

KNIGHTON COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2017

9th Leicester Scout Group, 58 Stoughton Road, Leicester, LE2 2EF

Present:

Cllr Moore (Chair)

Cllr Grant

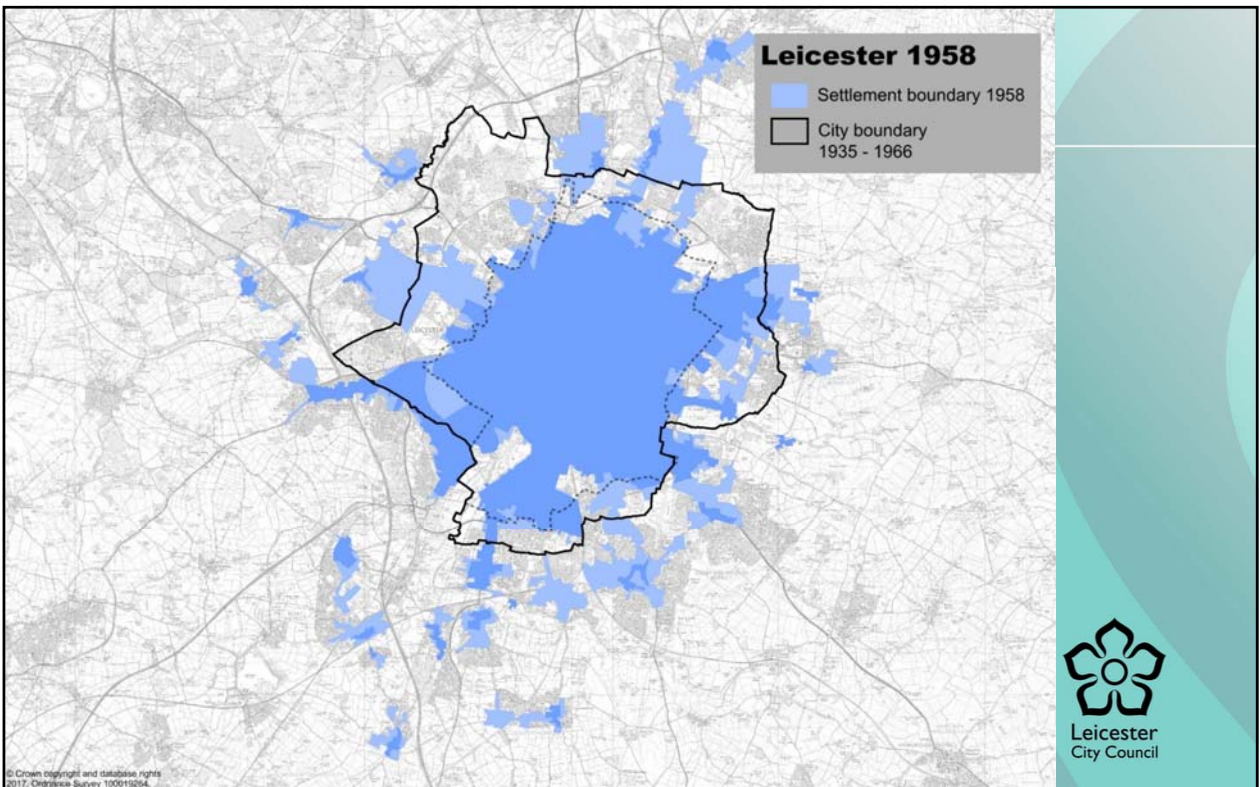
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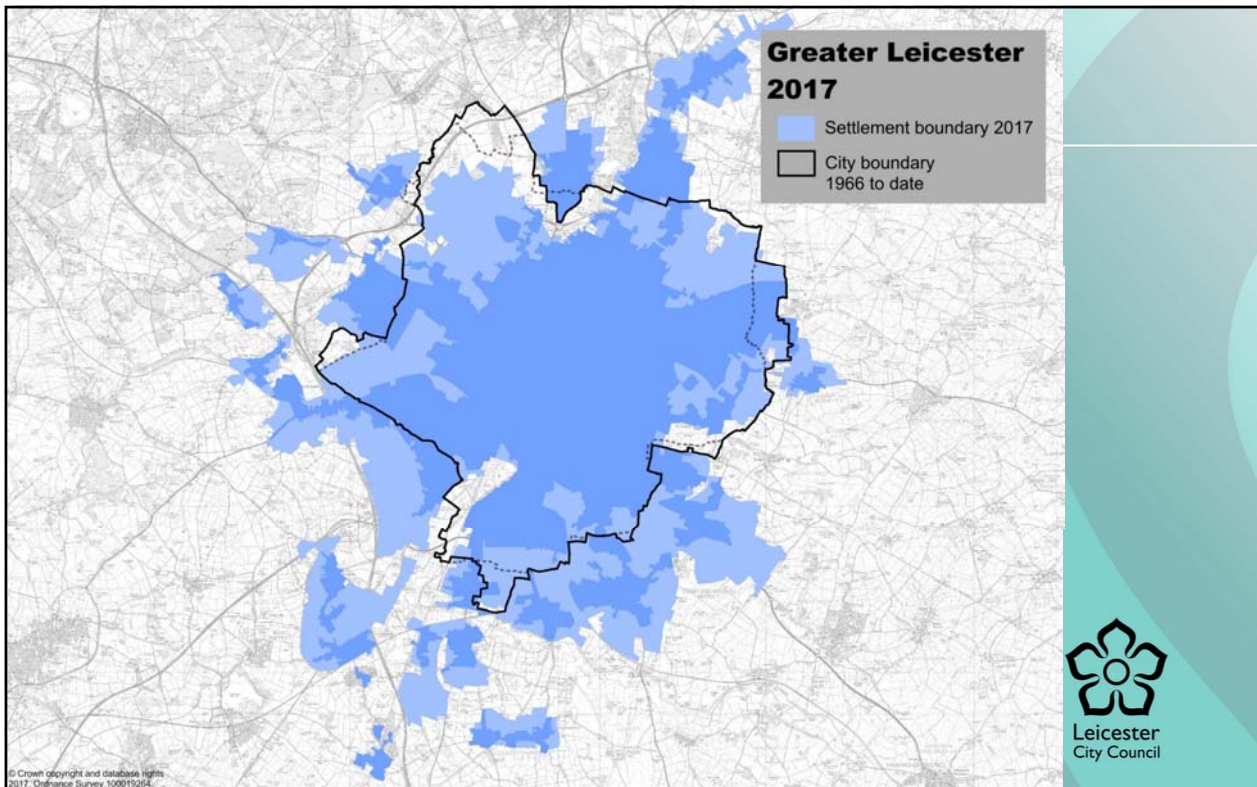
NO	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
60.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Moore, Chair for the meeting, welcomed everyone and led the introductions.
61.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	There were no apologies for absence.
62.	ACTION LOG	The Action Log from the meeting held on 16 February 2017 2017 was received and noted.
63.	COUNCILLOR' FEEDBACK	<p>All to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood Action Plan – meetings were held with residents, the City Mayor, Severn Trent, the Council and councillor briefings.• The city was prone to flooding due to the river soar and tributaries. A draft strategy had been prepared looking at four areas in the city, including Knighton. Estimated costs to implement works in the plan were £39.1million.• Suggestions included looking at retaining water in Knighton Park, which would be enhanced as a soakaway.• A 12-week consultation period was underway, following which responses would be considered. The link for the consultation can be found on the Council's website at https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/communications/flood-plan/• Periodic works would continue with Severn Trent to keep culverts clear.
