways (now Canal & River Trust). The process involved extensive consultation with individuals and community groups.

**2010 - Street Clutter Workshop:** The Civic Society ran a professional workshop to identify excessive street clutter that could be removed from the town centre. 98 items were identified and the report presented to, and accepted by the leader of the council, executive members, local councillors and senior officers. Five years later, only 3 minor items had been dealt with.

**2012 - The Glass-House Community Led Design:** The Civic Society ran two professional workshops to look at movement around Marple, accessibility to Marple Wharf and alternative schemes. It included a visit to Hollingworth Hub. Forty delegates attended. The group highlighted the barrier effect of Stockport Road which cuts Marple in two, and numerous other issues now addressed in the MNP.

**2012 – Place Check:** This assessed the quality of Marple as a place and developed strategies for change. A Government report concluded that this methodology could be used by local authorities throughout the planning process. The workshop, identified that to make the most of any new retail development in the town centre, there needed to be careful consideration of town centre design, public space and movement to avoid problems created by pedestrian barriers and traffic congestion.

**2012 - Kirkland Developments:** The Company carried out a comprehensive public consultation into a new food store at Chadwick Street including stakeholder meetings, website with a feedback form, a two-day public exhibition, 6,000 leaflets distributed to the Marple community, engagement with community websites and the local press. 1,784 contacts were made with the public and 908 written comment responses received, resulting in 91% in favour (online) and 85% in favour (exhibition).

**2013 Marple Civic Society Public consultation:** The society launched a public consultation and spoke to 257 members of the public about a traffic scheme proposed by the Council and the need for an independent study to address the issues identified by previous community workshops and consultations. There was almost unanimous support for an independent urban design study to look at a new approach to a long standing traffic problem in Marple town centre.

**2015 - Urban Design Study (UDS) Phil Jones Associates:** Major study to look at how Marple town centre functioned both from traffic circulation and as a place. Consultation at the Locks Heritage Festival in 2015 was overwhelmingly supportive of this positive new approach. Key findings were that the Neighbourhood Planning process should focus on the spaces and approaches surrounding Stockport Road and its junctions with Market Street, Hollins Lane and Trinity Street. Strengthening the links and overcoming the physical and psychological barriers are essential to increase the visibility of Market Street extend its presence and to enhance pedestrian and cycle access. It suggested that ‘*Bold*

*changes are required and are increasingly possible'. In 2017 the study was presented to the Neighbourhood Plan AGM.*

**2016 - NP consultation and exhibition:** A week of consultation including 5,000 leaflets delivered within the NP area, a presentation to area committee, a public meeting. An exhibition in the local library for two weeks included displays on major issues in the town and an explanation of the meaning of a Neighbourhood Plan within the Localities Act.

**2016** – Stockport MBC consultation over designation of the Marple Neighbourhood Plan, including detailed papers available publicly and via the Council web site.

## 4 Consultation on draft plan policies

From an early stage, the NF has consulted widely across various groups, businesses and residents to inform policy development.

The MNF formed working groups from members of the wider community, gathered under the leadership of a management Committee member. Each group focussed on one topic and identified issues and policy areas. They also gathered views from their various contacts and related groups.

Throughout the Plan period, the MNF published a monthly newsletter (with an occasional exception) updating all MNF members and all affiliated groups and companies, along with those who had registered to be kept informed. The circulation reached 200 addresses, and was re-circulated more widely to their respective members by affiliated groups. This covered a wide range of topics and each time encouraged participation by a number of means

E.g. from a newsletter

### CONTACT US

*Here's the usual list of ways in which you can get in touch or comment on our work. Don't forget, members are welcome to attend our meetings or put a question to us in advance. Involvement remains a central part of what we do as it's "your" Plan. You can get involved by giving your views on our facebook page, which you should find under "Our Marple Plan" or our website which tells you other ways of contacting us and contributing to the debate about what should be in the Neighbourhood Plan. You can visit our website at [ourmarpleplan](http://ourmarpleplan.co.uk). You can also contact us by e-mail at [info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk](mailto:info@ourmarpleplan.co.uk) . For those not using electronic media, you can leave us written communications in the traditional way in Marple Library.*

*We welcome and need your views, opinions, comments and feedback and encourage everyone to get involved. Please mention the Forum and the Plan to others.*

The Monthly Management Committee meetings were open to Forum members to listen or ask questions. An AGM was held each year during the lifetime of the plan (including one by "zoom" during the pandemics. These events covered formal business but were also used to encourage discussion and participation. In general they were attended by 30-50 people. Activities included topic groups leading 7 separate discussions about specific areas, a presentation by a "place " consultant, outline of the draft plan and policies etc. Each time, the Committee presented a report and invited questions and comments.



