

DRAKE

COMMUNITY PLANNING STUDY

**Issues and ideas from residents in
Drake 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, reading "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 Drake 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 **56** 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 **37** and the Sites with Development Interest Map on page **43**. 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 Drake ward?

The Drake 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. It 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 new one will cover the period 2001-2011.

Since July 1998 the City Council has been consulting local people, groups and organisations on issues that need to be considered in the review of the Local Plan. It has done this through a range of consultation initiatives including the Community Planning Studies, the Major Landowner Consultation and the Pathfinder Strategy and Action Plan. This has allowed various groups to participate at the earliest stages of the Local Plan Review so that they are fully involved in decisions about the possible pattern of development in their areas.

A series of papers are being produced that highlight issues raised by local people and various groups. They identify possible options for the future development of Plymouth. The papers also provide initial feedback on the issues raised and on other key matters that need to be considered in the Local Plan Review. These are being published to provide an opportunity for further comment prior to the new Local Plan being placed on deposit in March 2001.

The issues papers that the Council has produced are listed below:

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

This identifies the key aims, objectives, and the broad planning strategy of the Local Plan. It also proposes measures against which success of the Local Plan can be assessed.

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

This highlights the general city-wide issues raised by local people. It also contains factual information about the Community Planning Study programme, including the consultation and publicity arrangements undertaken by the City Council.

➤ **“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. They set options for the development of various sites put forward by local people and major landowners.

The City Council now welcomes further comment from all interested parties on the issues papers. Comments should be made in writing using the questionnaires included in each publication.

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 Drake Community Planning Study. This study is a summary of all the issues raised by local people about Drake 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 Drake 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 Drake

The Best Things about Drake

What You Said	Number of Responses
Close to city centre/Barbican.	14
Local shops.	10
Central Park.	9
It is quiet.	8
Good bus service/routes.	6
Nice neighbours.	6
Close to bus and train station.	5
Tree lined streets.	3
Schools.	2
Libraries.	2
Local amenities.	2
Well maintained homes.	2
Colourful houses.	1
Churches.	1
Nursery schemes.	1
Post Office.	1
Doctor.	1
Social club.	1
Adequate parking.	1
Good road links.	1
Beaumont Park.	1
Good road cleaner.	1

The Worst Things about Drake

What You Said	Number of Responses
Traffic general - speed, noise, hazards.	8
Parking difficulties.	8
Street cleanliness/litter.	8
Loud music/disturbance from bars/revellers.	6
Broken paving.	5
Dog dirt.	4
Fumes from cars/trains.	2
Student properties.	2
Bonfires in the cemetery.	1
Children playing in the cemetery.	1
Water rates.	1
Small gardens.	1
Lack of community spirit.	1
Beggars/drunks.	1
No community centre.	1
Flat conversions.	1
Weeds.	1
Poor neighbours.	1
Homelessness.	1
Children playing in the street.	1
Lack of street trees.	1
Poorly maintained houses.	1
Businesses ran from home.	1

What did People say about?

Community

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO01. The following comments were made regarding new community facilities in the ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for more community spirit/meeting areas in the North Road east area. • Greenbank needs a neighbourhood centre. It would help to stop children getting drawn into crime. • Could the ambulance station be for community or education use? • There is a need for a community facility in the Hyde Park area where you can hire rooms. 	<p>The Local Plan will include policies to support the provision of new community centres/facilities where a need is identified.</p> <p>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>
<p>CO02. Public/Community meetings should be held in accessible venues without steps. Hyde Park School has many steps, which makes it inaccessible for some people.</p>	<p>The Council seeks to ensure that all consultation takes place in accessible venues. Unfortunately, due to a lack of appropriate venues in some parts of the city some meetings take place in rooms without level access. The Council is committed to improving accessibility to public buildings in the city. See also response to TRO4.</p>
<p>CO03. The Council should encourage self-help groups - especially for childcare.</p> <p>Social reading clubs should be formed.</p>	<p>This is a matter that the Local Plan can only influence in situations where a new building or change of use of an existing building is required.</p> <p>These comments have been referred to the Department for Life Long Learning and the Department for Social and Housing Services Plymouth City Council for consideration.</p>

Education

What You Said	Our Response
<p>ED01. Increased school provision is required to meet the demand from children in new housing in Greenbank.</p>	<p>When determining major housing developments there is liaison with the Council's Department for Life Long Learning. This is undertaken to assess whether a housing developer will need to provide finance for increased school provision in the local area. Because overall there is not a shortfall in capacity in local school provision in the catchment area around the new developments at Freedom Fields and Greenbank it was not possible to seek funding from either for this area.</p>
<p>ED02. Schools should be open 24 hours to cut down on vandalism and in the holidays for activities and clubs.</p>	<p>The responsibility for opening hours of schools is with the schools themselves. However, many do open after hours, for example, for after-school clubs and sports and community uses. The Council will consider including policies in the Local Plan which encourage greater community use of schools when this can be done without causing disturbance to nearby residents.</p>

