

From the Office of Cllr Ron Simpson BEM

A Member of Uppingham Town Council

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30.10.2020

For the Attention of

All town centre businesses

Dear Business Colleague

Neighbourhood Plan – Recommendations for change

Town Centre Economy Working Sub Group

The new Uppingham Neighbourhood Plan (to be drafted by Christmas) may recommend some changes in Uppingham town centre. For example, taking away the current protection on shop fronts in Queen Street; a local signage policy; possible improvements in the market place; possible parking and junction changes. Some of the ideas put forward since the publication of the first neighbourhood plan can be seen in the later town centre and business zones plan (two versions) online at www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info See also the notes of the sub group meeting overleaf.

What changes, **if any**, do you believe would strengthen the town's economy or benefit your business in the period up to 2036? Please let our town centre economy working group know, or if you prefer, join our November discussions to be held on Zoom. A link will be forwarded upon request: e-mail rons@clara.net

As the town councillor charged with gathering your views to input into the new plan, I am also happy to pop into your business at a convenient time to hear your views in private if you prefer. I can be reached on 01572 495050 or mobile 07710 328469.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Ron Simpson

Vice Chair

Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group

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Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group – Local Economy Sub-Group

Notes of a Virtual Meeting of the Economy Working Group held on Thursday October 21st 2020

In attendance – Mark Shaw, David Ainslie BEM, Ron Simpson BEM (Chair)

1. Interests – The various community, business and statutory sector interests of group members were noted

2. Trader Discussions – The Chair reported on preliminary discussions with a number of business traders to agree areas/zones of interest that need to be addressed in updating the UNP following last year's discussions in the Neighbourhood Forum, Business Forum and at the Board of Uppingham First.

3. UTC&BZ Plan - It was noted that the Council/NPAG had already received the full set of economic growth recommendations agreed by both town Forums in the Town Centre and Business Zones Plan. See www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info

3. Actions - Following group discussion it was agreed that the following actions be recommended to NPAG: -

- a) That an update of the town centre data set be part of the £10K Locality grant data study contract
- b) That NPAG note the intention of the Economy Working Sub Group to host updating consultation dialogue/meetings with the following resident/business groups..... Queen Street Group; High Street Group; Orange Street Group; North Street West; Hopper Users Group; Commercial Zones Group
- c) That an NPAG town centre update board be part of the proposed Uppingham Christmas Pop Up Shop

4. Emerging Issues - It was noted that the following issues had been raised in discussion by businesses:

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- a) Community Business Hub
- b) Communication with the Greater Lincolnshire LEP
- c) Undelivered actions in the present UNP
- d) Town Centre toilets
- e) Impact of Brexit and Covid-19 on economic growth
- f) Economic impact of the emerging Rutland Local Plan
- g) Coach Stop
- h) Parking capacity and safety
- i) Public wifi/business broadband
- j) Market Place café society offer
- k) Event management and road closures
- l) Town Centre Noticeboards
- m) Christmas light extension to Orange Street
- n) Speeding
- o) Database duplicity

5. Date of next meeting – to be synchronised with NPAG dates.

Ron Simpson BEM

22.10.2020