

# Implementing the Shotley Parish Plan

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## **What is a Parish Plan?**

- The local community setting the priorities for meeting its needs
- A blue-print for the challenging times ahead
- Supported by Countryside Agency, Suffolk ACRE and Parish Council
- **You complete a questionnaire = the community improves**

## **Parish Plan consultation**

- Questionnaire to all households
- 577 (+137 youth) returned
- Stalls, walks, meetings, youth, voluntary orgs, businesses .....
- Steering committee produced, distributed, analysed and published results
- Most extensive and in depth consultation process ever undertaken in Shotley

## **What it covers**

- Jobs and development
- Can you get around, and is it safe?
- What's the environment like?
- Things to do
- How you communicate

## **Distribution**

- December 2005
- 200 sent to key organisations
- Summary delivered to every home
- On MyShotley.com
- Copy on request

## **What's in it?**

- Why and how
- Who and where
- Results – what people said
- Results of other parts of consultation
- 56 pages of fascinating detail about Shotley and your views and needs
- There is also an Erwarton PP
- 18 Recommendations

### **18 Recommendations**

- Parish Council objectives
- Oppose current Ganges application, maximise benefit and sustainability, or planning brief and marketing strategy
- Foyer supported housing project for young
- Queensland houses for elderly and disabled
- Support Buzabout
- Consultation on future of surgeries
- Road, pedestrian and cycle safety
- Feasibility study for a safe cycle route
- Support a Youth Council in Shotley
- Establish a multi-purpose centre
- Seek more adult education locally
- Capacity building for community
- Appointment a 'Business Broker'
- More noticeboards
- Support MyShotley.com and Shotley Noticeboard
- All organisations to have comms post

### **Impact**

- Adopted by Parish Council
- Comprehensive reference work that governmental, voluntary and commercial organisations involved in our future should take into account when making their plans
- Awarded £25,000
- Evidence at Ganges Enquiry

### **Implementation Board**

- To co-ordinate implementation
- Reports to Parish Council
- Two meetings so far
- 6-9 members, but more please!

### **Work already started**

- Youth – tidy up tennis courts; after-school sessions at village hall
- Business & Information director
- Communications strategy
- Identify needs of multi-purpose centre
- How to use the £25,000
- Plus others achieved already

**Thank you** to everyone who filled in the questionnaire or participated in some way ...  
**.... but**

### **You can make things happen here**

- Via your community website
- Join the Implementation Board, or
- Respond to requests for help
- E: [info@myshotley.com](mailto:info@myshotley.com)
- Phone: 07845 875238

**We will keep the community informed**