

ABOUT MAIDENHEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum (MNF) has been set up to produce a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the seven wards of Maidenhead that have no parish council. That means the whole town except for Cox Green and Bray/Holyport, where people do have parish representation. The Forum receives national government funding to develop the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) but can only succeed if residents and local businesses take an active part.

The Forum's job is to produce a workable NP within the constraints of planning law. The Forum is non-political and is not a campaigning group. We are members of the public who care about the future of their town. The Plan created by MNF following input from residents and businesses will be adopted if it passes an independent examination and gets a majority vote in a local referendum. The policies in the NP will then sit alongside existing National and RBWM Planning Policies and be used to determine how the 7 unparished wards of the town are developed.

The day-to-day activity of the Forum is managed by the Officers and Management Committee members, who are elected by members of MNF each year at an Annual General meeting held between April and the end of June.

For more information go to the MNF website www.mnf.org.uk or contact us by email chair@mnf.org.uk

There is also a sign-up page at the website. Anyone who lives or works within these 7 unparished wards is welcome to join in the activities of MNF – your thoughts and ideas could make a difference to the shape of the town in the future.

**It's FREE to become a member –
there is NO membership fee!**



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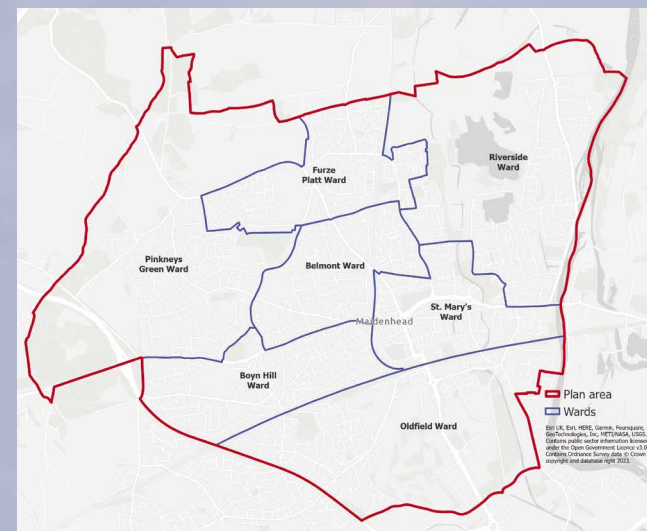
PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

You can help shape the way Maidenhead develops in the future by joining **Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum (MNF)**.

MNF is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town, based on the needs and wishes of the people who live and work here.

If you would like to help us put together the Plan, please go to mnf.org.uk to sign up as a Forum member.

Or if you just want to be informed and take part in surveys, sign up as a supporter to join the hundreds who already have.



Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum is an independent non-party-political group of local volunteers formed in 2019 to develop the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Maidenhead, in the hope of ensuring the best-planned future for our town as it continues to grow.



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WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

- A NP creates planning policies for how land is used – “what goes where”
- A NP can cover a wide range of issues like **Heritage, Transport, Green spaces, Housing** etc, or just focus on a few

THE STAGES OF DEVELOPING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
DESIGNATION	Forum and Area agreed by local authority (RBWM) – done!
ASK THE COMMUNITY	What is the scope? Surveys; meetings; ideas; discussions
DEVELOP PROPOSALS	Work up ideas into policies. Omit non-planning issues or ideas which would conflict with national/RBWM policies
REVIEW A DRAFT	Publish draft Neighbourhood Plan policies Consult; review feedback
SUBMIT A PLAN	RBWM managed Formal consultation Independent Examination; any modifications; public referendum

FIVE MYTHS ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

- 1 An NP can challenge the Borough Local Plan
- 2 An NP can change the town centre vision
- 3 An NP will mean more growth and traffic
- 4 You can plan your own neighbourhood
- 5 An NP could save the Golf Course



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EXAMPLES OF POLICIES IN SOME OTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS



Example policies from Ascot, Bracknell, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Henley and Harpsden, & Windsor

Neighbourhood Plans must not contradict existing policies at national or borough level (such as the recently adopted Borough Local Plan).



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