Employment

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

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN01. The old dairy site has been attractively designed.</p>	<p>Noted. See also response to LE02.</p>
<p>EN02. Students should have evening facilities away from residential areas to cut down on noise.</p>	<p>In deciding planning applications for evening facilities the Council seeks to ensure that residential amenity is not harmed. One of the main considerations is the physical distance between often conflicting uses such as housing and public houses. This comment will be considered when reviewing Local Plan policies.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN03. There are concerns about students misbehaving.</p>	<p>It is recognised that the University and its students have a significant impact on parts of the ward. The University supports initiatives promoting links between students and the local population. The City Council tries to ensure that students (and other young people's) needs are accommodated in the city without causing harm to the amenities of other residents. Policies exist which seek to restrict developments such as nightclubs from opening in residential areas of the city. As part of the Local Plan Review policies that relate to student issues, (including accommodation) will be fully addressed, particularly in respect to issues relating to residential amenity. Specific concerns regarding crime and public order offences can be forwarded to the Police. The officer overseeing the team responsible for Drake ward is P.S. Collier. He can be contacted on 01752 720411.</p>
<p>EN04. Weeds need clearing.</p>	<p>The city's streets are sprayed each year as part of an annual programme. Problem areas are sprayed a second time as appropriate.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN05. There is dog dirt in streets, lanes and some parks.</p>	<p>Owners who allow their dogs to foul public areas are acting irresponsibly and the Council is aware of the hazard and nuisance it causes. The Council has a number of initiatives to reduce this problem including education and persuasion and where appropriate prosecution. There has also 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.</p>
<p>EN06. Broad Park Road's paving is in a poor state after Eurobell/South West Water installations.</p>	<p>This comment has been forwarded to the Council's Technical Consultancy for their consideration. Utility companies such as Eurobell have a statutory right to lay cables under publicly maintained highways in the city. Following works there is a requirement for undertakers to reinstate the area of their excavation. This reinstatement must be done within the requirements stated within the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991. The Council is required to undertake random inspection of 6% of works and investigate specific complaints.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN07. The seating at Shaftesbury Place on the corner of Deptford Place and Shaftesbury Cottages needs maintaining.</p>	<p>This area seems to be in reasonable condition; however, it appears that one of the trees that formed part of the landscaping has died. This information has been forward to the Head of Parks and Amenities.</p>
<p>EN08. Trees should be planted at North Cross roundabout - they would be attractive when viewed from Armada Way.</p>	<p>This comment has been forwarded to the Council's landscape architects for their consideration.</p>
<p>EN09. The Council should seek to protect historic or characterful buildings/structures.</p>	<p>The Council recognises that many historic buildings add to the quality and character of the city and normally supports their retention where possible. However, the owners of buildings do not always require planning consent to demolish them. The Council also recognises that it is not always viable to convert all old disused buildings to modern uses because of their design, location or very poor state of repair. In such instances it may be appropriate to allow the complete or partial redevelopment of a site. The Council seeks to have buildings of architectural or historic importance listed so that they have protection from demolition or unsympathetic alterations. However, not all old buildings justify this formal protective designation.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN10. The following buildings/structures are important and should be listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyde Park Pub. • The Eye Infirmary. • Drake's Reservoir. • The Old Police Station. 	<p>In 1994 all of the buildings in Plymouth were comprehensively reviewed to consider whether they should be listed.</p> <p>The Eye Infirmary and some of the structures related to Drakes Reservoir are listed.</p> <p>The City Council attempted to have the Old Police Station and St Augustine's church listed but the Government turned down these applications.</p> <p>In 1994 the Hyde Park Pub was not considered to be of such merit to justify an application for listed building status. These comments will be forwarded to the City's Conservation Officer for further consideration.</p>
<p>EN11. The small areas of grass, which characterise parts of the ward, should be protected.</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 'Greenscape Assessment' will identify which wards of the City are deficient in different types of 'greenscape'. The results of this will be fed into the preparation of a 'Greenscape Strategy' which will identify opportunities for the provision of new green spaces or improvements to existing spaces and the links to them. This information will also be taken into consideration in the Local Plan Review.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN12. Important views to sea should be protected - they're part of the character of the area.</p>	<p>This comment is noted. The identification of important views in the city forms part of the Greenscape Strategy.</p>
<p>EN13. "Brownfield" sites should be built on.</p>	<p>These sites will be given top priority for redevelopment. However a number of other factors must also be considered in assessing the potential of such sites. These will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

