

BUDSHEAD

COMMUNITY PLANNING STUDY

**Issues and ideas from residents in
Budshead Ward**



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Foreword by the Leader of Plymouth City Council

Plymouth City Council values the views and opinions of local people and businesses. The publication of Community Planning Studies for all 20 Wards in Plymouth, together with an overarching General Community Planning Study, represents the culmination of the most extensive planning public consultation exercise ever undertaken in the City. Innovative thinking, creative presentations, the use of community planning workshops, focus groups, school walkabouts, and other techniques have been a feature of Plymouth's Local Plan Review.

Before a Local Plan is prepared, the Government suggests Council's produce "Issues Papers" and consult local people about the broad direction of the plan. Plymouth has done more than this. Local people have been asked what they -not the City Council- think are the planning issues facing Plymouth and their individual neighbourhoods. This has been done by talking with local people directly, at accessible venues within their own communities. To date over 6,500 people have been consulted.

The City Council have raised awareness of the Local Plan, fostered a positive dialogue, and established an understanding of the planning dilemmas facing the City. Most importantly we have begun the process of identifying issues that local people want us to consider in preparing the plan and possible options for how Plymouth might meet its future needs.

Over the coming months we will continue to talk with local communities about these Community Planning Studies as we move towards the preparation of the Local Plan itself in 2001. On behalf of the City Council I commend these studies to all those groups and organisations that have an interest in making Plymouth a better place in which to live and work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Nicholson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Patrick Nicholson
Leader of Plymouth City Council

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How to Use the Budshead Community Planning Study

We have tried to make this Community Planning Study easy to use and understand. The contents page is your best guide to finding your way around and locating the issues of particular interest to you. There is also a glossary on page 52 that helps to explain any technical terms and abbreviations that you may not be familiar with.

Some people will want to read through the whole study. However, if you just want to read certain bits please read the notes below – hopefully it will save you time!

How do I find out what has been said about places near where I live?

Your starting point should be the Residents Issues Map on page 35 and the Sites with Development Interest Map on page 40. On both maps there are numbers which mark particular sites. These numbers relate to information contained in the tables next to the maps. From the tables you can find where in the document to look for details of what was said about that site.

For example, if next to the number you are interested in it says refer to **H003** and **TR23** you should look for the specific comments in the Housing and Transport sections of the Key Issues chapter.

Numbers contained on the Sites with Development Interest Map relate to information contained in Chapter 3 (Sites with Development Interest).

How do I find out about places outside Budshead ward?

The Budshead ward Community Planning Study deals only with comments made about this ward. If you are interested in comments that were made about other parts of Plymouth you should look in the Community Planning Study for that area. Look at the Ward Map in the Introduction to help you. Copies of all the Community Planning Studies can be found in the Central Library, the foyer of the Civic Centre and the reception at Windsor House. They are also available on the Internet (www.plymouth.gov.uk).

Where do I find general comments that don't relate to a specific area of Plymouth?

These are all in the Plymouth General Community Planning Study. This contains comments and information that is relevant to all, or large parts of the city, rather than a specific ward or location. The General Community Planning Study is available at all of the city's libraries.

Remember if you need any further help ring your Community Planning Study contact. Details are on page 6.

Setting the Scene

Plymouth City Council is currently reviewing the City's Local Plan. This is the key document for guiding where new development takes place and how land is used. The existing Local Plan covers the period 1991-2001. The Plan is now being reviewed to cover the period 2001-2011.

Since the summer of 1998 the Council has been consulting local people, groups and organisations on issues that need to be considered in the review of the Plan. This has been through the Community Planning Study process and through a range of other consultation initiatives.

A series of papers are being produced which will provide feedback to local people and groups on the issues that they have raised and on other key issues that need to be considered in the review process. They are also intended to identify options for the future development of Plymouth, and to provide an opportunity for further comment prior to the revised Plan being placed formally on deposit.

The papers that the Council intends to produce are shown below:

1. **“The New Plan for Plymouth: A Consultation Paper on the 2020 Vision for Plymouth and the City's Planning Strategy”, July 2000.**

This paper identifies the key aims and objectives of the Plan, and proposes measures against which success of the Plan can be assessed.

2. **“General Community Planning Study”, July 2000.**

This paper contains factual information about the Community Planning Study programme and provides feedback on comments made on city-wide and general issues.

3. **“Ward Community Planning Studies”, July 2000.**

These highlight key issues raised through the consultation programme and provide other information relevant to the planning of various areas of the city.

4. **“Local Plan Review Issues Report”, January 2001.**

This paper will provide feedback on consultation and research undertaken in relation to a number of Local Plan topics and will set out options for development.

1. Introduction

What is the Local Plan?

Plymouth currently has a Local Plan that expires in 2001. This Plan is now under review. The Local Plan sets out how land should be used in the City and policies on how to deal with planning applications. The new plan will provide a vision for Plymouth over a 10-year period. The policies aim to make Plymouth an even better place in which to live; to improve its environment; to increase job opportunities; to improve housing; and to improve leisure and transport opportunities.

The Local Plan is a statutory document. Planning applications submitted to the City Council will be decided, by law, in accordance with what it says. It is therefore a very important document for the future of Plymouth.

What are the Community Planning Studies?

In the summer of 1998 Plymouth City Council took its first steps on a very far-reaching and comprehensive Local Plan Review consultation programme. This was not an easy process. By its very nature the Local Plan can be a difficult and daunting document to consult on. However, without a thorough input from the public the Local Plan could not reflect the community's wishes, nor build on people's vast knowledge of their local areas. Moreover, the Council could not develop a new Local Plan based on partnership, rather than one based on conflict.

The Council developed original and innovative methods of consultation to ensure that, from the earliest stage, everybody, including traditionally hard to reach sectors of the population, had the chance to meaningfully input into the city's Local Plan. All the comments made are being compiled into ward-based documents, to be called Community Planning Studies.

Specifically the Community Planning Studies tried to meet the key strategic objectives of the Local Plan Consultation Strategy, which are as follows:

- To maximise **awareness** of the importance of the Local Plan in Plymouth's communities.
- To tap into the vast amount of **knowledge** that local people, groups and organisations (referred to as *stakeholders*) have about the city, to ensure that the Plan is based on sound *information*.
- To actively seek wide **involvement** from all sectors of the community and stakeholders in the preparation of the Local Plan Review.
- To provide **opportunity** for all people and other stakeholders to put forward their views.

Details of the different events held in the ward are outlined in Chapter 5.

You are reading the Budshead Community Planning Study. This study is a summary of all the issues raised by local people about Budshead ward and will be one of the most important documents that will be used to write the Local Plan. The Community Planning Study is not the Local Plan for Budshead ward, but it identifies all the issues raised during the consultation process and sets out how the comments will be considered in the Local Plan.

