

ABINGDON FAMILIES

Tue 23 Feb [7.30pm until 9.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-abingdon-families-tickets-141344608529>

Are you an adult of working age? Either with or without children, we want to hear from you. What are opportunities and challenges in Abingdon are you navigating at your stage in life? We want to know about your working week, what you do at weekends, what you do for leisure, your thoughts about the homes and schools on offer in the town. If you moved here recently, what brought you to the town? If you were born and grew up here, what keeps you in Abingdon? What changes would make Abingdon even better?

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ACCESS & MOVEMENT

Wed 24 Feb [1.30pm until 3.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-access-movement-tickets-141349858231>

How do you get around Abingdon? Can you access the places you need to get to easily and without too much hassle? Or do you find it difficult and frustrating? Are the streets and spaces easy to navigate? What can make life easier for you as a pedestrian or somebody that needs to go into town often? We know that Covid-19 restrictions have limited our ability to move around but as the town comes out of lockdown, what changes would you want to see? How can we build a town where everybody has equal opportunity, no matter how they choose to travel?

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LEISURE & SPORTS

Thu 25 Feb [11am until 12.30pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-leisure-sports-tickets-141383542983>

Are you a member of a sports club in Abingdon? This could be traditional team sports like football, cricket, or rugby. Or more individual sports, like running, cycling or tennis. Does your chosen sport need facilities, like a club house, changing rooms or pitches? What investment do you need to keep your sport popular and allow participation to flourish? The neighbourhood plan can include planning policies to help support sports and leisure activities across the town and we want to hear from you.

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CULTURE

Thu 25 Feb [1.30pm until 3.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-culture-tickets-141383635259>

What is the culture of Abingdon? Where and what are the cultural hotspots? The theatres, pubs, cinemas, museums, nightclubs – we want to explore the culture of the town, both the visible and the less obvious. What traditions do you want to keep alive? And what are the alternative cultural trends? Music, art, and design? What cultural attractions will keep Abingdon alive and dynamic in future. We know that Covid-19 lockdowns have seriously affected cultural life around the world. Now is the time to review what culture means to us all and to look ahead to a brighter cultural future.

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HEALTHY TOWN & OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fri 26 Feb [11am until 12.30pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-healthy-town-outdoor-recreation-tickets-141383767655>

What makes a healthy town? A good mix of parks and green spaces, access to informal recreation and opportunities to be outdoors all play a big role in mental health and wellbeing. We know that Covid-19 lockdowns have given many people across the country the time to get out and about and opportunity to explore where they live. There has been a new found enthusiasm for life outdoors and for living a healthy life. What does Abingdon need to maintain these opportunities? Can the town adopt an even greater healthy town mindset? We want to hear from you.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mon 1 Mar [1.30pm until 3.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-the-environment-tickets-141383853913>

The Abingdon Neighbourhood Plan can play a significant role in improving the environment for future generations. By adopting planning policies that influence energy consumption in new buildings, construction techniques and issues around traffic and transport, a neighbourhood plan is a powerful tool to shape the future. Carbon reduction and tackling the climate crisis are critical challenges in 2021. How should Abingdon respond, and which environmental policies and projects should be included in the neighbourhood plan?

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HERITAGE & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Tue 2 Mar [1.30pm until 3.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-heritage-the-built-environment-tickets-141384271161>

Abingdon has a long and rich history, and this leaves a legacy of many fabulous heritage buildings. The town contains 277 Listed Building, seven Scheduled Ancient Monuments and three Conservation Areas, all testament to this richness of the town's built environment. While these assets all benefit from national level protection, what more can the neighbourhood plan do? What policies or proposals should the plan contain to ensure that future building meets the needs of the town?

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BUSINESS, ECONOMY & THE TOWN CENTRE

Wed 3 Mar [7.30pm until 9.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-business-economy-the-town-centre-tickets-141384562031>

What will be the businesses and economy opportunities in Abingdon ten years from now? What types of jobs and employment will be on offer in the future? While nobody can accurately predict the future, we need to do our best to shape the future of business across the town through the neighbourhood plan as best we can. Even before the Covid-19 lockdowns, town centres were changing with a rapid decline in retailing. As we emerge into a new world, what will make the town centre an appealing place to spend time?

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YOUTH 7-11 YEARS OLD

Mon 8 Mar [6.00pm until 7.30pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-youth-7-11-years-old-tickets-141384766643>

This session will explore the issues that affect those who live in Abingdon and are aged between 7 and 11 years old. Which places do you love to go to? Are there places to avoid? What makes you happy? What is missing from the town? What sort of place should it be in future? Where do you and your friends like to be at the weekend or after school? Which places have you visited that you really like and think Abingdon could learn from? This is a chance for you to have your say.

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YOUTH 12-16 YEARS OLD

Tue 9 Mar [7.30pm until 9.00pm]

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abingdon-neighbourhood-plan-youth-12-16-years-old-tickets-141384872961>

This session will explore the issues that affect those who live in Abingdon and are aged between 12 and 16 years old. Which places do you love to go to? Are there places to avoid? What makes you happy? What is missing from the town? What sort of place should it be in future? Where do you and your friends like to be at the weekend or after school? Which places have you visited that you really like and think Abingdon could learn from? This is a chance for you to have your say.

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