



Fazeley Neighbourhood Plan 2026 – 2043

Draft for Public Consultation

Summary



Introduction

Welcome to the summary version of **Fazeley Draft Neighbourhood Plan**. The Draft Plan has been prepared by Fazeley Town Councillors and contains planning policies to help guide decisions on planning applications for development in the town up to 2043. The plan's policies are underpinned by design guidance to help ensure that future development proposals are sensitive to Fazeley's unique heritage, and that buildings are well designed. **Fazeley Civil Parish Guidelines & Design Codes** document is an Appendix of the neighbourhood plan. We would like to hear your views on the Plan and Design Codes before it is finalised and submitted it to Lichfield District Council.

Public Consultation

The full Fazeley Neighbourhood Plan 2026 – 2042 and Fazeley Civil Parish Guidelines & Design Codes are published on Fazeley Town Council's website <http://fazeleytowncouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> together with an online questionnaire for you to complete. A limited number of hard copies of both documents are available on request from the Clerk to the Town Council - see <https://fazeleytowncouncil.co.uk/#Contact> . We are holding two open drop-in events in **Fazeley Town Hall on Saturday 21st March from 11am until 1pm and in Mile Oak Community Centre on Tuesday 24th March from 7pm until 8.30pm**. Please come along to meet your local Town Councillors and find out more about our Draft Plan.

Draft Vision

By 2043 the unique heritage of Fazeley will be celebrated as an asset and integrated into Fazeley's regeneration and physical enhancement. Local communities throughout the area will be more prosperous and healthier, benefitting from safe, attractive and accessible green spaces and recreation facilities, and enhanced transport connectivity which encourages active and sustainable travel choices and reduced reliance on cars. Local wildlife and biodiversity will be protected and enhanced.

Draft Objectives and Planning Policies

Objective 1: To promote high quality and sustainable design which is sensitive to local character and heritage, whilst ensuring development is resource efficient and fit for the future.

This will be delivered through Policies F1 which sets out design guidance for heritage buildings, F2 which requires developments to respond to local character and F3 which promotes sustainable design.

Objective 2: To provide an attractive, safe and high-quality public realm which attracts further business investment, is accessible for all and alleviates parking problems in the area.

This will be delivered through Policies F4 which sets out proposals to enhance Fazeley town centre and F5 which aims to improve accessibility for all.

Objective 3: To encourage suitable business and visitor related uses of former mills and historic buildings and investment in local shops and services.

This will be delivered through Policies F4 (see above) and F6 which supports heritage led regeneration and the visitor economy.

Objective 4: To support improvements in local public open spaces and recreation facilities.

This will be delivered through Policies F4 (see above), F7 which aims to conserve and enhance Fazeley's natural environment, F9 which aims to protect and enhance open spaces and F10 which protects several locally important areas as Local Green Spaces.

Objective 5: To protect and enhance Fazeley's historic local waterways for wildlife and recreation uses.

This will be delivered through Policies F5 and F7 (see above) and F8 which addresses flooding.

The Draft Plan has been prepared over several years by a group of Town Councillors and residents. It still has several more stages to go through before it will be subjected to a local referendum when local residents will be invited to vote on whether it should be used to help determine planning applications alongside Lichfield's Local Plan and national planning policy.

Fazeley Neighbourhood Plan has to sit within this higher planning policy framework and meet certain 'basic conditions'. It has to be positively prepared and cannot be used to stop development. However it can be used to help shape development proposals and ensure that new buildings are well designed and respond well to Fazeley's special historic character.

We hope you will have a look at the Draft Plan and give us your feedback. We want to have a plan that reflects local residents and stakeholders' views and concerns. Please use this consultation to have your say. Thank you for your interest.