2. Key Issues

What People Said Were The Best And Worst Things About Budshead

The Best Things about Budshead.

What You Said	Number of Responses (Whitleigh residents)	Number of Responses (Ernesettle residents)	Total Number of Responses (All residents)
The open spaces/parks/woods and their value for leisure activities, particularly walking and sports.	8	12	20
Proximity of local shops.	2	3	5
Good neighbours.	2	3	5
Proximity of local library.		4	4
Good bus service.	1	1	2
Local youth centre.	1	0	1
Local community facilities.	1	0	1
Local schools and community college (education available to all ages).	1	0	1
Good council housing/service.	1	0	1

The Worst Things about Budshead

What You Said	Number of Responses (Whitleigh Residents)	Number of Responses (Ernesettle Residents)	Total Number of Responses (All residents)
Not enough community/leisure facilities (particularly for teenagers).	1	7	8
Poor quality local shopping environment.	4	3	7
Bad neighbours/untidy gardens.	3	1	4
Traffic speed/noise.	1	3	4
Litter and unswept roads.	2	1	3
Vandalism.	1	2	3
Dumping of rubbish in local woods.	1	1	2
Parking problems.	2	0	2
Traffic calming measures; resulting in poor road surfaces/too many road signs.	0	2	2
Mixing young people and older people in the same block of flats (poor sound insulation).	2	0	2
Noise from local factories.	0	2	2
Local youth centre too small.	1	0	1
Dog mess.	1	0	1
Poor housing maintenance from City Council.	0	1	1
Poor maintenance of street trees.	0	1	1

What did People say about.....?

Community Issues

Whitleigh

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO01. The Minister of Whitleigh Pentecostal Church, Budshead Road, has suggested that the church site could be re-developed for community uses (provided that another site for the Church can be found). Other alternatives may include partial re-development by way of a new car park for the church or a new community facility.</p>	<p>There is no objection in principle to improving the number and quality of community facilities in the ward. However there are likely to be planning objections associated with any re-development or further development on this particular site. The problems arise from the constraints placed on the site by the location of the surrounding properties, the drop down from Budshead Road, and from likely access difficulties arising in connection with the residential cul-de-sac to the rear.</p>

Ernesettle

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO02. Vandalism at the Ernesettle Centre should be sorted out (policed) and facilities improved to provide a resource for all ages.</p>	<p>The Chief Constable of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary has confirmed that they try to put more officers on the beat where possible. In addition each area of the City has a dedicated team of officers who, often in partnership with other groups, try to overcome concerns raised by the public. The officer in charge of the team covering Budshead ward is APS Williamson. The contact telephone number is 01752 751472. The Budshead Trust is trying hard to improve both the accommodation and the facilities at the Centre. This comment has also been forwarded to the City Council's Head of Street Services for consideration. See also responses to CO05, CO06, and HO07.</p>
<p>CO03. A promised 'adventure park' for the Chivenor Avenue area never came about for the estate.</p>	<p>This is being investigated further. The Community Planning Study contact would be grateful to receive further details on this matter if the respondent(s) can provide further information. (See also response to HO06).</p>
<p>CO04. There should be some public conveniences near Ernesettle shops.</p>	<p>Historically City Council policy has been to aim for all shopping areas and leisure facilities to have public toilets. The areas where this policy is not satisfied have been identified and Ernesettle has been identified as a top priority. When sufficient funds become available the problem will be rectified.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO05. The City Council should offer more financial assistance for the refurbishment of Ernesettle Community Centre.</p>	<p>Both of the community centres at Ernesettle and Whitleigh are intended to be improved under the auspices of the Budshead Trust. The Trust has been set up using European grant monies and one of its aims is to foster community associations and facilities. (See also responses to CO02, CO06, HO07).</p>
<p>CO06. Facilities at the Ernesettle Centre should be improved to provide a resource for all ages.</p>	<p>The Local Plan will include policies to support the provision of new community centres and/or facilities where a need is identified. (See also responses to CO02, CO05 and HO07).</p>

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO07. There should be more community-related forums in the area.</p>	<p>The Budshead Trust has been established to address this issue and regenerate community activity in the areas of Whitleigh and Ernesettle.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO08. There are problems from poor neighbours, crime, and vandalism.</p>	<p>These are matters that can relate to several issues; e.g. Leisure provision, education, and policing. In the case of neighbour problems and Council properties evictions do occur when necessary. With regard to matters relating to crime, each area of Plymouth has a dedicated team of police officers who, often, in partnership with the Council and other groups and agencies, try to overcome concerns raised by the public. The officer in charge of the team covering Budshead ward is APS Williamson who can be contacted on telephone number 01752 751472.</p>
<p>CO09. There is a lack of community facilities, sports fields, etc., particularly for teenagers. These can be a distance from the residential areas.</p>	<p>Some new facilities e.g. basketball, and a 5-a-side pitch at Ernesettle, have been introduced. The Local Plan will include policies to support the provision of new community centres/facilities where a need is identified. Further work is required to identify the current level and standard of community facilities provided throughout the City and the need for new facilities (including site specific proposals).</p>

Education Issues

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>ED01. Access to education of all kinds and at all levels should be made a priority.</p>	<p>The Local Plan needs to deal with all matters with a land use implication, including education.</p>

Employment Issues

What You Said	Our Response
<p>No employment issues raised.</p>	<p>Employment policies will need to be included in the Local Plan.</p>

Environment Issues

Whitleigh

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN01. The footpaths are in a poor state of repair and require weeding.</p>	<p>The City Council regularly inspects footpaths for wear and tear and action is taken as appropriate. The streets are also sprayed annually to deter weeds. Problem areas are sprayed more regularly. This comment has been forwarded to the City's Cleansing Officer and Technical Services Officer for their consideration.</p>
<p>EN02. There is a need for a pavement at the Taunton Avenue end of Lancaster Gardens.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to City Council's Head of Technical Consultancy for consideration.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN03. Existing open space (including the fields behind Lancaster Gardens/Taunton Avenue) should be protected. Wildlife habitats should be protected.</p>	<p>The area to the north of Lancaster Gardens and Taunton Avenue is currently protected in the existing Local Plan. All of the area is designated as Urban Open Land whilst Whitleigh Wood and much of the area to the west is also designated as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation. With regard to other open space within the built up area, the City Council is currently undertaking a 'Greenscape Assessment' for the whole of the City which will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of protection for green spaces in the context of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN04. There is a litter problem.</p>	<p>Street cleaning operations cost the charge payers in the City £1.7 million a year. The City Council tries to encourage more responsible behaviour and when necessary contacts persistent offenders. It is clear from the number of comments received that street cleanliness is a priority for many residents. With regard to planning and design, the Planning Service will look at ways of encouraging new developments which make refuse collection and cleaning easier.</p> <p>The City Council's Tidy Plymouth Development Officer can be contacted on 01752 307874.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN05. The old tithe barn in Lancaster Gardens (a listed building) is in a poor state. It needs renovating and opening up for community uses.</p>	<p>The City Council recognises that many historic buildings add to the quality and character of the City and normally supports their retention where possible. In principle, there is unlikely to be any City Council objection if the barn were to be developed for community uses. The Local Plan will include policies to support the provision of new community facilities/centres where a need is identified.</p>
<p>EN06. Whiteleigh should be protected from further development.</p>	<p>The review of the Local Plan must find sufficient development land within the City to meet the housing allocation as set out in the Devon Structure Plan. The Local Plan process will identify the most appropriate land, taking into account environmental, social, infrastructure, transport, and other relevant considerations. A restriction on all development is neither sustainable nor desirable. However, priority will be given to building on previously developed land.</p>

