



Newsletter Issue 1

What is **FutureDursley**?

FutureDursley is a community led process that will create a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Dursley.

This plan will establish general planning policies and proposals for the development and use of land in the town. It will help the community to shape what the town will look like in the future.

The final plan has to be agreed by the Community at a referendum following which it will become a statutory document that will complement Stroud District Local Plan.

The Town Council and volunteers from the local community have come together to create a Steering Group. This group is working with the community and experts to undertake a programme of consultation, events and research that will help guide the development of a plan.

It will be built around policies relating to the Environment and Local Green Spaces, Design, Housing, Traffic & Transport, Economy, Infrastructure and Sustainability.

A draft vision, objectives and policies have been produced by the Steering Group. These are based upon evidence collected and consultation with residents and businesses. This document is on our website.

How would you like to see Dursley developed in the future?

FutureDursley News update

Work Starts on Site Assessments

The Steering Group is currently looking at sites around the town that could be developed.

Please help out and get involved:

Are there any sites in Dursley which could be developed?

Where are they and how should they be developed?

We need more volunteers to help us undertake site assessments.

Transport Research results published

The Steering Group commissioned research into traffic, transport and parking in the town and at the Cam and Dursley Rail Station. The results and final reports are all available on our website. The rail survey was a joint study undertaken in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, and Cam Parish Council.

The transport theme is important as it cuts across all the other NDP topic areas. It supports Dursley's role as a local economic centre and as a service centre both to local people and employers – but also to tap into the leisure and 'walker tourism' market stimulated through the Cotswold Way and wider countryside.

A big thank you to those volunteers who carried out street access audits for us. A summary of these is available on our website. Key issues which emerged through the audits were the needs for better accessibility for pedestrians and those with mobility impairments.

Future Dursley – Branding

We have been working with a local business to create and design a distinctive brand for Future Dursley. A final decision will be made this month and the chosen design will be used in all future NDP communications with Dursley residents and businesses. This will help us to ensure that there is a consistency with all information we send out about the developing Neighbourhood Plan.



Which design do you like?



Dursley Town Festival 27th
June 2015

Come and visit our stand at Dursley Town Festival to find out more about our progress with developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town. This is your opportunity to tell us what

you like and dislike about the town and what improvements you would like to see.

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Steering Group Meetings are held monthly on a Wednesday evening between 7-9pm at the Town Council offices. Meeting agenda and minutes are posted on our website.

More information about Neighbourhood Planning is available at:

www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/planning/planningstrategy

www.planningportal.gov.uk/inyourarea/neighbourhood