



## PRESS RELEASE

## The Future of Cirencester - Your Future!

Public Exhibition and Consultation Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 9.30am to 4pm, Bingham Gallery, Bingham House (including special Meet-the-Team-Sessions on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 10am to 12pm, and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 4pm to 7pm)



Cirencester's future lies in your hands!

Cirencester is considering its future and now is your chance to take part in shaping it.

Apart from the Cotswold District Council's consultation about the *Local Plan* - the key planning document which will guide decisions on the use and development of land in the district from the present day until 2031 - Cirencester Town Council is working on the documents *Our Future Cirencester* and *Cirencester Concept Statement*.

*Our Future Cirencester* is a community plan, which was published in 2008 and which helps the Town Council to decide what to do for the community. It focuses on four main themes:

- a sustainable market town,
- a good place in which to grow up,
- an attractive town with a vibrant culture
- a better place in which to do business.

This document needs to be reviewed and the Town Council would like to encourage you to share your views on Cirencester's future with them.

The *Cirencester Concept Statement* has been drafted with the help of various stakeholders who are connected to our town. They aim to outline development principles and Cirencester's assets so as to figure out what we want for Cirencester.

Being directly linked to one another, these three documents are attributed to a profound significance. As Mayor Joe Harris confirms: *"I'm pleased that the Town Council are leading the public consultation on the future of Cirencester, the town is changing and we want to make sure that change is for the better not for the worse. It is important that you have your say in the future of your town."* 

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In order to share your ideas, there are plenty of ways to get in touch with Cirencester Town Council.

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 between 9.30am and 4pm feel free to visit the public exhibition in the Gallery at Bingham House to view more information relating to these three documents and to comment on them.

Furthermore, you can meet the Town Council Team who will be available to answer your queries on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 10am to 12pm and on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 4pm to 7pm in the Gallery at Bingham House.

At a special meeting of the Town Council in the same venue on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015** at 7pm, the formal response to the *Local Plan* will be considered as well as the approval of the *Cirencester Concept Statement*. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Obviously, NOW is a very good time to help make Cirencester an even better place to live. Thus, grasp this great opportunity to share your opinion and ideas with Cirencester!

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