64.	LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION	<p>Jeevanjot Dhesi (Senior Planner) and Paul Statham (Planner) were present delivered a presentation on the Local Plan Consultation (attached).</p> <p>All to note:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation was an opportunity for members of the public to be involved, with interactive consultation pages on the web (https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan/). Hard copies of the documents could be found at libraries. Exhibitions were scheduled on 15/16 August and 12/13 September in Highcross shopping centre. • The presentation provided an overview of the local plan for the whole city and included local issues for Knighton. The Neighbourhood Plan would set the context for Knighton. • The plan highlighted how the city had grown over 60 years, and now filled the administrative boundary. • The local plan would also consult on public health, including a policy on the control of fast food outlets. • Reference was made to key issues and challenges in the city, and the following points were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If buses were more affordable, more people would use them. Car parking was cheaper than some bus tickets. Without a good transport system people would continue to use cars and create pollution. ○ There were special plans to look at flooding issues. The neighbourhood plan would carry as much weight as the local plan and would form part of the city's development plan which the planners would have to comply with. ○ With regards to the hub at Toton and HS2, the government had been asked for the compatibility to connect to the hub, but the government had decided there would be no funding for the electrification of midland mainline. ○ The cycling strategy would be looked at to see how it could be implemented in the local plan. ○ A council officer was available to advise on the Neighbourhood Plan. ○ Relevant comments made on the consultation pages would be shared with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
65.	SHANKLIN DRIVE	All to note:

	<p>UPDATE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A speeding problem was identified and surveys were undertaken about 12 months ago. Various options had been discussed. Put forward was the idea to have islands in the middle of the road to create narrow sections of road. • There were seven locations identified where islands could be put that wouldn't impede driveways. A suggestion was made to install one of the islands on Meadvale Road between Carisbrooke Road and Ashclose Avenue. • Priority give ways took up too much kerbside space. Islands were easier to install. • The islands were not people refuge as the road was not wide enough. Parking would not be allowed adjacent to a refuge. • A crossing would be difficult to install because of driveways and junctions, and there were cost implications of dropped kerbs. • Speed camera installation was dependent on the number of people killed or injured, and would have to be enforced by the police. On this occasion the criteria had not been met. • Any thoughts, suggestions or concerns could be passed on to Ward Councillors or to Graham Seaton, Transport Development Officer.
<p>66.</p>	<p>FRIENDS OF KNIGHTON PARK - UPDATE</p>	<p>Deb Tull, Chair of Friends of Knighton Park provided the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group had received funding from the Community Ward Budget towards the Knighton Park Fun Day. A company would be used to plan the event scheduled for Saturday 2nd September, 11.00am to 5.00pm. • Cost for the stalls have been increased. The event would have Leicester-based community stalls to maintain the community feel of the event. • The group was looking for extra people with a bit of time, with different experiences to be on the committee for Friends of Knighton Park, which currently had 10 members and met six times a year. Ideally they would like someone to join with a younger child focus, and someone who could provide support for the Facebook page for the group. • The group wanted to do more work to develop the local gardening group, and it was important that green spaces were protected.

67.	KNIGHTON PARK FUN DAY	Information provided above.
68.	CITY WARDEN	<p>Harvey Roberts, City Warden, informed the meeting he would be covering Knighton and Castle Wards, and could be contacted regarding any issues in the ward, for example, fly-tipping. Residents could also use the Love Leicester App, a download available for most smart phones. Residents could also call the generic customer services number (0116) 4546354.</p> <p>The Chair noted that people were please with the City Warden Service.</p>
69.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>The Police were not present at the meeting.</p> <p>The Beaver and Scout leader informed the meeting the scout hut had been broken into three times, and there had been signs of drug use. Information would be given to Ward Councillors and advice sought on preventative security measures for the building.</p> <p>A resident noted the police had not been represented at the meetings on more than one occasion.</p>
70.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>A summary of the Ward Community Budget was reported and approved amounts listed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Friends of Knighton Park – Knighton Park Show - £2,215 • St John the Baptist Church, Parish Room – Project Update - £2,000 (joint bid with Castle Ward for £8,000) • Sally White, Jasmin Sore, Natalie Voight – Northcote Road Playing Out - £107 <p>Balance Remaining - £13,927.86</p>
71.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	An update on recent activities by the Knighton Neighbourhood Forum was given (attached for information).
72.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The meeting closed at 8.07pm.