**Open Meeting**

A further open meeting was held in May 2017, where discussion groups gave views about what could be in the MNP and what was important to residents. These were recorded and fed into the topic groups.

**Early Draft**

An early draft plan was drawn up in September 2018, briefed and available at the AGM that month, copies put in the Marple Library and online via our website. Comments were received from local residents about various aspects and used to amend the draft.

**Food and Drink Market stall September 2017, September 2018 and September 2019**

MNF attended the popular F&D Market with an Exhibition stand. The stand attracted a lot of interest from residents and visitors. Many completed the questionnaire and took away information leaflets. Ultimately, around 200 residents registered with MNF to receive regular updates on the Plan.

**Market stall May 2017, Easter 2018, August 2018, April 2019**

MNF set up the exhibition stand in the busy Market Street area of town during a regular busy shopping Saturday. On each occasion, additional people registered to receive more information and completed the questionnaire. Many conversations were had about aspects of the plan.

**Distribution to all homes within the NP area**

A letter box drop was arranged for March 2017, with a simple card promoting the MNP. A more full leaflet was sent to every household within the MNP area during the first quarter of 2018. This was done using a paid distribution service. In addition leaflets were distributed to local shops and cafes etc and were available in the local library. The leaflet invited residents to have their say about Marple and its future. Many residents responded and visited the website to complete the survey.

**Digital Surveys November 2018**

2x Digital surveys were distributed directly to the MNF database via Survey Monkey. The link to the digital survey was also accessed via the Our Marple Plan website and via the Marple UK community website. Total number of responses 111.

**Workshops and library exhibitions, events and drop-ins**

A permanent exhibition was located in Marple Library for an extended period. A first focus group was held in summer 2017, using a professional facilitator. After this a further focus group was held by Management Committee members in January 2018. Topic group meetings also held workshops and allowed those interested to drop in.

**Stockport MBC**

Towards the end of the plan drafting, leading members of the Management Committee held a series of fortnightly meetings, to discuss each area of the plan section by section. This allowed detailed comment to be given and discussed with the expert council officers.

At various stages above, there were significant changes in the flavour or direction of the plan, including the deletion of some policies initially considered and the amendments of others to reflect a slightly different vision. These inputs came entirely from the local residents who participated in the Plan and as interpreted by those on the Forum drafting their various parts of the Plan. Groups were also consulted specifically about some aspects and consequently adjusted thinking; examples being on allotments where the local allotment society was consulted, and indoor space, where a major provider in a local Church was consulted.

The key identified issues were as follows:

### **Town centre**

Controversy around a second supermarket for the town- lack of supermarket competition.

Lacks community meeting places.

There are some good small independent shops.

### **Getting around**

Better transport links to Stockport needed.

Provision of cycling and walking routes – start and finish in Marple, bike lanes to and from schools.

Reconfiguration of traffic flow to support shops and café/bar culture.

Introduce charging points for electric bikes.

Pedestrianisation/shared space across Stockport Rd and Hollins Lane junction.

### **Housing**

Affordable homes a high priority.

Block on allowing development of luxury houses.

More businesses and housing at Rose Hill would/could be good, but not at Marple station

### **Community Space**

New swimming pool to be located around Marple Library to create a Gym, Community Hall, Library and a Leisure Centre

Great outdoor facilities

Need to capitalise on heritage and leisure opportunities.

Develop Marple Memorial Park into a tourist centre and community hub.

**Business, Employment and Education**

Regeneration and development of Goyt Mill for business and residential purposes.

**Heritage and Tourism**

Need for a Visitor's Centre as Marple is a superb starting point for long and short walks.

Need to capitalise on the nationally important heritage sites around Marple.

Promote tourism.

