



# MARPLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM NEWS

## March 2024

### Referendum Date fixed!

We are delighted to confirm our Plan will be going to referendum on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This was announced by the Council on 12<sup>th</sup> February. All those in the Plan area will be getting a voting card through the post from the council. The arrangements are the same as for any other election. You will be able to vote at your normal polling station between 7am and 10pm. If you are a postal voter you will get the voting paper by post as usual. Full details are on the Council website and on your voting card.

The question on the voting paper is

“Do you want Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Marple to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The full final plan with a large number of supporting appendices are on our web site and the council website with a hard copy in the Library. There are 18 policies covering things like protection of our green areas, our footpaths, our canal environs and of our community spaces and buildings, green policies on buildings, protection of our heritage and so on.

We hope people will turnout and vote “Yes” to get the Plan incorporated into local regulations.

After this, if we have a positive result, the Forum will enter a new phase and be a statutory consultee on all planning applications. Our job will be to ensure the regulations in the Plan and the spirit of the Plan are reflected in planning decisions. This is a different role for us and we are holding our AGM quickly after the referendum to ensure we are structured accordingly. This will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm, in Marple Library. If any Forum member would like to join the committee please let us know for the AGM – an agenda is attached. If we have a yes vote in the referendum, we will propose splitting the team into those working on planning applications and those looking at promoting the aspirations in the Plan.

Thank you for your support to get us this far. We look forward to working with the community going forward and beyond the referendum.

### CONTACT US

We have a Facebook page, which you should find under “Our Marple Plan” and a website which tells you other ways of contacting us. You can visit our website at [ourmarpleplan](http://ourmarpleplan). 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.

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