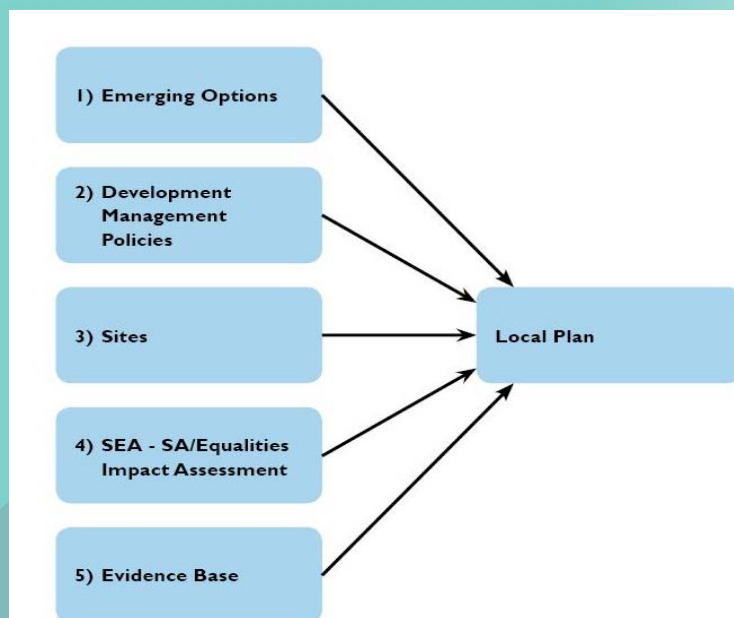


The Importance of a Local Plan

- Sets councils planning framework up to 2031
- Replaces Core Strategy 2014 and saved policies 2006
- Seek to meet needs for homes, jobs, shopping, leisure and open space
- Sets policies to determine planning applications



Consultation Documents



Timetable

- Approved Full Council – 6th July 2017
- Emerging Options, Sites & Development Management policies consultation: July - October 2017
- Revised Draft Local Plan: Winter - Spring 2018
- Further public consultation
- Public Examination and plan adopted: end of 2018



Consultation

- City wide letter/leaflet drop
- On line consultation, on social media and in libraries
- Exhibitions
- Community Ward meetings
- Stakeholder events
- 26th July to 31st October 2017



Key Issues/ Challenges

- Significant population growth
- Identify land for new
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Community facilities



Key Issues /Challenges

- Housing Need– 34,000 by 2031
- Future Employment Needs – 45ha Employment land



Key Issues/ Challenges

- Protect and enhance the City's heritage and green environment
- City Centre and Regeneration Areas



Key Issues/ Challenges

- Shopping – City centre, Neighbourhoods
- Transport – Public transport, Reduce congestion, Improve air quality, parking



Key Issues /Challenges

- What infrastructure is needed
 - schools, health facilities, utilities,
- Future waste site and recycling rates
- Development Management Policies



