



Welcome to the future of Bawtry!

**A public exhibition at the Bawtry Methodist Church Hall on
Wednesday 13th December, open between 2 pm and 9 pm.**

Tea and coffee will be available.

In February 2015 Bawtry Town Council agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan be made. Once “made”, a Neighbourhood Plan shifts the balance of power between a local community and their Planning Authority. That means DMBC will remain the decision making body, but they will have to take much greater account of what the people of Bawtry think – as expressed in the Plan.

A steering group, comprising members from all parts of Bawtry – including the Town Council, the Residents’ Group, and the Retail Association - has been working on the Plan for more than two years, by asking people how they want Bawtry to develop in the future. We’re now ready to share our First Draft of the Plan. This is the first formal stage of “making” the Plan, which will culminate in a public referendum.

If you care about the future of Bawtry, come to the exhibition. Our vision has been *“To create a Plan for Bawtry that will enable the town to develop into a thriving and vibrant market town; proud of its heritage; safe and enriching for its residents; welcoming to visitors and fit and prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century”*.

Have a look at what we intend to say about our town, and tell us if we’ve got it right - about new houses, about shops, bars and restaurants, about green spaces, about roads, car parking, and traffic. How these issues are managed in the future will determine the character and prosperity of the town.

Bawtry isn’t just for adults, so our Plan isn’t either. We want to hear from children and teenagers too. What sort of Bawtry do they want? All are welcome.

Please come to the exhibition and have your say!