**General Themes from the Written Comments**

There were more than 60 well-considered comments from the Survey Monkeys surveys

Two themes stood out from the rest:

- 1) The general 'tiredness' of the town centre and its need for a facelift
- 2) The urgent need for an improved pool/gym/leisure facility.

There was general support for the following ideas contained in the plan:

- a Community Centre development in Memorial Park
- a better-quality small food store.
- a rail link to Stockport.
- Goyt Mill regeneration.

## 5 Formal pre-submission consultation

The formal Consultation was carried out between 20th November to 8th January 2022. in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637) Part 5 Pre-submission consultation and publicity, paragraph 14. This states that before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must:

- (a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area
  - details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;
  - details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;
  - details of how to make representations; and (iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;
- (b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

- (c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

The detailed activities undertaken under Regulation 14 were:

#### **Letters to Formal Consultees**

32 consultees were circulated by letter on 21 November, replies logged and recorded.

#### **MNF Website**

A Regulation 14 explanation document fronting the Plan was written and placed as item 1 on the website on 30 November together with an online response form to be completed by consultees.

#### **Plans in hard copy in Library**

4 printed copies of the Plan were lodged in Marple Library fronted by a Regulation 14 explanation document and response forms to be posted in the Library post box allocated for the MNF. Library staff were engaged in the process and made aware of the process and held spare copies of the documents

#### **Drop-in Sessions**

3 drop-in sessions were organised in the Library, advertised on the flyer (Thursday 2 Dec 7-830pm, Tuesday 7 December 10-12noon and Saturday 11 December 10am-1pm) and staffed variously by Management Committee members. Each session had attendees.

#### **Social Media**

News of the online consultation was published on local Facebook Groups, as well as the MNF website and facebook page, in advance, directing them to the website to review the latest version of the plan and complete an online response form. This also promotes the drop in session and the availability of hard copies of the Plan in the library.

#### **Flyer**

A flyer was designed and placed on the website and on local community notice boards. A first batch of 100 A4 and 500 A5 were printed and, of these, about 80 A4s and 400 A5s were distributed to most pubs and bars, some churches, the majority of shops in Market Street, Hollins Lane and Stockport Road down to Rose Hill and some private dwellings and all Schools. After the Library sessions we printed a second set of 500 A5, without session dates, and on the weekend before Christmas distributed 450 of these to the remainder of the stations, pubs, churches, shops, distributing them at the Making Marple Craft Fair on 18th December and through letter boxes

#### **Local Press**

An article about the Plan appeared in the free distribution newspaper “Marple News”

The Screening Report for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Neighbourhood Plan was published alongside the Draft Plan.



## 6 Regulation 14 Consultation – Comments and Responses

Comments received via our web site. (9 in total)

(Note: in responses, “NP” = Neighbourhood Plan)

### **Comment 1**

#### **Comment (as submitted):**

I have only just seen this plan today and noticed it asked for a response today!

I have just read the document and it all seems very good and thorough and apart from telling you what my priorities are, I am not sure what kind of response you want.

My priorities as a resident of Marple are clean water in the river for the wild life to flourish. Encourage responsible pet ownership so that dogs and cats don't disturb wild life. Woodland managed to encourage wildlife. Enlarged pedestrianised centre to encourage less car use and more local trade. Cycles ways to encourage more cycles. Help for the businesses that are there so that they are encouraged. More dog poo bins with free bags. Build a community hub with gym and swimming pool. This is now becoming a wish list. The community help is lots of organisations doing good work but to have one central hub would be good. Like a tourist information centre. or information centre where to go for help and advice about Marple and what it offers. All the organisations that are already doing a lot for Marple to be encouraged to continue and given whatever assistance they need. I have no idea if this is helpful or what you imagined a response would be like. It would have been good to have some kind of guidance and I notice that you give great emphasis on resident consultation but honestly I am not sure anyone in Marple knows about this plan. Do they?

#### **Response:**

Many items are not within the scope of a NP (dog poo bins, clean water, pets etc). Central Hub is supported in the Plan. On the general points, the plan covers environmental improvement and enhanced public realm in section 6, walking and cycling in section 7 and the retention of existing employment and the provisions of new employment in section 12 along with aspiration for supporting local businesses.

