

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – Sept 21st 2023 to 2nd Nov 2023

General Comments

General Feedback

As part of the survey we included a question for general comment.

All will be considered where relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan. Other specific comments will be feedback to Calderdale MBC where appropriate

Have you any general comments about Todmorden that you wish to make?

It's been sad to see local businesses closing down since the cost of living crisis late last year. E.g Yakumama

Forced to select five things but we don't need any of those. Restrict 2nd homes and air bnb, more affordable homes for local people, keep the parking for the market and improve the link to the canal through lever street car park.

The centre of Todmorden is a carpark We need to develop a centre with shops, cafes and places where the community can gather. The new traffic lights are causing congestion and the zebra crossing from bridge street is hazardous for drivers and pedestrians.

Tod is a great place that needs to both preserve what it has and at the same time take some lessons from Hebden Bridge - I don't want it to BE Hebden, but that town is a great example of good town design/plans. Great look/feel, good facilities, nice shops and pubs etc., Tod is a bit of a dump in comparison.

Two of the most remarkable things about Todmorden are its sense of community and natural kindness which unites us.

There's a lot of blocked drains with a build up of leaves / soil. They don't get cleaned / cleared so I this doesn't help with the water draining from the hills into the town centre.

I would like to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan. I would like to see Denis' Field listed as part of the Green Infrastructure in NE3 page 50, as the Todmorden Town Council has already committed to designating DF as a local Green Space. It could also be included as a Local Wildlife Site on the map on page 51.

Todmorden needs to recognise, preserve and celebrate its public green areas. I would like to see Denis' Field (Postcode OL14 5LT) listed as part of the Green Infrastructure in NE3 page 50, as the Todmorden Town Council has already committed to designating Denis Field as a local Green Space. I would also like it to be included as a Local Wildlife Site on the map on page 51.

Traffic management is poor, the new crossings in town centre have made things worse - there is an unofficial 'by-pass' regularly operating over stansfield hall with high volumes of through traffic often travelling at high speeds making it dangerous to cross the road and to see when emerging from side roads. The 20 mph speeds are not observed here or over park rd. Victoria road is difficult to use due to heavy parking,

More police presence and a police station that is open

It has so much potential

Fix the Bandstand

There are no bus services after 8 o'clock to outlying villages - an hour walk home late at night.

The town is struggling at the moment with loss of shops suitable for we older people to frequent

Todmorden is struggling to accommodate (both in hotels etc and in terms of infrastructure) the number of visitors it receives.

For the most part it is a kind and friendly caring place to be

Do not spend money on new builds (carbon intensive), invest in refurb of unused buildings and green infrastructure wider public footpaths, cycle lanes , not convinced about traffic calming measures.

keep parking and good medical centre. Proper little english town- small and active integration of immigrants.

would like more restaurants and bars

too many eyesores in the town centre - empty shops. Roller shutters are horrible.

It has a great community spirit

not enough has been done to prevent eyesore businesses opening

Its a lovely town

leave market area as it is

stop closing things - no bank no ticket office.

A town that need to make the most of what it has while developing new well paid work in ecological improvement

Its wonderful

We should treasure our "oasis" status between Manchester and Leeds

If it aint broke dont fix it

There is a need to improve gateways into the town. There are some very poor quality finishes on major routes into and out of the town, because the planning authority has not made developers provide high quality solutions to boundaries etc. Two examples are the shocking boundary fence next to the main road adjacent to the Lidl site. shame on Calderdale for not making Lidl give the town a well designed piece of public land here. Instead they were fobbed off with excuses about cost, so now we are left with an eyesore. A second less unsightly but still poor is the close boarded fence abutting Burnley Road on the new housing site formerly M&G caravans.

Awareness