Ernesettle

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN07. There should be greater access to the river's edge (lower Ernesettle). It is also suggested that the footpath should be extended to run alongside the river through to the Tamar Bridge.</p>	<p>Whilst this suggestion can be supported in principle, access would be required over property used by the University and the Ministry of Defence. Access arrangements imposed by landowners cannot be controlled by the City Council. In the case of Ministry of Defence land large areas are restricted for national security reasons. The production of a Definitive Map and Statement showing rights of way became a City Council responsibility in 1998. The rate at which these routes can formally be identified is dependent upon resources.</p>
<p>EN08. The existing fields below the Parkway Sports Centre should be protected from development.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a 'Greenscape Assessment' for the whole of the City. This comment will be fed into this process. The results of the assessment will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of provision for green spaces through the Local Plan Review. (See also response to HO07).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN09. There is a noise problem arising from the Kawasaki plant at Ernesettle. The air conditioning plant is thought to be causing vibrations.</p>	<p>The issue has been passed to the Head of Environmental Services and Consumer Protection for his information. Comments arising from the Community Planning Study Process are confidential and are not, generally, attributable to an address. Nuisance issues can only be investigated if a resident at an address lodges a specific complaint. The Head of Environmental Services and Consumer Protection can be contacted on 01752 304147.</p>
<p>EN10. Lampposts in Pembrey Walk spoil the view.</p>	<p>The City Council recognises the importance of lighting (on or off main streets) for maintaining safety and for encouraging the use of the route. The Council receives a greater number of requests for improvements than there are funds available and priority needs to be given to those areas where lighting is currently below the British Standard.</p>
<p>EN11. There is a smell arising from the sewage works at Ernesettle. (If capacity is increased this will worsen).</p>	<p>A link is being made to Saltash but the works is not located particularly closely to residential areas. Specific problems relating to environmental pollution should be addressed to the City Council's Head of Environment and Consumer protection.</p>

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN12. The area would benefit from some further landscaping on some of the open spaces/streets.</p>	<p>More specific details and suggestions should be given to the Community Planning Study contact in order that the matter can be given further consideration.</p>
<p>EN13. There is poor quality maintenance of existing trees and shrubs in public areas.</p>	<p>See response to EN12.</p>
<p>EN14. There should be stricter regulations on dog mess.</p>	<p>The Council is aware of this problem and the potential hazard to health arising. The City has a number of initiatives to reduce this problem and can prosecute when appropriate. There has been the development of dog free areas in parks and the introduction of dog bins. In the light of the number of comments received regarding this matter it will be necessary for cross Council discussions to look at the most effective ways of further reducing this problem further.</p>
<p>EN15. Orange street lighting should be replaced with tungsten lighting in residential areas (for health and safety reasons).</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the City Council's Head of Technical Consultancy for consideration of the health and safety aspects.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN16. There is a problem with the tipping of garden waste and other rubbish in local woods/open spaces.</p>	<p>Research has shown that it is often local residents rather than commercial fly tippers who dump material in the City's woods. It is usually very expensive for the Council to clean wooded valleys and the Council is grateful for any help that voluntary groups may be able to give. The Council will consider ways of reducing dumping in wooded areas through the increased promotion of the Council's free bulky waste disposal service.</p>

Health Issues

What You Said	Our Response
<p>No Health issues raised.</p>	<p>Health policies will need to be included in the Local Plan.</p>

Housing Issues

Whitleigh

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO01. The Holly Park area could provide new housing once the new settlement and "brownfield" sites have been developed.</p>	<p>There appear to be few obvious sites. However, this suggestion will be considered as a part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also response to TR02).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO02. The former shops in Warwick Avenue could be used for housing.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing for consideration. Additional consideration of this proposal will be given as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also response to PD01).</p>
<p>HO03. The unused area between 387/391 Taunton Avenue could be used for new housing development.</p>	<p>The area appears to have been intended as a parking area. The site will be considered for housing as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>HO04. The small corner site between Taunton Avenue and Northampton Close could be used for new housing development.</p>	<p>The site will be considered for housing as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>HO05. Although currently designated for housing, St Chad's Church is an important community resource.</p>	<p>The site is designated for housing development in the adopted Local Plan (Proposal AHR1.30). The future use of this site will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. This comment will be taken into account. (See also response to ML01).</p>

Ernesettle

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO06. New housing development could take place in the Chivenor Avenue area once the new settlement and "brownfield" sites have been developed.</p>	<p>Further development here raises the question of future uses of the adjacent Ministry of Defence land to the west. Greater consideration of both issues will be part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to CO03, ML02, and PP01).</p>
<p>HO07. New housing development could take place on part of the Ernesettle Community Centre site.</p>	<p>It is assumed that this comment refers to the open area around the Community Centre. The site will be considered for housing as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to CO02, CO05, and CO06).</p>
<p>HO08. Housing could be developed adjacent to the A38 and River Tamar.</p>	<p>This area is currently open fields. The site will be considered for housing as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to CO02, CO05, and CO06).</p>
<p>HO09. New development could occur on the land behind St. Budeaux church.</p>	<p>This area is currently open field. The site will be considered for housing as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO10. If the Methodist Church site, Uxbridge Drive is developed there is a local preference for housing (in particularly sheltered housing).</p>	<p>This site is currently a previously developed site that is vacant (see PD02). The Church is thought to be interested in disposing of the site. To date there has been no formal planning application submitted. If applicable the future use of the site will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

Leisure Issues

Whitleigh

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE01. The equipment in the play area at Lancaster Gardens needs improving and replacing.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a detailed survey of play area provision in the City. There is also an annual safety audit undertaken for all play areas. This information will be used to prioritise spending in coming years for Council owned play areas. It will also enable the City Council to negotiate with developers where new play areas are needed or improvements required as part of new development proposals.</p>