On the point about consultation, the Forum undertook public consultation in accordance with regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations and we would draw attention to the consultation statement which outlines in more detail the activities undertaken over an extended period.

### **Comment 2**

#### **Comment (as submitted):**

You want to address traffic flow - how, public transport is totally inadequate for the area. It is too expensive, does not go to where people work ( especially buses). Evening times the 375 stops so no access to Hawk Green or Mellor. The trains from Rose Hill are frequently cancelled. Item 5.13 of your plan is contradictory re car ownership and household use.

It is noticeable when SMBC traffic dept. alter the traffic light sequence at Hibbert Lane and also Hollins Lane, thus causing more congestion. Done on Purpose?

I very much hope the proposal to copy Poynton centre is not in the plan, it may look pretty, but visually impaired people are in grave danger as they cannot distinguish pavement end and road start, at least there is a Pelican crossing there now. It also didn't relieve traffic congestion, just made it worse.

The centre has always been divided by the main road, so where do you propose to send all the through traffic, now all the cross town routes are closed or one way. Would that be up Station Rd. onto Brabyns Brow (which

becomes impassable on bad days in winter) then onto Arkwright Rd (past a Primary school and Care Home)?

Whilst still in the centre - do we really need a TOWN SQUARE - for what purpose? there are always people sat outside the two cafes, seemingly quite content

Which town centres out compete Marple, (Romiley, Bredbury, Woodley, Hyde, Stockport? all of which are bisected by a main road by the way)

Pedestrians are well catered for crossing Stockport Rd. The same cannot be said for Hibbert Lane, the crossing should be at the junction with Stockport Rd. not half way up Hibbert lane.

The plan keeps mentioning CYCLING, as your plan states there are a large proportion of retired people living in Marple, it is not feasible to expect pensioners to go to the shops on a bicycle, pure fantasy in Marple (too many hills, especially if they live up Church lane, Hawk Green or on the Ridge).

You are proposing affordable housing, the last three developments covered these - Not - The Willows Secondary School grounds, Albert School, and the latest the Nat West Bank, none of which could be classed as affordable.

Building on Brownfield sites around the transport hubs, Rose Hill Station only allotments, Marple Station - Car parks, The Hollins - Car parks, where are you proposing these people go?

The plan for the redevelopment of an area of the Memorial Park, mentions the old town hall? you obviously mean the Old Marple Urban District Council Offices, we NEVER had a town hall, so I'm afraid if you cannot even get that right.

The Plan and Forum is not very well publicised, we received the latest flyer on the 20/12/21 when the last open meeting was on the 11/12/21, was this a planned or just an oversight?

Also the Forum and the mailing list are a very small proportion of the population of Marple, less than 300 out of a census population in 2011 of 12979, Hardly a very representative figure is it.

So let's be more open and publicise these events before they happen in future.

### **Response:**

Many items are not in the scope of a NP (e.g. public transport). Division of the town centre is addressed in the Plan under Section 7. The reference in the plan to a Town Square was solely in the SWOT analysis and forms no part of the plan itself. Our encouragement of cycling in Section 7 is not in conflict with the encouragement of pedestrians and both are generally paired together in this section. Our reference to the vicinity of transport hubs under GA2 refers to density of development and not to any identification of specific sites. Nevertheless, there are areas, for example the Council recycling centre and the builders' merchants near Rose Hill, which could at some point be subject to development. Separate response given to the resident on the questions about address list and publicity (see general response on consultation below)

### **Comment 3**

#### **Comment (as submitted):**

I have been watching the development of the Marple Neighbourhood Plan for some time since the process started. I live on Station Road, nearly opposite to the gateway to Memorial Park. Station Road is part of the Conservation Area and affected by traffic movement on and off Station Road, which in its turn has already been affected by changes to traffic access to Station Road from Hollins Lane, as well as access to Hollins Lane from B6101.

Traffic going down Station Road, towards Marple Bridge, easily backs up on Station Road, before crossing the bridge over the Goyt. This leads to stationary traffic all the way up to Hollins Lane and beyond towards the

light controlled junction at the B6101. When this congestion occurs there are very few vehicles who turn off their engines. This creates pollution which severely reduces the amenity and health benefits of the Conservation Area, as well as promoting exhaust pollution. I don't expect that was what was intended by the initial creation of the Conservation Area.

