

BARNE BARTON

Sustainable Neighbourhoods Development Plan
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SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

This is a summary of some of the key issues emerging from the consultation process. Full copies of the representations can be viewed below:

Eight representations were received from a mix of residents including one Elected Member and a Public Health Advisor the majority of whom thought that the summary of the neighbourhood was a reasonable reflection of the neighbourhood. It was highlighted that there would be a major impact on the areas from the proposed incinerator from health issues to environmental impact.

Shopping

There are very limited shops, although the co-op has had a significant impact on the area. More facilities would be welcomed i.e. a health centre and pharmacy. Most people tend to use the shops and services in St. Budeaux.

Local Issues

There is a lack of community and youth facilities which increases the antisocial behaviour.

The waste incinerator has been identified as having health implications to the area.

There is a lack of services and infrastructure in Barne Barton.

There is a distinct lack of greenspaces where the public are allowed access, and for children to play.

Greenspaces

The green area at BB01 off of Kinterbury Road has been taken away, this is a huge loss to the community. Inaccessibility to greenspaces has been highlighted generally.

Potential Development Sites

BB01 should be kept as a community greenspace. The barracks sites was identified for employment uses. BB01 and BB07 were identified for sports and a nature reserve.

Other Comments

- Barne Barton has been identified as an area of serious deprivation and has a large number of residents with health problems. Placing the incinerator here will have further health and environmental issues.
- The infrastructure at Barne Barton needs to be addressed before any further houses are built.
- A community/training facility has been suggested in the barracks area.
- The MOD sports club could be used as a local youth club.

Q2 – How are you connected with this neighbourhood?

Q3a – Do you generally agree with the summary of this neighbourhood?

Q3b – If not, what would you like to change?

Q4 – What do you think of the shopping facilities?

Q5 – Briefly in order of importance, what do you think are the biggest issues in the neighbourhood? e.g. youth facilities, traffic, affordable homes etc.

Q6a – Which green spaces/parks are important to you and why? (please identify them using the numbers on the map)

Q6b – Are there any areas of green or open space that are not shown which you feel should be protected? Please explain why

Q7 – Identify any sites you feel should or could be developed and for what purpose?

Full Name	Q2	Q3 a	3b	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q6b	Q7	Other comments -
Mrs Geraldine Lane SNDPD72	Neighbour - in St Budeaux	Yes			The fact that, in an area acknowledged to be in the top 3% nationally of deprivation, the city council regards as a positive point the proposal to build a waste incinerator only metres from homes in Barne Barton. PCC will be aware of the very strong feelings against this in the area.				<p>PCC Sustainable Community Strategy Statement 2007-2020 states:</p> <p>"Our aim is to create successful neighbourhoods right across the city. We will work together to improve our city but we will particularly target the most deprived neighbourhoods to reduce the gap in the quality of life, prosperity and well being between those neighbourhoods and the rest of the city."</p> <p>The following quote is taken from the Health Promotion Agency document "Municipal Solid Waste Incineration" relating to a report by DEFRA, used by PCC as evidence for incineration:</p> <p>"It concluded that, although the information is incomplete and not ideal, the weight of evidence from studies so far indicates that present day practice for managing solid municipal waste has, at most, a minor effect on human health and the environment."</p> <p>PCC have acknowledged that Barne Barton is an area that suffers serious deprivation and has a large number of residents with health problems, with an average life expectancy of 75 years, compared to 86 years in, e.g., Widewell. Under these conditions, even a minor effect must be of relevance to a population in reduced health. How can the placing of a waste incinerator possibly be justified in the light of the community strategy statement when even the Government's own agencies acknowledge an effect on human health and the environment (albeit minor)? This is surely no way to reduce the gap in quality of life between neighbourhoods?</p>
Pratt SNDPD10	Public Health advisor for the city		I think the plan is a bit disingenuous, whilst it's good to be positive about an area you don't mention the problems arising from		<p>isolation</p> <p>the imposition of polluting heavy industry in the area (incinerator, docks)</p> <p>lack of services</p> <p>previous housing policies appear to have compounded some social</p>		They should normally be protected unless there are very good reasons to lose them		I think the development of the incinerator will be negative for mental health and wellbeing and quite possibly for physical health too. It flies against the council's LDF and visions for the city. I think the area deserves to be a priority, from gritting in the winter to subsidised buses all year round. Decent services should be the highest priority for this area.