Ernesettle

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE02. A small play area is needed close to Lympne Avenue to prevent children playing in the car park.</p>	<p>See response to LE01.</p>
<p>LE03. Ernesettle Green should be (part) levelled and a new football pitch provided. This could also be done in the area by Tamerton Creek.</p>	<p>Mini-soccer is being introduced but further development would require a major capital investment.</p>
<p>LE04. Remove the basketball hoop from near Ernesettle library. It is untidy and annoying for residents. Re-locate it on Ernesettle Green.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Heritage and Leisure for consideration.</p>
<p>LE05. The football pitch in Rochford Crescent needs to be properly maintained.</p>	<p>This facility is intended for informal use and is not maintained to league standard. However, the City Council is currently undertaking a Playing Pitch Strategy for the City in partnership with Sport England. The results of this strategy will identify the need for playing pitches in the City and improvements needed to individual pitches. These results will be fed into the Local Plan Review process.</p>

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE06. More play areas for tiny children and accompanying mothers are needed.</p>	<p>See response to LE01.</p>
<p>LE07. Existing sports and play facilities are not always maintained.</p>	<p>See response to LE01.</p>
<p>LE08. There are few safe areas for young children to play without being disturbed by older children.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a detailed survey of play area provision in the City. There is also an annual safety audit undertaken for all play areas. It will also enable the City Council to negotiate with developers where new play areas are needed and/or need to be improved as part of new development proposals.</p>

Minerals Issues

What You Said	Our Response
<p>No Mineral issues raised.</p>	<p>Mineral policies will need to be included in the Local Plan.</p>

Shopping Issues

Whitleigh

What You Said	Our Response
<p>SH01. It is suggested that security cameras should cover the area around Whitleigh shops and along Budshead Road and down to Whitleigh Bridge.</p>	<p>Locating CCTV cameras with long distance connections to the City Centre can be expensive. However it is possible that funds could be made available. In the first instance this matter has been referred to the Police (Crime Reduction Unit, Crownhill) who are giving serious consideration to this matter. However it must be assessed in a City-wide context. (See also response to PPO2).</p>

Ernesettle

What You Said	Our Response
<p>SH02. The Ernesettle area needs a new supermarket.</p>	<p>This will be considered in the review of the Local Plan. Consultants have been commissioned to advise on the need for new retail developments across the City and an examination of the opportunities for such developments.</p>

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>SH03. The local shopping environment is poor and property looks neglected.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing (as freeholder) for consideration.</p>

Tourism Issues

What You Said	Our Response
No Tourism issues raised.	Tourism policies will need to be included in the Local Plan

Transport Issues

Whitleigh

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR01. The open area in Brentford Avenue should be used as a car park.</p>	<p>The suggestion is thought to relate to the area in front of Nos. 23-71. Increased car ownership and subdivision of dwellings have increased pressure on residential parking throughout the City. There are at present no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the City. However, the comment will be considered in the review of the Local Plan.</p>
<p>TR02. Speed humps are needed in Lake View Drive and Holly Park-cars travel at up to 50 m.p.h.</p>	<p>These streets have a low priority for traffic calming, as they are not through routes with "rat running" or with significant accident problems. (See also response to HO01).</p>

Ernesettle

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR03. There should be a new railway station and bus interchange at Ernesettle, close to the factories.</p>	<p>In principle the City Council's Transport Strategy would support this. However, in practice, the implementation is not entirely within the City Council's control. Funding the building of stations and ensuring service regularity is the role of the railway companies.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR04. The road surfaces in Ernesettle need repairing particularly after the traffic calming works.</p>	<p>The City Council regularly inspects the conditions of footpaths and the highway. Areas in need of repair are identified and action taken.</p>
<p>TR05. The grass areas in Biggin Hill should be made over for residential parking.</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and subdivision of dwellings have increased pressure on residential parking throughout the City. There are at present no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the City. However, the comment will be considered in the review of the Local Plan.</p>
<p>TR06. There should be a pedestrian crossing outside of the school(s) in Biggin Hill.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the City Council's Head of Transport for consideration. However, the City Council has a developing programme of projects designed to encourage safer journeys to school and which addresses issues such as safety in the vicinity of schools.</p>
<p>TR07. The proliferation of road signs makes the Ernesettle area appear unsightly.</p>	<p>It is the City Council's intention to limit the number of road signs to those required for the safe and efficient management of traffic.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TRO8. The following proposal (not a planning application) has been suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a new settlement (housing and commercial uses) on land to the north of Tamerton Lake. • The damming up of Tamerton Lake to form a fresh water reservoir. • The construction of a new road across the dam linking Northolt Avenue to the northern bank. • Other roadworks to the north/west of Tamerton Foliot linking the site with Roborough Lane. 	<p>On the basis of current development plan designations there would be significant planning objections to this proposal (which is only partially within the City). The south side of Tamerton Lake is a Site of Special Scientific Interest whilst Tamerton Lake is a Special Protection Area. At the strategic level the justification for this scale of development in this location would need to be made. Further, it would be contrary to recent government guidance on maximising new development on previously developed land. Development on the northern side of Tamerton Lake is a matter for South Hams District Council.</p>

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR09. There should be more off road residential parking areas. The number of parking spaces has been reduced by recent traffic calming measures.</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and sub-division of dwellings have increased pressure on residential parking throughout the City. There are at present no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the City.</p>
<p>TR10. Pavements are being damaged by cars parking over the kerb.</p>	<p>This is a symptom of the residential parking situation in parts of the ward. Nevertheless regular inspections of the state of the pavements and highway are made and action taken as appropriate.</p>
<p>TR11. Traffic speeds are too high in residential areas. More traffic calming measures are required. Speed cameras are suggested.</p>	<p>Existing traffic calming measures have been quite successful and there has been a significant reduction in vehicle speeds since the works were undertaken.</p>
<p>TR12. The bus service between the area and the other main trading estates in the City and immediate surrounds should be improved.</p>	<p>There is a limited budget for subsidising routes that could meet needs not met by the bus companies. In general, however, routes are made on the basis of commercial considerations.</p>

Waste Issues

What You Said	Our Response
<p>No Waste issues raised.</p>	<p>Waste policies will need to be included in the Local Plan.</p>

Index to Residents' Issues Maps

Index to Whitleigh Issues (See Whitleigh Map)

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Holly Park Drive/Lake View Drive.	TR02.
2	Holly Park Area.	HO01.
3	Taunton Avenue.	HO04.
4	Brentford Avenue.	TR01.
5	Taunton Avenue.	HO03.
6	Lancaster Gardens (Tithe Barn).	EN05.
7	Lancaster Gardens.	LE01.
8	Corner of Taunton Avenue/Lancaster Gardens.	EN02.
9	Rear of Taunton Avenue/Lancaster Gardens.	EN03.
10	Warwick Avenue.	HO02.
11	Whitleigh Shops.	SH01.
12	St. Chad's Church.	HO05.
13	Pentecostal Church, Budshead Road.	CO01.

