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LEAMINGTON SPA LAUNCHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Leamington Town Hall was the scene of a meeting to consider the Neighbourhood Development Plan for Leamington Spa on Wednesday 7th September.

Over 60 people, including Councillors, representatives of local groups in the Community and members of the public attended to hear about the various opportunities available to communities to shape the future development of their area as set out in the Localism Act 2011.

The Meeting explored some of the key issues of concern and interest to the people of Leamington and provided a valuable opportunity to assess the general interest in working as part of a team to progress the Neighbourhood Plan through the various stages of preparation and public consultation.

Councillor Ann Morrison, Leader of the Labour Group on the Council said:-

“I was delighted to see so many people attending this initial meeting. A Neighbourhood Plan gives Leamington people an opportunity to have a say in the future development of their Town, especially in relation to key issues such as social housing, retail development, community space, road infrastructure, cycle ways and renewable energy projects. We received an encouraging and enthusiastic response from those who attended the meeting but welcome anyone with an interest in the Town becoming involved in this planning process.”

Councillor Janet Alty, Green Party and chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting, added:

“We should be proud that the residents of our town turned out in great numbers at this meeting to show their commitment to helping Leamington develop a Neighbourhood Plan.”

Anyone who resides or works within Leamington can find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan project by visiting www.leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk, or by contacting the Town Council on 01926 450906 or admin@leamingtonspatowncouncil.gov.uk

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The preparation and adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan helps a community play a greater role in shaping the future of their area by setting their own local planning priorities and aspirations within the broader planning system. Once complete, a Neighbourhood Plan sits alongside Warwick District Council's Local Plan and is used to make decisions on new development proposals by Warwick District Council planning department and by developers.