			the Docks (noise etc) and the major impacts to be expected from the incinerator.		problems				
Mr Stuart Scoular SNDPD3	Resident	No	Not a "proposed site" but an enforced choice made on by your own report one of the poorest and least healthy areas of Plymouth.	Poor, the co-operative store has more deals on sweets and booze than real nutritious food.	Lack of spaces for children to play safely, lack of information on changes to built environment, green spaces not having public access. Water poverty, as water rates are based on rateable value and with South West Water refusing to install meters as they state the cost is prohibitive we in a 2 bedroom flat with no garden have to pay £20 per week for our water, that's in excess of £1000 a year for properties with 1 kitchen, 1 toilet, 1 bath and 1 basin (6 taps in total 1 toilet)	BB02 was prior to fencing being placed up and taking away coastal path to Kinterbury Creek. Could this route be re opened? BB01 was used but again access to site was taken away last year with no prior warning (notices placed on street post etc) It is a great space where my daughter and I have picnicked, flown kites, and chatted with members of the community. This resource appears to have been lost with no notification or prior consultation or review.	Blackies Wood, it is a vital environment and holds a lot of diverse wildlife. Should be classed as urban woodland and school groups etc utilise it	With current rush to build on all green space in area, BB01 should be kept as a "community green" as it offers a safe space that children can run about and do their own things without getting in the way of the rugby or soccer pitches.	Please can we have a specific councillor for Barne Barton, with exceptions of Mr G Wheeler any of them that have been contacted have failed to respond to queries or questions, we are a diverse and growing constituency with unique issues that have so far not been acknowledged or addressed in any meaningful way from elective representatives , this is borne out by the fact that Plymouth City Council have decided to place an unproven technology on our door step, as we have lowest home ownership, employment status and have been seen thus far as a soft target.
Cllr George Wheeler SNDPD224	An elected member for the area lying within the neighbourhood			These improved with the opening of the Co-op store next to Tamar View complex. The most obvious lack is now a pharmacist. The area is quite well-served by St Budeaux Square district centre but connectivity could be improved, particularly outside the operating hours of the taxibus service.	The area is let down by the poor condition of its open spaces" - but this is improving. The area has been designated a regeneration area and the work of the regeneration manager and the wardens is leading to improved performance by the statutory agencies and local residents. (E.g. a dog group has been formed; members mentor less-experienced dog owners, hopefully to the benefit of owners and dogs alike). The accessibility plan has improved accessibility but connectivity could be improved further. The area is benefitting (?) from a bus war where the two major companies are duplicating each other's services. Instead of one service providing a route to the city centre via Milehouse and	Agree with the comments on green space and its inaccessibility. The playing fields should remain as playing fields, to serve this neighbourhood and the wider hinterland - there are no playing fields and very little green space in the adjoining St Budeaux neighbourhood; likewise in Kings Tamerton, other than those at the Marine Academy, which may become unavailable at any time. There is a need for changing rooms etc. The greenspace BB01 has already been partially developed. The remainder of the site should remain primarily for nature conservation purposes. BB03, as part of Kinterbury Creek,		I would like the Barracks site to be developed for employment purposes. This is likely to require substantial financial assistance, given the access difficulty and listed status.	The neighbourhood has high social deprivation and poor social infrastructure. This was possibly the major conclusion from the initial consultation several years ago. It was expected at that time that there would be no more development until the social infrastructure was improved. Instead planning permission has been given for some 170 new dwellings and the only change in social infrastructure has been the removal by Children's Services of the successful Chatterbox scheme run at Tamar View and its replacement with a much smaller substitute at Roberts Road community flat. * The poor health experienced by residents is commented upon. This makes the proposal for a very large incinerator within yards of residential development all the more incongruous. * The lack of local employment opportunities might be improved by use of the Barracks, though its listing adds to the difficulty of development. (This isn't a plea for the lifting of listed status, even if that was possible, just that any development will be more expensive than if the building didn't have historic importance). The Barracks site is not at the community hub so is less suitable for community purposes than sites in the vicinity of Riverside and Tamar View. * Connectivity could be improved. A more convenient public transport connection, with network ticketing, would assist greatly.