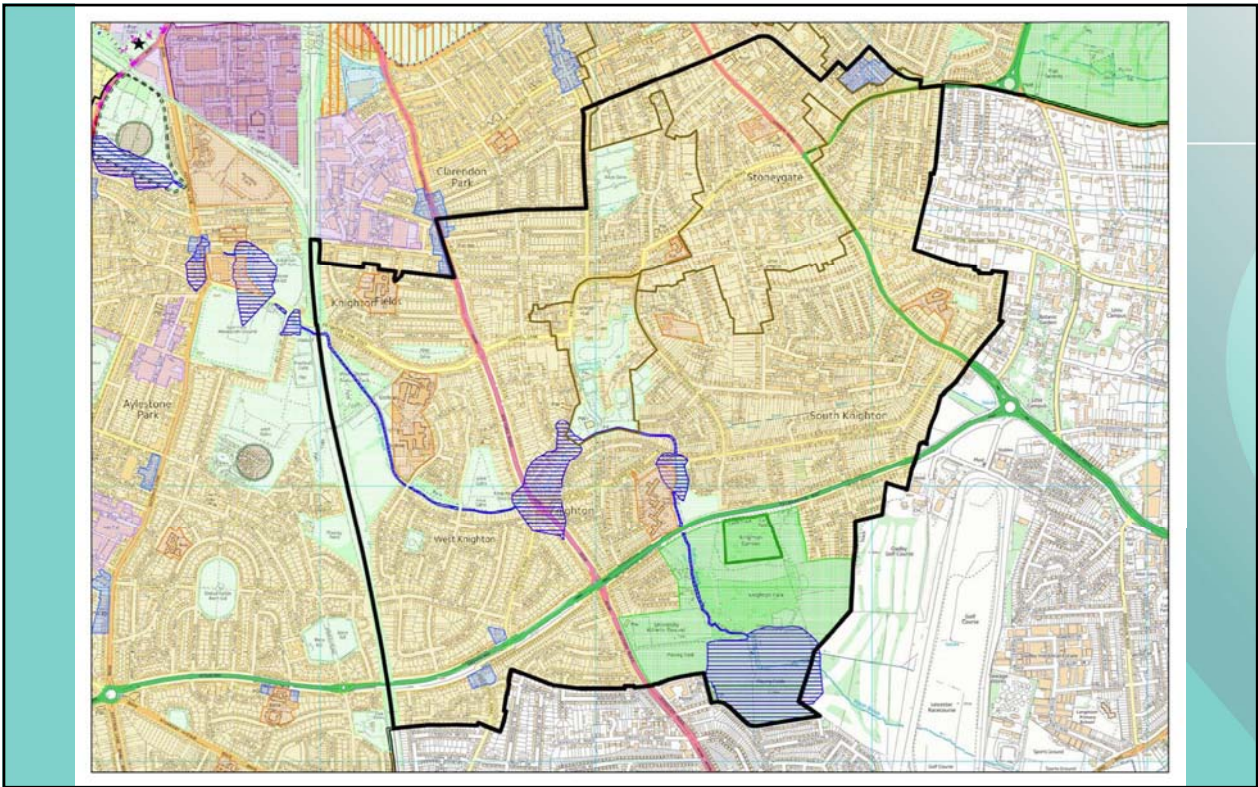
Local Issues – Knighton Ward



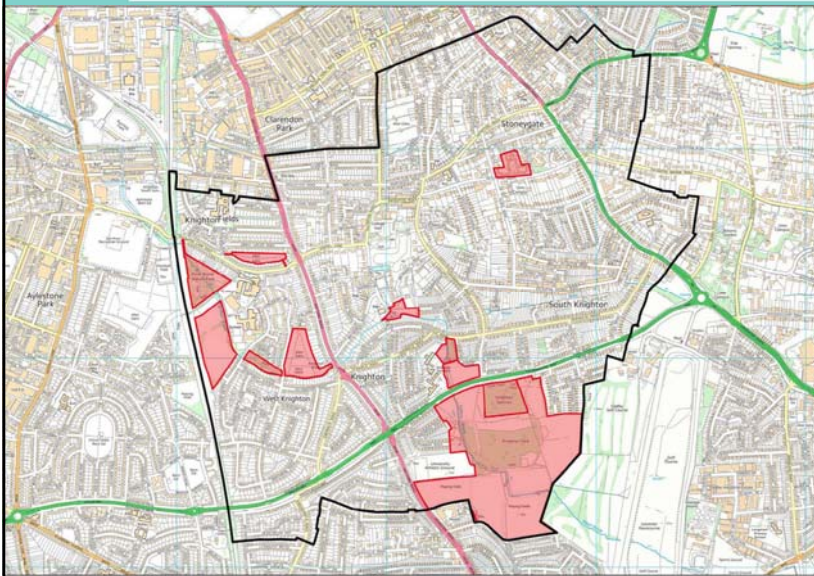
What are the key planning issues in your area?

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Access to open space
- Backland Development and Extensions
- Conservation
- HIMOs
- Highway Improvement line & Car Parking





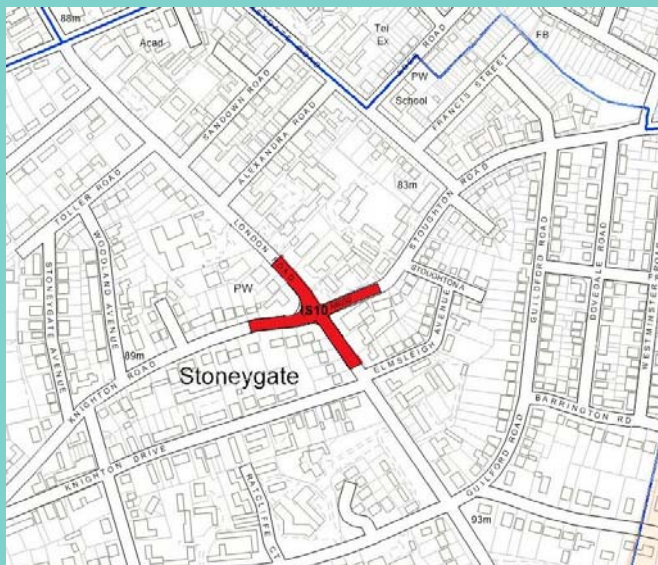
Potential Development Sites



- Sites with potential for development?
- Sites to be protected?
- Parks and open spaces
- Brownfield sites
- Any other sites?
- See Consultation documents



Highways Improvement




Thank you – Any Questions?