Index to Ernesettle Issues (See Ernesettle Map)

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Adjacent to A38 and River Tamar.	HO08.
2	Ernesettle Sewage Works.	EN11.
3	Riverside, Ernesettle.	EN07.
4	Railway, Ernesettle Industrial Estate.	TR03.
5	Kawasaki Factory.	EN09.
6	Northolt Avenue.	TR08.
7	Ernesettle Community Centre.	CO02, CO05, CO06, HO07.
8	Ernesettle Library.	LE04.
9	Ernesettle Green.	LE03.
10	Biggin Hill.	TR05.
11	Rochford Crescent.	LE05.
12	Lympne Avenue.	LE02.
13	Biggin Hill (Schools Area).	TR06.
14	Ernesettle Shops.	CO04.
15	Methodist Church site, Uxbridge Drive.	HO10.
16	Pembrey Walk.	EN10.
17	Chivenor Avenue Area.	CO03, HO06.
18	South of Parkway Sports Club.	EN08.
19	Rear of St. Budeaux Church.	HO09.

What is Your Vision for Budshead?

A place where:

- The nature of the woodlands, the open space, and (at the Ernesettle end) the waterside views, are preserved and if possible enhanced, for present and future generations.
- The open space around Tamerton Lake and the River Tamar is used and promoted for informal recreation and leisure uses wherever possible.
- The flow of traffic and residential parking pressures are minimised as much as possible for the convenience and safety of residents.
- The overall residential character of the ward is maintained whilst recognising the importance to both the City and the local area of the Ernesettle industrial estate.
- The viability of the local shopping centres is maintained whilst ways are sought to improve the local shopping environment.
- People feel safe at all times.
- Initiatives, which seek to protect and improve upon the quality of local community facilities and foster the development of a sense of belonging and community spirit, are recognised and encouraged.

(This Vision for Budshead incorporates the key elements from the visioning work undertaken by local people on the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal).

3. Sites With Development Interest

Major Planning Permissions

Outlined below are the major planning permissions that have been granted over the past five years in the ward that are likely to have a significant impact, but have not been implemented at 1 April 2000.

Application Details
PP01. Land East Side Of Ernesettle Lane, Plymouth. Outline application to develop land by erection of workshop, office and storage buildings (renewal of previous permission). (See also response to HO06).
PP02. 45 Whitleigh Green, Plymouth. Outline application to develop land by extending the retail supermarket and altering and extending the adjacent car park. (See also response to SH01).

Previously Developed Sites

The thrust of current Government planning policy is to focus development wherever possible on previously developed land (often called "brownfield" land) so that building on "greenfield" land is minimised. On 19 May 1998 the Government announced an initiative (called the National Land Use Database) to identify all vacant and derelict sites over a certain size across the whole country. In September 1998 it asked all authorities to commence collection of the required data. Unlike many other authorities the City Council decided not to rely simply on existing databases and records, but undertook a very detailed survey across the whole city. This was completed in December 1998 with the database of vacant and derelict sites being concluded in February 1999. In February 2000 the City Council published its National Land Use Database report containing 279 vacant and derelict sites in Plymouth. These sites were identified on maps forming part of the workshop sessions undertaken as part of the Community Planning Studies so that local people could comment on the future of the sites. Shortly the City Council will be updating the database in line with new Government requirements.

Whitleigh Sites

Location	Our Response
<p>PD01. Ground Floor, Nos. 76,78, 84 Warwick Avenue (Shop units).</p>	<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the City's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also response to HO02).</p>

Ernesettle Sites

Location	Our Response
<p>PD02. Methodist Church Site, Uxbridge Drive.</p>	<p>See also response to HO10.</p>
<p>PD03. Former Garage Block, Rear of 117/119 Lakeside Drive.</p>	<p>Discussions have taken place with Ward Councillors and local residents about developing this site for a small affordable housing scheme. The site could be the subject of a planning application in the future. However, if appropriate the site will be considered as part of the City's Urban Capacity Study that is being undertaken as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>PD04. Former Dairy Depot, Agaton Farm, Budshead Road.</p>	<p>This site has been granted planning permission for use of the depot buildings for storage and the sale of architectural salvage material, and for the change of use of the farmhouse building from offices to a dwelling.</p>

Major Landowner Sites

On 10 August 1999 the City Council commenced a parallel consultation to the Community Planning Studies with nearly 100 major landowners and their advisers in Plymouth. The Major Landowner Consultation has involved discussions with various organisations across the City on their possible future development proposals.

Whilst there is no guarantee that specific development proposals put forward by major landowners will be acceptable to the City Council, it was important that these were identified and included in the relevant Community Planning Study. Local people would then be aware of other options for development that had been identified for consideration in the Local Plan Review.

Sites identified under the Major Landowner Consultation have been separately identified in this Community Planning Study with the agreement of the landowners involved. In addition to meetings with major landowners, the City Council placed an advertisement in the Evening Herald on 4 February 2000 explaining the Urban Capacity Study proposed for Plymouth. All landowners in the city were invited to identify other sites that had not yet been brought forward under either the Community Planning Studies process or the Major Landowner Consultation.

Site	Our Response
<p>Whitleigh ML01.</p> <p>Site: St. Chad's Church Whitleigh.</p> <p>Suggested Use: Residential.</p>	<p>This site is currently in the Local Plan as a site allocated for housing development. The status of the site will be re-assessed as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being undertaken as part of the review of the Local Plan. (See also response to HO05).</p>
<p>Ernesettle ML02.</p> <p>Site: Ministry of Defence Land at Ernesettle Lane (east side).</p> <p>Suggested Use: Residential.</p>	<p>This site will be considered in the Urban Capacity Study to be undertaken as part of the review of the Local Plan. (See also responses to PP01 and HO06).</p>

Index to Sites With Development Interest Map

Whitleigh Sites (See Whitleigh Map)

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Ground Floor, Nos. 76,78,84 Warwick Avenue (Shop Units).	PD01, HO02.
2	45, Whitleigh Green.	PP02.
3	St. Chad's Church, Whitleigh.	ML01, HO05 (Also Local Plan Allocation AHR1.30).

