

## **Macclesfield Town Council Consultation Policy**

Macclesfield Town Council is committed to making sure decisions are evidence-based, taking into account the views and experiences of residents. This is done on an ongoing basis with Councillors and Officers feeding in the views from residents, local businesses and other stakeholders.

From time to time this will take the form of a consultation where Macclesfield Town Council ask for your views.

The Town Council strives to ensure that it is as accessible as possible, with options for consultations to be online, through social media, paper copies or calling and telling us your view.

Macclesfield Town Council also responds to consultations being held by the local authority Cheshire East Council and National government, where it is can in a timely manner and where it is appropriate.

First and foremost, Macclesfield Town Council shares all Cheshire East Council consultations through its website, as the residents views are the most important views to capture.

Where a CEC or National government consultation affects the workings and the governance of the town council, and where time permits Macclesfield Town Council will strive to respond as a Council as a whole.

The Full Council meets 5/6 times per year, and to gain a Town Council view this must be discussed at a Full Council meeting and can therefore not respond to every consultations. Plus, it must be remembered that Councillors may not be able to agree a 'whole town council view' on every subject. Therefore, all Councillors will aim to complete consultations as a Councillor in these circumstances.