



your place, your future

Help shape Plymouth's tomorrow...

The **BIG** picture!

This is your chance to add views about the future of your neighbourhood and find out what's happening to plan for the next 15 years

What is Your place, your future all about?

This is a year long consultation looking at how each neighbourhood in Plymouth could become a more sustainable linked community over the next 15 years.

For each neighbourhood there have been three stages to discuss the issues and options in the area:

1. Your local Councillors have had the chance to walk around your area and show key people from the Council and other organisations the main issues and opportunities in your area
2. A group of local representatives have spent a day looking at your area in detail and suggesting information and ideas
3. An exhibition has been open for a week for anyone in the community and across the city to come along and comment on the information and ideas collected so far, suggest changes or add more details

You have also been able contribute at anytime throughout the year by adding your views to the **Bulletin Board** for your area, and this will stay open for comments until 1 August 2008.

In addition we have attended a range of events and ran separate meetings to make sure as many people are included in this process as possible. This has included visiting schools, attending the Plymouth Pride, the Respect Festival, discussion with landowners, and events for people with disabilities. The conversation will continue and if you think we should be doing more to help you get involved please let us know.

This BIG picture event is your chance to view all the details and ideas collected and add anymore suggestions before the Council uses all this information to begin developing plans that suggest options for change in your neighbourhood.

Why is all this happening?

We need to plan for the future. This is part of the Issues and Options consultation for the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Development Plan Document which is part of the Local Development Framework.

The Local Development Framework is one of the key ways the City can deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy.

To create the best plans the aim of this process is to:

- ◆ work with communities and partners to access knowledge and understanding about Plymouth, and ensure this feeds into the Local Development Framework and other strategic work in the city
- ◆ ensure that a wide range of people have an opportunity to be involved and put forward their views and ideas for how their neighbourhood may change in the future
- ◆ assess the accuracy of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Assessments and make amendments as needed like a planning audit of your area
- ◆ highlight sites that should be safeguarded from development and identify potential new sites that may be developed or change use over the next 15 years.
- ◆ identify what each community needs to make it more sustainable and how this could happen
- ◆ increase awareness of the Local Development Framework and its role in creating sustainable linked communities



What is a sustainable neighbourhood?

A sustainable neighbourhood is developed by balancing and linking social, economic and environmental parts of a neighbourhood to meet local people's needs today and in the future.

Each neighbourhood is different and should reflect its location, history and identity, but they all share eight common features that we have used in this process to collect information:



So what happens next?

All of the information collected over the past year and at this event today need to be collected together, the ideas and suggestions need investigation and conversations need to be had with a wide range of partners.

Once this has been done a short plan with options for change will be published for you all to look at and comment on. We expect this to be ready in the Autumn this year.

Make sure you leave your contact details or join the on-line consultation system so you are kept in touch with progress on this.

Local Development Framework (LDF)

Other LDF work to look out for in 2008 and 2009

Summer 2008: Central Park Area Action Plan – inspectors report

Summer 2008: Discussions about research into the future of the City Centre

Autumn 2008: City Centre Area Action Plan - formal consultation

Autumn 2008: Draft Statement of Community Involvement – formal consultation

January 2009: Derriford Area Action Plan – formal consultation

And something else...?

We need to make sure change is really happening in Plymouth.

How do we make sure these plans make a difference and are making a positive change to the City?

Changing the City will be delivered by a range of partners. This includes the Council as a Planning Authority determining planning applications, action from other parts of the Council and other LSP or regional partners.

This needs to be coordinated to make sure everyone pulls together to deliver the vision that you can see being developed here today.

The Planning Service are trying to work out the most effective way of doing this at the moment – we shouldn't need to create more groups and more meetings, but be able to use existing information and networks in a more focused way. We think there needs to be 'something' that looks at things like:

- ◆ How the City is performing against its growth targets in terms of physical development
- ◆ The aspirations of the different partners involved
- ◆ Who is responsible for the delivery of specific areas of the vision
- ◆ The reason why there are problems achieving the vision
- ◆ Finding solutions to resolve these problems

Workshops taking place today

This is the programme of workshops, if you miss one there is a link to the website where you can find out more...

12.30pm and 6.30pm - **What is a Sustainable neighbourhood?**

The **Your place, your future consultation** has been working towards developing sustainable communities. What are they and why are we trying to create them? Find out in this short presentation followed by questions. Find out more at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf

1pm - **Conservation Area Review Programme**

The City Council is in the process of reviewing and redesignating its existing Conservation Areas, and considering the designation of new ones. Nine out of a current total of 14 Conservation Areas have been reviewed to date and have had Appraisals and Management Plans produced for them. This presentation will comprise a brief overview of the programme to date, but for detailed information people can access the appraisals and management plans on www.plymouth.gov.uk/conservationareas

1.30pm - **Gypsy and Traveller sites**

In 2006, Central Government published circular 01/2006, Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites. As a result of the Circular, all Council's now have a statutory duty to allocate sufficient land for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs. Between now and 2011, Plymouth needs to accommodate 40 permanent pitches and 15 transit pitches. This presentation will outline the sites that are currently under consideration and will explain the process for suggesting new sites. For more information, please contact Catherine Dilloway, Development Projects Team on 01752 307859.

2pm - **Affordable Housing and Empty Homes**

Plymouth City Council Housing Team aim to provide a range of good quality, affordable housing to meet the needs of Plymouth people, in partnership with other providers including housing associations. They are also trying to reduce the number of empty private properties through the Empty Homes Strategy.

Find out more by coming to this short presentation and ask your questions as part of a discussion. Find out more at www.plymouth.gov.uk/housing

3pm and 6pm - **Green Space Strategy**

Plymouth's draft Green Space Strategy 2008 – 2023 is available for you to comment now! This is a chance to find out more, ask your questions and talk to the Officers involved in producing this plan. Find out more and view the strategy at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/greenspacestrategy

3.30pm - **Economic development in the City**

How will the City's economy change over the coming year? How does the Council attract and support businesses in the city and what are the key areas that will be developed in the future. Come and find out in this short presentation followed by questions. Find out more and view the economic strategy at www.plymouth.gov.uk/localeconomicstrategy

4pm - **Plymouth's New Parks**

Plans for North Plymstock and Derriford include exciting proposals to create new parks of city wide importance. These parks will set out to protect the natural and historic qualities of important areas of green space whilst increasing opportunities for access for local communities. Find out more and view the North Plymouth Community Park report at www.plymouth.gov.uk/northplymouthcommunitypark

4.30pm - **Planning Obligations**

What are planning obligations and Section 106 agreements and how can they impact your local area? Come and find out in this informal presentation and discussion. Find out more at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf

5pm - **Transport Improvements**

What is the Council's Transport Department doing to make sure you can get to where you need to go? Come and find out some of the latest projects and innovations that are happening at a neighbourhood level, and think about how some of those ideas could help with problems you might be facing in your local area. Find out more at www.plymouth.gov.uk/transportandstreets

6pm **Green space strategy** - See above

6.30pm **What is a Sustainable neighbourhood?** - See above

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Sign up to our on-line consultation system today and you will be notified of future consultations automatically, you will also receive copies of our newsletter every other month.



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