Proposal 1: The existing Conservation Area that affects the houses on Station Road, should be revoked or modified to compensate for the additional traffic flow, and compensation for associated pollution be mutually agreed with affected householders.

I will now turn to issues concerning Hollins Lane.

To protect the proposed traffic control to and from Station Road, partial 20 mph regions have been implemented at the Station Road end of Hollins Lane, emphasised with speed bumps. The 20 mph roundels I believe to be too small, and in any case traffic, though it does not ignore the restrictions completely, still speed and cause other forms of nuisance. There are also issues of conflict between vehicles entering/leaving the Asda car park, the Asda loading Bay, as well as appliances from the fire station.

Proposal 2: Hollins Lane should have a single coordinated scheme around a single speed limit for its whole length.

The new facilities in Memorial Park.

I have not been able to investigate the proposal for a pool, and other facilities in Memorial Park. However, any access to such a building or buildings could not be created from Station Road. It would have use the access next to the cinema. I can't see how this can be done, without impact on the green space of Memorial Park, which is a genuine green-lung for local people and others who come from further away for recreation.

I would suggest, prima facie, that a better area of land might be the triangle of land which lies on top of parts of the Victorian canal docks.

#### **Response:**

Traffic management including traffic flow, was highlighted in a study of the Winnington Road conservation area in 2013. At the time a co-ordinated strategy was to be developed but it has not been progressed. The issue was around the effect on the "quiet residential character" of the conservation area.

The 20mph cushions referred to are temporary measure for COVID due to be removed.

Details of the potential pool on the memorial park have been publicised widely including on the outside of the library itself. Comments on the details access should be directed there. The NP is involved and would expect to be as planning consultees. The alternative locations are yet to be finally excluded.

#### **Comment 4**

##### **Comment (as submitted):**

I think the proposals for the neighbourhood are to be commended especially the town centre. However I do think the current swimming pool has the ability to be further developed into a much improved leisure facility than the current one for the memorial park. It would be financially cheaper, a bigger pool, completed much sooner than the current proposal thus leading to the improved health of the population who at present are deprived.

**Response:**

See comment above on the Pool:

*Details of the potential pool on the memorial park have been publicised widely including on the outside of the library itself. Comments on the details access should be directed there. The NP is involved and would expect to be as planning consultees. The alternative locations are yet to be finally excluded*

**Comment 5****Comment (as submitted):**

tHANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS

**Response:**

Comment noted

**Comment 6****Comment (as submitted):**

So grateful to those who have put the work in to create this plan. So much to agree with. Two points. 1. Please don't turn the centre of Marple into a shared space like Poynton. It will create similar congestion. Happy to have 20mph limit but leave roads as they are with average speed detectors, number plate recognition and automatic fixed penalty fines. 2. Please get rid of all speed bumps. They are wrecking cars and increase pollution due to slowing down and speeding up. Please have average speed detectors. See point 1. Thank you.

**Response:**

There is no proposal to copy Poynton's scheme. Speed mitigation measures are not in the scope of the NP. The support is welcomed

**Comment 7****Comment (as submitted):**

Firstly, thank you for all the work put into producing the neighbourhood plan. Marple has many attractive features, especially access to countryside. Areas that need improvement: focal point to give the town a community and commercial centre. The shops are good, mostly, but the shopping experience is no-frills rather than attractive. The Stockport road does nothing to enhance the town. Traffic reduction is near impossible to achieve but promoting walking and cycling makes so much sense in many ways. We need a community/leisure/library centre for the community and to broaden the area's appeal.

**Response:**

Confirms our plan details and policies. The support is welcomed

**Comment 8****Comment (as submitted):**

In general I agree with the Plan. However, I would like to see the Getting Around section strengthened to recognise that the viability of the town centre will be increasingly adversely affected by traffic, to the detriment of children and the aging population. Specifically, (1) The Stockport Road/Hibbert Lane traffic

signals should include pedestrian facilities. (2) There should be a 20 mph zone around All Saints Primary School.

**Response:**

The principle of better access around the Town centre is in the Plan. The NP has no scope for traffic signals and speed limits. The support is welcomed.

**Comment 9**

**Comment (as submitted):**

Firstly, can I congratulate you on this wonderful piece of work. And the photos are magnificent, showing Marple in a wonderful light.

