

Whaley Bridge Needs You!

Vision4Whaley are pleased to share the Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan for Whaley Bridge. We would like to invite you to view and comment on it by completing our feedback survey. You can read the full Draft Neighbourhood Plan on our website www.vision4whaley.org.uk



Upcoming Events

Join us for a cuppa and cake to discuss The Plan

June 11

FAB Market, Canal Basin
From 10am

June 13

Mechanics Institute, Market Street
2pm -7pm

June 14

Furness Vale Community Centre
2pm-4pm

...and at Footsteps, Market Street,
Thursdays 2pm-3.30pm during
June 16, 23, 30.

Scan Code for Survey



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document produced through feedback gathered over four years of consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan will be used to guide the future development and growth of Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale. It contains a vision, aims, planning policies, and proposals for improving the area and providing new facilities. The Neighbourhood Plan relates to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It deals with a range of issues that are important to the area. Our Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the Statutory Development Plan, together with the adopted local plan of High Peak Borough Council and Peak District National Park Authority, informing the decision making on a planning application in any part of Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale.

What are our aims?

In 2032 Whaley Bridge will be a sustainable and thriving local community meeting the needs of all generations. The distinctive local environment, unique character and natural beautiful surrounding countryside will be preserved and enhanced.

Where can I find out more?

Visit one of our events (listed to the right)

Visit the Vision4Whaley website: www.vision4whaley.org.uk

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/vision4whaleypage>

Get in touch with us by email: vision4whaley@outlook.com

Or write to: The Town Clerk "FAO Vision4Whaley", Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, SK23 7AA

Have comments about the Neighbourhood Plan?

[Complete our survey](#) by scanning the QR code (right) with your smartphone camera, or collect a paper copy from the Mechanics Institute or talk to us at one of our upcoming events.



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Simple Summary of The Draft (pre-submission) Neighbourhood Plan

Employment and Housing

This section contains policies to support local growth, to meet the social and economic needs of Whaley Bridge's local community.

The policies support retail, restaurants, cafes, cultural uses, visitor facilities, and recreational uses in the town centre, including changing of use from residential homes in the interest of diversification. Community facilities are particularly supported, particularly outdoor areas which support community events. Residential development is prioritised within the settlement boundary, in the Town Centre, brownfield sites and infill sites. Accommodation suitable for older people and those with limited mobility is supported in suitable locations.

Heritage-Led Regeneration and Conservation

This section seeks to protect Whaley Bridge's historic environment and support heritage-led regeneration in order to realise the economic and community potential of the historic environment while protecting it for future generations.

High quality, complementary, and green extensions to historic buildings are supported. The special character of the Whaley Bridge Conservation Area is protected. Particular focus is given to the Peak Forest Canal, Transhipment Shed, and Canal Basin to preserve the character of these areas and promote their recreational use, including developments adjacent to them.

Environment and Climate Change

This section prioritises protection of Whaley Bridge's environment and promotes high-quality, sustainable, and creative design.

The policies emphasise locally distinctive design that complements the townscape character and is well connected to green infrastructure. The sub-areas of Taxal, Fernilee, Horwich End, Bridgemont and Furness Vale are identified as having unique character that should be protected from unsympathetic development. The rural character of the area, the tree canopy, and natural habitats of the area are identified for protection. Development is encouraged to be sympathetic to the boundaries between the built environment and open countryside including a) taking into account views along the Goyt Valley b) avoiding encroachment onto the footpaths, cycleways, or green routes through the neighbourhood area.

Transport and Movement

This section ensures that development is served by a balanced and sustainable mix of transport options.

Developments are encouraged to prioritise pedestrian and cycle connections to surrounding transport routes, with electric vehicle charging points encouraged for new dwellings. Developers are encouraged to take opportunities to alleviate traffic congestion and pollution.

The Consultation runs from Friday 20th May (Noon) to Saturday 2nd July 2022 (Noon)



Local Green Spaces included in the plan

- LGS1: Roosdyche, New Horwich Road
 - LGS2: Whaley Bridge Linear Park
 - LGS3: Fernilee Chapel churchyard, Elnor Lane
 - LGS4: Shallcross Wood
 - LGS5: Furness Vale Bowling Green, Sports Court and Playground
 - LGS6: Whaley Bridge Cricket Pitch, New Horwich Road
 - LGS7: Shallcross Incline Greenway, Shallcross Road
 - LGS8: Taxal Churchyard, Whiteleas Road
 - LGS9: Whaley Bridge Incline
 - LGS10: Brookfield Pond, Reservoir Road
 - LGS11: Wooded area to north of Jodrell Road Play Area, Jodrell Road
 - LGS12: Land to the north of Meadowfield, Stoneheads Rise
 - LGS13: Furness Vale School Garden, Coachman's Lane
 - LGS14: Green at centre of Orchard Road, Orchard Road
 - LGS15: Carr Field Horwich End, Buxton Road
 - LGS16: Taxal Beeches, Taxal Moor Road
- (LGS= Local Green Space reference)

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