Ernesettle Sites (See Ernesettle Map)

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Former Dairy Depot, Agaton Farm, Budshead Road.	PD04.
2	Ernesettle Lane (east side)	HO06, ML02, PP01.
3	Methodist Church Site, Uxbridge Drive.	PD02, HO10.
4	Rear of 117/119 Lakeside Drive.	PD03.

4. Next Steps

How will People be Kept in Touch?

The City Council will:

- Advertise the Community Planning Study by promoting the document through community networks and the local media.
- Make the Community Planning Study available to community groups and at local community centres and libraries.
- Give people ample opportunity to comment on the document by arranging meetings as necessary.
- Produce a simple questionnaire that enables people to comment on the responses given in the Community Planning Studies and to raise any additional comments that they feel were absent from the original study. These comments will be fed into the next stage of the Local Plan process. **There will not be a revised version of the Community Planning Study. It will be used, together with any comments received, to inform the production of the Local Plan itself.**
- Keep local people informed of the next steps in the Local Plan process and give them ample opportunity to be involved at all stages.

What is the Local Plan Timetable?

Publication of the Initial Deposit Plan.	March 2001
Publication of the Revised Deposit Plan.	December 2001
Local Plan Inquiry.	July 2002
Adoption of the Local Plan.	September 2004

5. Background Information

What is Budshead Like?

Key Facts about Budshead

Environmental Characteristics

Natural Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Environmental Designations.	35.8	22.4	3

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	1	9
Local Nature Reserves.	1	6
Community Woodlands.	0	9

Built Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Scheduled Monuments.	2	45
Unscheduled Monuments.	4	36
Hectares of land covered by Conservation Areas.	0	281.0
Listed Buildings.	6	737
Vacant/Derelict Sites and Buildings.	4	157

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Housing Stock.	5,125	105,000	14
New Homes Built (1991 – 1999).	73	4,100	18
New Homes Built (1995 – 1999).	17	1,700	16
% New Homes Built (1995 – 1999) on Previously Developed Land.	100.0	53.8	1=

Shopping

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
District Centres.	0	8
Local Centres.	2	60

Transport

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Number of bus stops.	90	1,689	6=

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Existing traffic calming schemes.	3	34

Recreation & Leisure

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Public Parks.	6.5	5.5	6
Children's Play Areas.	8	170	9=

Sources:

“City of Plymouth Local Plan First Alteration”, Plymouth City Council, May 1996.

“Revised List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (District of Plymouth)” (with subsequent amendments), Department for Culture, Media and Sport, November 1998.

“The List of Scheduled Monuments” (with subsequent amendments), English Heritage, March 1999.

“Provisional Local Transport Plan 1999 – 2006”, Plymouth City Council, September 1999.

“Housing Development and Land Availability in Plymouth 1998/99”, Plymouth City Council, December 1999.

Plymouth City Council Development Planning Division unpublished survey data, 1999 – 2000.

Social Characteristics

Population

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Children (0 – 15 years).	22.6	20.3	6
% Adults (16 – Retirement).	58.3	61.4	17
% Retired.	19.1	18.3	9

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Owner Occupied.	41.4	63.7	19
% Council/ Housing Association.	56.6	23.2	1
% Private Rented.	2.0	12.8	20

Health

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 - highest, 20 - lowest)
Standard Mortality Ratio.	111.3	108.3	10
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease. (rate per 100,000 population)	165.7	119.3	4
- Deaths from Cancer. (rate per 100,000 population)	169.0	173.7	11
- Deaths from Accidents. (rate per 100,000 population)	26.6	20.7	4

Education

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Primary Schools.	4	69
Secondary Schools.	1	16

Crime

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Reported Crimes.	1,094	26,406	9
Burglaries.	191	3,772	8
Vehicle Crime.	346	8,108	10
Crimes against the Person.	208	3,915	4

Sources:

South & West Devon Health Authority.

- Standard Mortality Ratio (All ages, 1998).

- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease (Under 75 years of age, 1996-1998 average).

- Deaths from Cancer (Under 75 years of age, 1996-1998 average).

- Deaths from Accidents (Under 75 years of age, 1996-1998 average).

1991 Census of Population, Office for National Statistics.

“City of Plymouth List of Schools, Colleges and other Educational Establishments”, Plymouth City Council, December 1998.

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary Data (1999/2000).

Economic Characteristics

Deprivation

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Index of Deprivation.			5
Number of Income Support Beneficiaries.	1,213	18,472	4
% Households with No Car.	43.4	34.3	4

Unemployment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Unemployment Rate (%).	5.7	4.6	9
% Long-Term Unemployed (Over 12 Months).	0.9	0.9	9

Sources:

1998 Index of Local Deprivation, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

Department of Social Security Data (1998).

1991 Census of Population, Office for National Statistics.

2000 Claimant Count Data, NOMIS/ Office for National Statistics.

How have People been Involved so Far?

The Community Planning Studies consultation process included a wide variety of different forms to ensure that as many of the residents of Plymouth as possible had the opportunity to participate. A summary of the main consultation approaches is outlined below.

Community Planning Studies Leaflet and Questionnaire

During the course of the of the Community Planning Studies consultation nearly 20,000 Community Planning Study leaflets were distributed and over 1,600 detailed questionnaires were completed. These were placed in the Civic Centre and other Council offices, libraries, all doctor surgeries in the City and various community centres and meeting places.

Presentations

Officers attended 42 presentations in total throughout the city to various City-wide and local community and amenity groups. The presentations usually formed part of scheduled meetings. Planning Officers explained the context of Local Plan preparation, the key issues facing the City and set out the consultation process and timetable for the Local Plan Review. Usually there was then a question and answer session. These presentations then established the need for workshops to discuss key issues in greater depth.

Workshops and Focus Groups

A total of 63 workshops were carried out as part of the Community Planning Studies process. The workshops comprised area-based events working with maps, plans, exhibition material and other facilitation techniques. In addition there were focus groups to target particular interest groups (e.g. senior citizens and disability groups). The workshops were normally organised by individual community groups. Where necessary the Planning Service organised workshops for community groups or in areas where there had been fewer events. This was to ensure that citizens in all parts of the City had the opportunity to be involved. All the workshops followed a similar format as outlined below:

- Introductions.
- Presentation on the Local Plan and Community Planning Studies process.

- Workshop discussions.
- Feedback on the workshop discussions.

Most of the workshops included a feedback form where participants were asked to critically assess the quality and relevance of the workshop based on a scoring system of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). Participants were also asked to fill in equal opportunities monitoring forms.

The key results of this monitoring are outlined in the General Community Planning Study.

Schools Consultation

The schools consultation programme was undertaken between March 1999 and December 1999. It involved a total of 20 primary and secondary schools. The City Council commissioned the Tamar Education Business Partnership to establish the secondary school programme to both meet the needs of the school curriculum and the Local Plan requirements. The Tamar Business Partnership organised the events and facilitated the days in association with City Council officers and teachers at the schools. The events involved presentations, walkabouts, group discussion and feedback.