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Leicester Local Plan

Overview



Closes 31 Oct 2017
 Opened 26 Jul 2017

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The urban area of Leicester is one of the fastest growing areas in the country, with a uniquely diverse population of about 650,000.

Planning for the future involves anticipating future growth and making decisions about where we allow more development for homes and jobs, as well as identifying the built and natural heritage that we need to protect.

As a local authority, we are required to establish a Local Plan that sets out how the council responds to local priorities and how it meets the social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities that face the city.

- <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/>
- www.leicester.gov.uk
 - 'Emerging Planning Policy'
- Contact us on - 0116 454 0085
- Comments by 31st October 2017



DM Policy 27. Backland, tandem and infill development

Backland development for new dwellings will only be acceptable subject to the following:

- a) Development potential of adjoining land is not unreasonably prejudiced
- b) Satisfactory access in terms of highway safety, highway function, perceived and actual safety, residential amenity
- c) Development should minimise the number / frequency of vehicle accesses off an existing highway
- d) Tandem development of single dwellings will not normally be acceptable
- e) The number of dwellings, size, design and layout shall allow for space around dwellings, existing and proposed landscaping, car parking arrangements, and take account of the relationship to, and character of, neighbouring property and the area
- f) Privacy, light, outlook and amenity shall be maintained for existing and new dwellings by careful regard to separation distances, window positions, orientation of dwellings, levels, screening and landscaping
- g) Development shall be designed and assessed to allow for reasonable extensions to dwellings including through permitted development. Development that does not reasonably allow for permitted development will not normally be accepted;
- h) All backland development must be adequately drained following SuDS principles with no net increase on green field run off rates
- i) Development will respect the historic environment. In conservation areas, backland development will seek to ensure that the overall character and urban grain of the area is retained and that any new development is sympathetic, in terms of size, scale and design, to its specific location.



DM Policy 28. Residential amenity and new development

In determining planning applications, the following factors concerning the amenity of existing or proposed residents will be taken into account:

- a) Noise, light, vibrations, smell and air pollution (individually or cumulatively) caused by the development and its use
- b) The visual quality of the area including potential litter problems;
- c) Additional parking and vehicle manoeuvring
- d) Privacy, overshadowing, overlooking and overbearing
- e) Safety and security
- f) The ability of the area to assimilate development
- g) Access to key facilities by walking, cycling or public transport.



Minute Item 71

Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

Update for Knighton Ward Community meeting

29th August 2017.

Since the last Ward Community Meeting in February:

- Our AGM was held on Tuesday 28th February at Knighton Parish Centre. The AGM re-elected a Steering Group for the current year and the vacant post of Treasurer has been filled.
- The Forum has also agreed an outline Action Plan for the year 2017.
- Work to establish a Community Interest Company is ongoing.
- A Planning Consultant has been engaged to compile a comprehensive data set for Knighton. This consultancy was funded by the Knighton Ward Community Fund. The findings have been summarised in a report that we are calling the baseline report for Knighton.
- The baseline report is almost complete, we await some health data from the CCG and some school places data. The report will be issued shortly by email and published on the Knighton Forum web site. For people without Internet/email access we will provide a printed copy on request.
- We are setting up a new working group for KNF members to discuss the Local Plan consultation documents and possible impacts for Knighton. The first meeting will be held on 6th September. The next KNF public meeting will be on 17th October at 7:30pm and the subject of this meeting will be the Local Plan and our response to it
- The Transport Working Group continues to meet and has tested a pilot questionnaire to establish the community's views on a range of transport-related issues. The questionnaire responses from a test group of around 45 people are currently being collated and analysed.
- The Open Spaces, Sports and Leisure has also held monthly meetings since March. We are concerned about the green spaces in Knighton that are listed as possible development sites in the Local Plan Consultation Documents and the KNF is planning walks around Knighton to visit these sites.

- So far the Knighton Economy working group has met once.
- Knighton Forum will not have a stall at this weekend's Knighton Park Show as all spaces were sold out when we tried to make a booking.
- Knighton Forum now has an email address, a web site, a Facebook page and a Twitter account.