					<p>the other via Devonport, both now go via Devonport, they follow the same route around Barne Barton and just provide extra unnecessary capacity. The taxibus service was lost for several months in August/September 2010 but has been resurrected by local taxi operators. It is not known how sustainable this is and it only operates between 8.30am and 4.00pm, as did the previous service.</p>	<p>should be treated similarly.</p> <p>Access to the waterfront should be improved. (BB02).</p> <p>BB04 is a valued and well-used park.</p> <p>BB08 and part of BB05 have already received permission for development. The remainder of BB05 should remain as green space – it is probably too highly for development anyway.</p> <p>BB06 should be developed for open space and informal play.</p> <p>The future of Blackie Woods (BB07) is linked at least temporarily to the incinerator proposal.</p>			<p>* The low rate of owner-occupancy is mentioned. This makes it all the more curious that the larger new development was permitted with very high affordable and social housing components. This has exacerbated the lack of social infrastructure per family still further as affordable housing brings no planning gain for local use.</p>
Sonia Hallen SNDPD159	Resident	Yes		More shopping facilities would be better	Generally happy	Improve walkways behind barracks	Improve the quality of open spaces		<p>Please improve the park near the co-op (in behind the houses). Support better access to waterfront. Would support use of barracks for the community. Keep MOD sports pitches as open space. Support limited residential at Blackie Woods. Happy with facilities at St Budeaux. Support development of former school field for open space and residential.</p>
Ithiel Wheeler SNDPD160	Resident		Car parking should be off street or one way between Landuff and Landrala.	Inadequate	Traffic, youth behaviour e.g. using our gardens as a right of way and verbal abuse when caught	All out of reach for most residents, especially with elderly and mobility problems	<p>BB06 is central and should be as a recreation area</p> <p>BB01 should be a nature reserve for the benefit of children</p> <p>BB07 as above</p>		<p>Car parking on streets is a severe problem. The area was not built with cars in mind. There is a high level of unemployment in the area, and training facilities on the Barracks may help with this. Also community use and children's centre. It is important to have a number of green spaces for the community not for building residences which are often sold not rented.</p>
Mrs JN Ebbage SNDPD181	Resident			Not enough shops, which means I have to travel to St Budeaux or the City Centre.	<p>Anti social behaviour is a huge problem.</p> <p>Improved access to greenspaces.</p> <p>Poor public transport.</p>				<p>I would support the development of a community facility.</p> <p>Retain the greenspace.</p> <p>MOD sports pitches should be a youth club. Provide open spaces for children. Happy with facilities in St Budeaux Square. Support limited</p>

									residential at Blackie Woods. I do not support any proposals for an energy from waste facility within Barne Barton.
Mr T Phipps SNDPD298	Resident	No	Compulsory purchase greenfields owned by M.O.D. to Community.	Poor. With 180 new houses being built infrastructure should be included, i.e. post office, chemist, health centre and doctors. There is no National Health dentist in St Budeaux, or Barne Barton.	Youth facilities, traffic speed- there are 20mph zones, but not implemented, affordable homes, leisure projects.	All spaces BB01 to BB08.		BB01 for sports. BB07 for nature reserve.	When elections come up councillor should be voted in for Barne Barton not 3 for St Budeaux. Pedestrian access improvements at junction with Chip shop. Poole Park Road is a mile long and not one proper crossing over road anywhere, especially women and push chairs.