Community Events

The Community Planning Studies involved officers attending 49 community events such as fun days and fetes throughout the city. The usual format was for officers to staff a stall with exhibition material and questionnaires. As an extra incentive 300 Frisbees were given out to children and/or a raffle was held.

Unstaffed Exhibitions

Unstaffed exhibitions were included as part of larger exhibitions that lasted a number of days (e.g. Green Week) or where a large number of people were likely to see the exhibition (e.g. Civic Centre foyer). The Community Planning Study leaflet and Local Plan questionnaire were also available. They took a minimal amount of staff time, but were widely seen.

Library Exhibitions

Library exhibitions took place in all 20 libraries in Plymouth. At certain times Planning Officers staffed some of these exhibitions.

Targeted Groups

Certain excluded groups were targeted in the Community Planning Studies consultation in accordance with the Local Plan Consultation Strategy recommendations and the City Council's own equality target groups.

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These are outlined in detail in the General Community Planning Study with an evaluation on the representation of key target groups. In summary the following groups were targeted:

- Ethnic minorities.
- Faith groups.
- Elderly people.
- Disabled people.
- Women.
- Lone parent families.
- Students.
- Disadvantaged people living in deprived areas.
- Young people.
- Gay and lesbian people.
- Travellers.
- People without access to personal transport.

Events Held in Budshead

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Ernesettle Library Exhibition.	15/03/99 to 30/03/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Budshead Trust Meeting.	07/07/99	Community Planning Presentation.	8
Whitleigh Carnival.	10/07/99	Exhibition as part of Carnival.	40
Budshead Community Planning Workshop.	05/08/99	Community Planning Workshop at Ernesettle.	6
Ernesettle Fete.	28/08/99	Exhibition as part of local fete.	20
North West Plymouth Exhibition and Social Evening.	12/11/99	Exhibition as part of North West Plymouth Community Evening.	10
Budshead Community Planning Workshop.	14/12/99	Community Plan Workshop at Whitleigh.	0

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
National Plans - Local Views Consultation Event, St Aidan's Church.	12/06/00	Cabinet Office Local Listening Event on the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal.	11
Total Number of Events held in Budshead.			8
Total Number of Residents consulted in Budshead.			95
Number of Questionnaires received from Budshead.			32

Events Near Budshead

None.

City-Wide Events

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Respect Festival.	25/10/98	Exhibition as part of Festival.	90
Green Week.	24/10/98 to 31/10/98	Exhibition as part of Green Week.	100
Communities Against Poverty.	05/01/99	Community Planning Presentation.	10
Federation of Civic and Amenities Societies.	08/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	10
Plymouth Tenants and Residents Association.	08/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	20
Environment Forum.	16/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	15
Central Library.	01/02/99 to 28/02/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Local Agenda 21 Roundtable.	27/02/99	Workshop as part of a Local Agenda 21 seminar.	33
Senior Citizen's Forum.	09/04/99	Community Planning Presentation.	6
Transport and General Workers Union Retired Members Association.	25/05/99	Community Planning Presentation.	27

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Plymouth Access Group.	03/06/99	Community Planning Presentation.	7
Central Library.	01/06/99 to 30/06/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Disability Information Advisory Centre Forum.	08/07/99	Community Planning Presentation.	15
Derriford Hospital.	23/08/99 to 31/08/99	Exhibition on Community Planning Studies.	Not recorded.
City Centre Exhibition.	14/9/99	Part of Guildhall Planning Brief Exhibition.	40
Waterfront Walkway Opening.	03/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	50
Senior Citizen's Forum.	11/10/99	Community Planning Presentation.	180
Senior Citizen's Forum.	18/10/99	Community Planning Workshop on senior citizens' issues.	2
EcoExpo.	25/10/99 to 26/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	Not recorded.
Respect Festival.	31/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	120
Access Focus Group.	04/11/99	Focus Group aimed specifically at people who have an interest in disability issues.	38
University of Plymouth Students Union.	04/11/99	Exhibition aimed at University students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth College of Further Education.	23/11/99	Exhibition aimed at College of Further Education students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth Architectural Trust.	23/11/99	Community Planning Presentation.	16
College of St. Mark's and St. John's.	25/11/99	Exhibition aimed at students.	Not recorded.

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Pathfinder Visioning Conference.	16/05/00	Conference to discuss the Overall Vision for Pathfinder.	200
Federation of Civic and Amenities Societies.	19/06/00	Community Planning Presentation.	13
National Plans - Local Views Consultation Event, Civic Centre, Plymouth.	21/06/00	Cabinet Office Local Listening Event on the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal.	110

What Other Documents have been used for the Study?

The following documents were used to compile the Budshead Community Planning Study:

- "City of Plymouth Local Plan", April 1987.
- "City of Plymouth Local Plan First Alteration", May 1996.
- Evening Herald Articles (18/01/99, 03/05/99, 06/03/00, 13/03/00, 10/04/00).

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The explanations given for the following terms are not definitive and are for guidance only.

Allotments Strategy

A City Council document that seeks to maximise the use of existing allotments for the benefit of ploholders, the community and the environment.

Article 4 Direction

A direction by the Local Planning Authority that must be approved by the Secretary of State. It removes 'permitted development' rights for certain specified types of alterations that do not normally need planning permission. It allows the Local Planning Authority to achieve greater control in sensitive locations, such as Conservation Areas.

Best Value

A process aimed at ensuring "continuous improvement" of services delivered by local authorities. Each authority must review all of the services it provides over a 5-year period in consultation with local people. It must publish a report of its performance and plans for the future each year. Refer to the current Best Value Performance Plan.

Coastal Preservation Area

A non-statutory Structure Plan designation that seeks to protect Devon's important coastlines.

Conservation Area

An area (e.g. The Hoe or Plympton St. Maurice) considered by the Local Planning Authority to be of special architectural or historic interest, with a character or appearance that is worth preserving.

Devon Structure Plan

A document prepared by the Strategic Planning Authorities of Devon (of which Plymouth City Council is one) consisting of a Written Statement accompanied by diagrams. It formulates general policy and proposals illustrating the broad pattern of future development in Devon. It apportions this development between all District and Unitary Authorities in Devon.

Economic Development Plan

A document produced by Plymouth City Council that contains proposals for future development that have both economic and planning implications to enable the Council to target money on economic initiatives.

Empty Homes Strategy

A City Council strategy with the objective to reduce the number of private sector empty homes in the city, focusing particularly on those properties that have been vacant for over 12 months.

