

SOUTHMINSTER IN FUTURE TIMES (SIFT) DECEMBER POSITION STATEMENT

The extension of the submission date for completed questionnaires enabled additional contributions to be made and work has now begun in summarising the comments. The contributions were made in a General Questionnaire, a Business Questionnaire and a Youth Questionnaire. The next step will be to draw upon the key themes contained within these surveys, and pull them together into one summary document. The summary will be made available to all those participants who offered information, as well as more generally, and this should be completed hopefully by late January. We also want to promote a greater awareness of our website, through which regular updates can be more widely shared. The website is an important means of promoting the activities of SIFT.

It is recognised that there are others who may not have contributed, for whatever reason, during the initial survey, or who may have had further thoughts since that time. The issues identified during this process, or indeed new issues which may have emerged since then, will be the subject of further consideration and consultation. Details of one off events in the village will be advertised shortly, offering Southminster residents a further opportunity to consider village issues and how improvements might be secured in the future.

February will see the drafting of an action plan for Southminster, and further consultation will then occur. Further discussion will occur with the Parish Council, District Council and County Council, as well as the Primary Care Trust around specific issues which have emerged during the consultation so far. More about that next time.

In conclusion we are always keen to hear from any resident of Southminster who would like to know more about the work around the production of the Parish Plan, or indeed would like to be considered for co-option as a member of the SIFT committee. We look forward to hearing from YOU!

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