



POYNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Referendum Day - 10th October 2019

Residents will receive a polling card for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and you might be asking what is it all about?

What's a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is put together by residents and sponsored by the Town Council so that they have a say in how their Town is developed.

For the last 6 years residents and interested parties have been consulted, to ask them how they would like the Town to be developed over the next 20 years. From these consultations a **Neighbourhood Plan for Poynton** has been **produced by residents**, with the support of the Town Council.

Why are you holding a referendum?

The **Neighbourhood Plan** has gone through the statutory consultations and legal processes including being revised by an independent examiner, which now means that **Cheshire East Council** are holding a referendum to find out if residents support the plan or not.

An adopted **Neighbourhood Plan** will mean that Poynton will receive 25% of any Community Infrastructure levies (monies developers have to pay for developing in Poynton) to spend on the Town.

All Poynton residents who are registered to vote will receive a polling card.

If more than 50% of voters approve the Plan, developers and planners will need to take the Neighbourhood Plan into consideration when making any planning decisions.

What's the vision for the Town?

For Poynton to evolve and develop in a way that respects and reflects the views of it's community. For development to be of high quality, sustainable and matched by the provision of infrastructure and services. Poynton will retain it's character and heritage as a "**small town with a village feel**".

What are we voting on?

Based on resident feedback, policies on the [Environment, Housing, Transport and Connectivity, Town Centre and Business, Heath and Wellbeing](#) have been prepared.

Environment

Policies on Green Belt, surface water management, open spaces, access to the countryside, wildlife, playing fields and sports facilities.

Housing

Policies dealing with such matters as the location of developments, type of housing required, Higher Poynton, environmental considerations, design and extensions.



- Transport & Connectivity** Policies on walking infrastructure, bus services, cycling, safety and movement.
- Town Centre & Business** Policies defining the Town Centre, car parking, home working and support for business.
- Health & Wellbeing** Access to green spaces, healthcare and growing up in Poynton.

But I don't want any more development in Poynton

The Plan **has to respect** the adopted Cheshire East Local Plan which means that Poynton **has to provide** a minimum of 650 houses over the plan period.

The **Neighbourhood Plan cannot reduce the number** of houses which have been allocated by Cheshire East Council for Poynton — but it does have policies which help to guide both development and infrastructure in Poynton.

Cheshire East Council have already allocated three strategic sites for Development (Sprink Farm, Chester Road and Hazelbadge Road) in the **adopted Local Plan**, which will provide around **450** houses over the plan period.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** seeks to **minimise** any further loss of Green Belt from Poynton whilst recognising the requirements of the **Local Plan** for the remaining **200** houses for the Town.

Where can I find copies of the Plan?

Copies of the **Neighbourhood Plan** are available to read in the **Library** and **Civic Hall**.

You can find further links to the Plan on the **Poynton Town Council Website** and the **Cheshire East Website**.

Can someone explain why I should vote for it?

The **Town Council** are not permitted to promote the Plan either way.

**You need to decide once you have read it,
if you support the Neighbourhood Plan for Poynton or not.**