Environmental Policy and Action Plan

A non-statutory policy document setting out the City Council's policies and targets for the environment and a five-year action plan.

European Regional Development Fund

A European Union fund to contribute towards the correction of regional imbalances in Europe.

Facilities Planning Model

A planning tool developed by the English Sports Council for making decisions about the need for sports facilities in an area.

Greenscape Assessment

An assessment of the character, function and importance of undeveloped land in the city.

Greenscape Strategy

A City Council document (unpublished as at July 2000) that will set a framework for the management and provision of a network of accessible green routes and spaces across the city.

Health Action Zone

A Government funded initiative through which innovative and partnership approaches to tackling health inequalities are piloted. Plymouth is one of a number of areas where such initiatives have been established.

Heritage Strategy

A City Council document that sets out a vision and action plan for the management of the City's heritage resources.

Home Zone

A clearly defined area of mainly residential streets where road space is shared amongst pedestrians, cyclists, children playing and motorists. There is a pilot Home Zone being drawn up for the Morice Town area.

House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

An 'umbrella' phrase that includes properties such as bedsits, rooms and flatlets where facilities (bathrooms, kitchens etc.) are shared.

The Housing Needs Survey

A study (unpublished as at July 2000) commissioned jointly by Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and the Housing Corporation. It involved a sample survey of residential addresses to inform an assessment of current and future housing need in the city and the surrounding area.

Housing Investment Programme

The strategy and bid document that provides a framework on which housing decisions will be made. It sets out priorities and issues and also considers financial aspects of housing related matters.

Listed Building

A building of special architectural or historic interest that is considered desirable to preserve, appearing on a list compiled by the Secretary of State.

Local Agenda 21

A process of preparing a local action plan for sustainable development. These plans are to be prepared by local councils in consultation with their communities. They were suggested at the "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, and all local authorities throughout the world should be preparing their own Local Agenda 21 Plans. Plymouth's Local Agenda 21 is called "For Generations Ahead".

Local Nature Reserve

Land that the Local Authority, in consultation with English Nature, declares and manages for the purposes of preserving its conservation value and for providing opportunities for the study of these features.

Local Plan

A detailed plan consisting of a written statement and a proposals map showing the changes proposed in development and other uses of land. This document is the statutory plan for the City of Plymouth. It must generally conform to the Structure Plan (see Devon Structure Plan).

Local Transport Plan

A plan produced by the local highway authority covering all forms of transport, designed to co-ordinate and improve local transport provision.

National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal

An emerging Government strategy setting out key themes and ideas to stop the further decline of less advantaged neighbourhoods in order that the most affected areas can be improved in the future.

National Land Use Database

A Central Government initiative to identify all vacant and derelict sites over a certain size across the whole country.

Neighbourhood Renewal Area

A Neighbourhood Renewal Area is declared in order to concentrate effort into improving a particular area. This is done by reducing the numbers of unfit houses, either by repair or demolition. The local environment is also improved and new job opportunities are created making the area, in general terms, a better place to live. The East End area of Plymouth was declared a Neighbourhood Renewal Area in 2000.

New Deal for Communities

A Government funded initiative directed at specific communities with identified needs related to employment, education, crime and health. South Devonport has been selected as an area where a detailed bid can be made.

Pathfinder Strategy and Action Plan

A plan for the economic, social and environmental regeneration of Plymouth, led by the Plymouth 2020 Partnership – the city’s lead public-private-community-voluntary sector partnership. Pathfinder is part of the Government’s “New Commitment to Regeneration” programme. It is unique in that it aims to ensure a co-ordinated approach to regeneration with all agencies working to a common vision.

Planning Obligation

A voluntary legal obligation between the Local Planning Authority and an applicant for planning permission intended to regulate the development or use of land in a way that cannot be adequately controlled by normal planning conditions. A planning permission will not come into effect until the Planning Obligation has been signed and entered into.

Planning Policy Guidance Note (PPG)

A series of Central Government notes on many aspects of planning which set out broad government policies on various topics. The Local Planning Authority must have regard to and take account of PPG’s, but do not have to slavishly adhere to them.

Play Areas Survey

A survey (unpublished as at July 2000) being undertaken by the City Council to identify areas of the City that lack enough playgrounds.

Playing Pitch Strategy

A model developed by the English Sports Council for assessing whether there is adequate playing pitch provision. Plymouth is currently preparing a Playing Pitch Strategy.

Plymouth Shopping Study 2000

A shopping study (unpublished as at July 2000) carried out on behalf of the City Council by consultants CB Hillier Parker, assessing the need for new retail development in Plymouth, in the period to 2011.

Public Open Space

Any land laid out as a public garden, or used for the purposes of public recreation, or land that is a disused burial ground, to which there is free and general public access and which is, usually, vested to the local council.

Quality of Life

The availability of the basic needs of life and of things that make life enjoyable. This might include food, clean air and water, shelter, employment, countryside and open spaces, and equal opportunities. Quality of life is not the same as standard of living.

Single Regeneration Budget

The main Government urban regeneration funding programme that supports local economic, social and environmental initiatives.

Site Locally Important for Nature Conservation (SLINC)

A site of local or regional importance where plants and animals have been able to take refuge from urban development and which are protected because of their scientific, nature conservation and wildlife value.

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Land not managed as a Nature Reserve, but which is of special nature conservation interest. SSSI's are declared by English Nature.

Supplementary Planning Guidance

Guidance to provide further detail to Local Plan policies, relating to particular sites or subjects (e.g. house extensions and play areas).

Stonehouse Area Plan

A non-statutory area plan for the Stonehouse area. It sets out detailed area-based policies and proposals for the regeneration of the area.

Sustainable Development

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Sustainability

Maintaining the natural, economic and social systems, which support life and provide for people's quality of life.

Transport Strategy

An integrated strategy for transport provision in Plymouth and the surrounding areas, produced by relevant local authorities, and transport providers, and known as *Moving In A New Direction*.

Tree Preservation Order

A special control placed on trees or woodland considered to be of high amenity value, that in most cases requires the consent of the Local Planning Authority before works to trees can be carried out.

Urban Capacity Study

A study being commissioned by the City Council to assess Plymouth's capacity for accommodating new development in a way which also protects the environment and people's quality of life.

Urban Village

The creation of a liveable neighbourhood in an area in need of regeneration through the introduction of more varied land uses, more variety in housing tenures and by relaxing planning and highway design standards. A report is being prepared for an Urban Village in the South Devonport area.

Use Class Order

The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order is a Statutory Instrument that classifies uses and provides considerable scope for changes of use to be made without the need for planning permission.

Waterfront Walkway

A recreational and heritage footpath through Plymouth that is an integral part of The South West Coast Path.



Budshead Community Planning Study

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