

Public Consultation 00

Event Date: 12 December 2015
Venue: The Christmas Market, Market Hill, Wickham Market
Facilitator: Neighbourhood Plan Committee
Format: Stall at Christmas Market
Publicity: None
Attendance: 50+

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Aims

The Christmas Market offered the opportunity to introduce the proposed Neighbourhood Plan to the general public. The aim of taking a stall at the market was to:

- 1) Raise early awareness whilst the six week consultation period takes effect
- 2) Gain interest from volunteers
- 3) Discuss the benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan with the general public

People consulted

The aim of having a stall was to engage with as many members of the Wickham Market community as possible. Due to the application and consultation period still being in effect, official approval for the WM NP had still to be confirmed. This limited the amount of pre event publicity but it was worthwhile making the effort.

A total of 50+ people listened to our explanation of the Neighbourhood Plan and signed up to receive further information. A total of 6 potential volunteers left their details for follow up.

How people were consulted

Visitors to the stand were introduced to the benefits of the Neighbourhood plan. They were then asked to add their contact details for further information as and when available.

Visitors were also invited to add a sticker to the maps to denote where they lived in the Parish. The sticker was also colour coded to guide us on age group. As we were taking information during the working day the main age group was 60+

Flyers, stickers and pens with web address were distributed.

Issues and Concerns Raised

Through general discussion the following points were raised

- 1) The pub - the requirement for one and how unsightly it is in current condition.
- 2) Confusion with the NP and the recent Parish Council survey
- 3) Bus frequency was seen as a problem
- 4) Pedestrian use of the narrow pathways entering the Hill
- 5) Parking on narrow sections of High Street

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How the Issues and Concerns have been considered

All points have been noted and included within the evidence base to be considered through further analysis and consultation