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## PROTECTING OUR PAST, FIXING OUR FUTURE

An important weekend for our first ever Neighbourhood Plan

There are some things that haven't changed much since Shakespeare pottered about Stratford - it still has swans, the glistening river and many of the ancient buildings lining its bustling streets. But Will didn't have to put up with traffic congestion, road signs obscuring the historic buildings, and pavements that are too narrow to accommodate his throng of fans.

These are just a few of the things that a team of modern day residents hope to change. The team of volunteers are preparing Stratford-upon-Avon's first Neighbourhood Plan, a document that will give legal rights to shape the future of the town. They've come up with a set of proposals for policies they feel has Stratford's best interests at heart and, this weekend, they need your help to check they're on the right track by coming along to the Open Days at the Town Hall, looking at the details, filling in a questionnaire and giving your feedback.

Proposals cover issues such as where new homes and offices should be built, what they should look like, and how the Town Centre can be improved. Further suggestions on topics close to residents' hearts concern regeneration, jobs, heritage, open spaces, leisure and infrastructure.

### **Protecting our past, fixing our future.**

It's an exciting time for Stratford residents – if you want to get involved with shaping your town's first ever Neighbourhood Plan, pop along to the Open Days at Stratford Town Hall, Sunday 30 June, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

If you can't make the Open Days, you can see all of the information and fill in the questionnaire online at [www.ourstratford.org.uk](http://www.ourstratford.org.uk) . The volunteers have made a video explaining the Neighbourhood Plan, too - check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/user/NeighbourhoodPlan>

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