



Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Order



What is a Neighbourhood Development Order?

A Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO) grants planning permission for specific development in a particular area. This could include things like specified changes of use, certain kinds of alteration or the reinstatement of historical features. Biddulph Town Council is developing an NDO for the Town Centre, driven by the community and stakeholder engagement.

Why are we doing this?

We consulted with people in the town as part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. They overwhelmingly said that the town centre needed re-thinking! Developing an NDO will help us to be clear about the priorities and access funding that could help to make changes.

What will it do?

Biddulph Town Council has delivered a number of community events to explore what people would like to support and see in our Town Centre. These events have been used to identify the draft area that we are now consulting on and the proposed themes it will cover.

Applicable to the entire area shown on the draft plan there are two parts to the emerging NDO. These are:

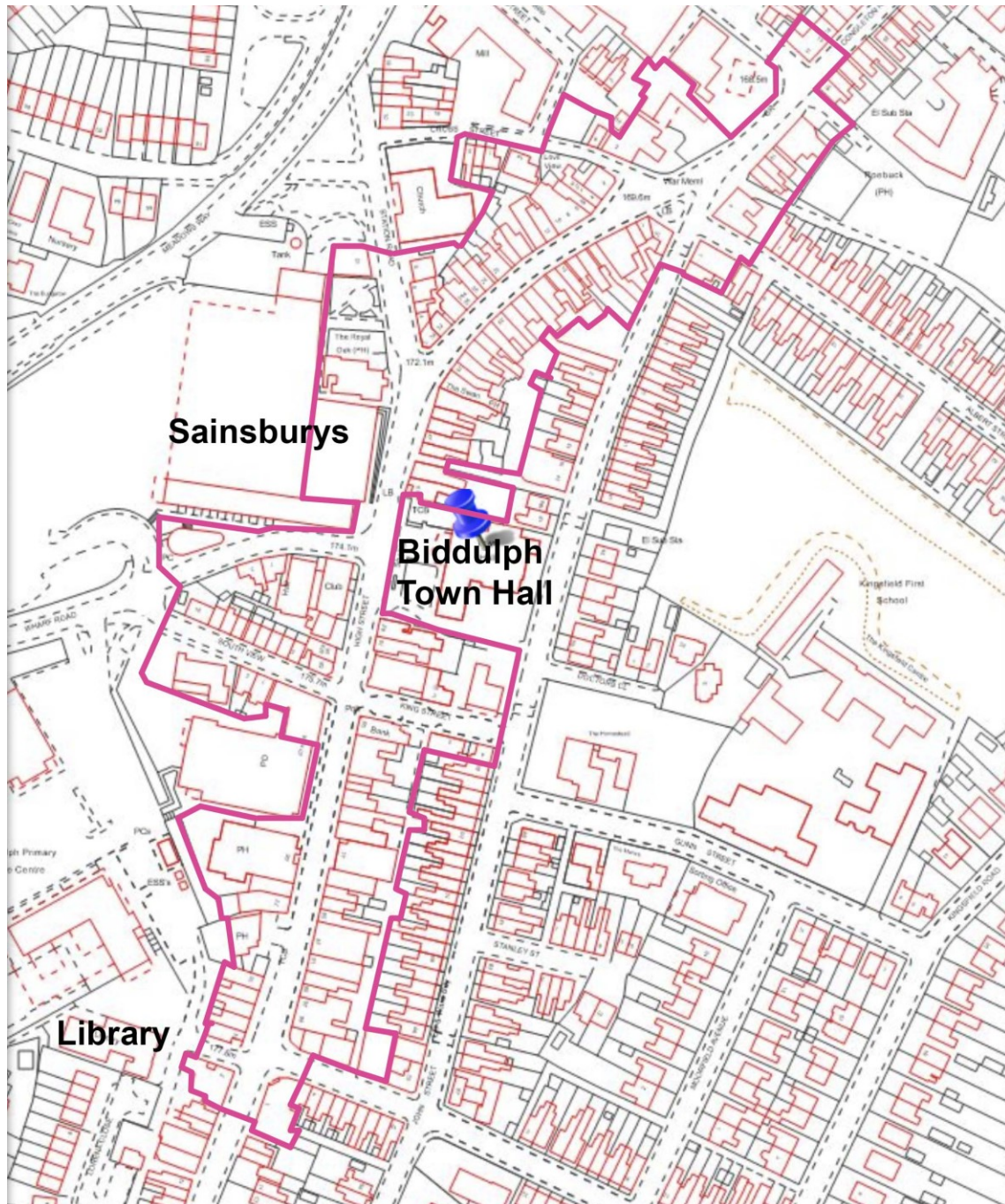
- **Part 1 Supporting Mixed use of B1 (Business) of upper floors:** In addition to permitted development rights enabling conversion of many upper floors to 2 residential flats, to encourage more people into the town centre and make better use of existing buildings, upper floors of existing buildings could also be used for B1 (Business).
- **Part 2 Reinstatement of Historic Shopfronts:** Building upon the SMDC shopfronts design guide and community engagement this will enable incremental change of the external shopfronts and signage to encourage a range of better designs, improving the overall appearance of the town centre. This may include, signage, shopfront and entrance design, type of materials, erection of canopies and shutters.

Your thoughts and comments on these are welcomed!

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Where will it cover?

The following map is the draft Neighbourhood Development Order Area, which has been drawn following consultation in late 2018 and early 2019. The area has been drawn based on comments and suggestions to mark the area of concentrated local businesses that could benefit in the Town Centre.



(Source: Base map taken from SMDC interactive planning map 2019. Once a formal area has been decided Biddulph Town Council will work with SMDC to draw a detailed final version that will be taken to formal consultation later this year)



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How can I have a say?

Email biddulph@staffordshire.gov.uk

Come to a consultation event!

Access information via the website: www.biddulph.co.uk

Send a letter to: Biddulph Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Biddulph ST8 6AR

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Further information on Neighbourhood Development Orders is available from the Locality guide. To download a copy visit: <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/neighbourhood-development-orders-community-right-build-orders/>