

Southminster in Future Times January Position Statement

Responses from the general questionnaire, the business questionnaire and the youth questionnaire identifying concerns and possible areas of improvement have been amalgamated. This summary document will be distributed to every household in the last week of January as an insert to the Parish magazine. It is recognised that additional opportunities should be made available for further comment on what has been drafted. Does this reflect the major issues, or have others emerged, or do amendments need to be made?

In order to test this there will be a period of further consultation in which individual comments can be conveyed in writing (to One Place, 1 Burnham Rd) or e-mail (to email@southminster-sift.org.uk) in response to the circulated summary. In addition the summaries will be discussed during the next few weeks by a number of local community and interest groups, and specific surgeries have been planned during the week from February 4th to 9th. These sessions will be at **One Place**, the community information centre opposite the parish church, as follows :

Monday 4th between 8.30 am and 11 am

Tuesday 5th between 2.30 pm and 5 pm and between 6 pm and 9 pm

Saturday 9th between 10 am and 4 pm in the parish church

Residents are encouraged to call in during these times and discuss any amendments they would want to see in the draft areas for improvement and action plan. It won't take long and could make a real difference.

We hope to publicise these surgeries through the local press and Saint FM to increase the take up.

The summary of issues will also be sent to Essex County Council, Maldon District Council, Southminster Parish Council and the Primary Care Trust to ensure that they are aware of the issues being raised by local residents.

Further consultation will occur before the Parish Plan is finally published to ensure that the views of everyone living in the village, who wants to participate, have been recorded.

Look out for next month's update.

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