3 comments!

- A typo on page 25 'housegold' should read 'household'
- Although I've only quickly scanned the plan, I couldn't see any mention of charging points for electric cars. Andy Burnham might have one though!
- I downsized to a 2/3 bed roomed bungalow a couple of years ago from a 4 bed roomed (with en-suite) detached house but had to spend a considerable amount of my savings to buy it as bungalows are expensive and occupy more land.

**Response:**

The support is welcomed. Charging points are already subject to conditions in Stockport planning applications and will be covered more formally in the forthcoming Stockport Local Plan policies, policies that would apply to local planning applications. The shortage of bungalows and of housing for older people is mentioned throughout section 8 (Policy H2, 8.2, 8.3 )

**General response from Marple Neighbourhood Forum on consultation undertaken**

We have been in existence for five years, have held a number of open meetings, as well as focus groups, we have a public web site which carries lots of information about the Neighbourhood Forum, and this also has copies of all the materials we have distributed to the mailing list including just short of 50 newsletters. Those organisations on the mailing list have, in some cases followed our request to re-circulate our newsletters etc to their members so a number of those in local voluntary groups have also seen the information without "signing up" to the mailing list. We have had publicity over the years many times in the local free press which is distributed to most of not all homes in Marple, and we have featured in the public Facebook pages in the Marple Area.

Our Annual meetings have been publicised widely and in a couple of cases with banners across the precinct. A few years ago, a leaflet and invitation to comment was distributed to every residence within the designated area. The local library has regularly publicised and displayed papers for the Neighbourhood Forum and has a postbox for the Forum in the area by the returns/bookings computer. The formal activities of the Forum have also been referenced on the Council web site and the Local Area Committee of the Council have always announced the major events of the forum, including all the AGMs and this consultation.

This specific consultation was subject to council publicity including on the Council web site and there was a wide distribution of flyers although you are correct some were distributed after the first consultation and others contained a misprint of a the first open event, giving September as the month rather than December. However, they were posted in a number of locations including the library and in local restaurants, shops and cafes. This was to recognise that many people do not use the internet and do not consult official publicity channels. We have carried out many other activities to publicise and explain the Forum, and this has included street stalls in Marple precinct and at public events.

There is more we have done but we give you the main things to hopefully demonstrate we've tried.

## Appendix 7a: List of Consultation Bodies Contacted (Reg 14)

**Note – a letter was sent to the consultation bodies on 17/11/2021, however due to a typo, it was resent for safety.**

### **Stockport MBC**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

### **Derbyshire County Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

### **High Peak Borough Council**

Sent 17/11/2021



Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Manchester City Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Tameside Borough Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Cheshire East Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Disley Parish Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Mottram St Andrew Parish Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Prestbury Parish Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Adlington Parish Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Poynton Town Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Wilmslow Town Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Styal Parish Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

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No response received

**Handforth Parish Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**New Mills Town Council**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Chisworth Parish Council**

Sent 18/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Peak District National Park**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**High Lane NF**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

Response received 02/12/2021

Action: Comment in due course

**Woodford NF**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

Response received 06/12/2021

Action: Will comment before 7 Jan (No comment apology)

**Coal Authority**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

Response received 22/12/2021

Action: notes provided

**Homes & Communities Agency**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Natural England**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

Response received 29/11/2021

Action: No specific comments but advice provided

**Environment Agency**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Historic England**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

Response received 07/01/2022

Action: comment and advice

**Network Rail**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Highways England**

Sent 17/11/2021

Response received 19/11/2021

Action: no specific comments but advice provided

**The Marine Management Organisation**

Sent 17/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Mobile UK represent the UK's Mobile network operators**

Sent 18/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**PCT**

Sent 18/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Electricity North West**

Sent 18/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**Cadent Gas**

Sent 18/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

No response received

**United utilities**

Sent 18/11/2021

Re-sent 21/11/2021

Response received 23/12/2021

Action: United Utilities requested shape file. Format not recognised. Sent clearer pdf file with request for alternative acceptable formats.

In considering these replies from formal consultees, the only response of substance was from United Utilities. We consulted the local Planning Authority on these comments and it was confirmed these conditions are already considered and, where appropriate, applied in local planning applications.