Health

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HE01. There should be an accident and emergency facility in the area.</p>	<p>The minor injuries unit at the Cumberland Centre in Devonport is probably the closest facility for patients to reach. A fully operational A&E unit in Drake ward would be inappropriate as it must have the appropriate back up specialities that a large hospital such as Derriford can offer. There is not sufficient finance available to build such a facility.</p>

Housing

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO01. Some homes in Greenbank have been blighted by the proposed relief road that never happened.</p>	<p>Proposals for the relief road through Greenbank were abandoned in the late 1980's; as a result the houses are no longer blighted.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO02. The "Streets Ahead" initiative for Greenbank was never completed in Baring Street/Mildmay Street. Finance for improvements should be considered.</p>	<p>Noted. Funding ceased to be available when the Government's Urban Programme ended.</p>
<p>HO03. Something needs to be done about the empty homes on Alma Road, Pennycomequick. They should be re-developed with denser housing.</p>	<p>These boarded-up properties are owned by Devon County Council, and were purchased to facilitate highway improvements. These properties are now due to be transferred to the City Council. Options for the future use of these properties will be considered when the question of the highway improvements has finally been resolved. See also response to PD01.</p>
<p>HO04. New housing needs to be affordable. If more affordable sheltered housing were built it would free up family housing.</p>	<p>The City Council has commissioned a Housing Needs Survey which will identify gaps and opportunities in housing supply and demand. It is likely that this together with anticipated changes advice in Government guidance will enable Local Authorities to exercise a greater degree of control over house type and tenure to meet identified needs.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>H005. The elderly population is being forced out by students/bedsits.</p>	<p>It is not considered that elderly people are being 'forced out'. However, it is accepted that as the University has increased in size there has been a larger student presence in the ward. The University has provided much purpose built residential accommodation in recent years which has taken pressure off the local housing stock.</p>
<p>H006. Landlords do not maintain properties - this makes the area look messy.</p>	<p>The Housing Department has produced a Houses in Multiple Occupation Landlords Pack aimed at promoting good standards.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO07. Too many homes have been converted to flats or are shared. This has resulted in a change in character and lack of parking.</p>	<p>There is clearly a mix of opinions in respect to the level of off-street parking that should be required when properties are converted to flats. It has implications on the level of car use and on the number of new units of accommodation required across the city. Car parking standards for flats is a subject that will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. The Council will also look at the impact of the loss of family residential accommodation on particular areas of the city and consider the introduction of new Local Plan policies when appropriate. However, it should be noted that Planning Permission is not required to let a property to a group of up to six people living as a household. As such permission is not required to let a house to students and it is not possible for the Council to directly control the number of houses occupied by students in a particular area.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO08. The planning department's parking standards for house conversions are too strict - it makes it difficult to get permission for conversions.</p>	<p>The sub-division of houses into more units of accommodation results in not only a more intensive occupation of the buildings but can also increase on-street parking pressures. However, it is recognised that car parking standards can act as a deterrent to conversion. Car parking standards will, therefore, be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>HO09. The vacant land in Wellington Street should be used for housing.</p>	<p>This site is owned by the Council. No planning application has been submitted to develop it. The acceptability of allocating the site for housing will be assessed as part of the Local Plan Review and Urban Capacity Study. See also response to PD12.</p>
<p>HO10. The land at Capiera Terrace allocated for office development could be used for housing. Better use should be made of Intercity House. It could be used for housing.</p>	<p>The City Council has to consider the economic future of the city in addition to its housing needs. The Local Plan will examine this issue, and will consider modifying existing employment policies in respect to housing, especially with reference to city centre sites. The site of the two developments is allocated for office development in the current Local Plan. Its future use will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review and Urban Capacity Study. See also responses to PD02 and MLO1.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO11. Offices in North Hill should be converted back to housing.</p>	<p>The City Council has to consider the economic future of the city in addition to its housing needs. The Local Plan Review and Urban Capacity Study will examine this issue, and will consider modifying existing employment policies in respect of conversions to housing - especially with reference to city centre office sites. See also response to PD07.</p>

Leisure

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE01.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenbank has not enough for young people - it needs an area for youths to play football. • Greenbank needs a play park for little ones. • A football pitch and youth centre is needed in Greenbank, • A proper playground is needed in Greenbank. • There should be an adventure playground in Mount Street school grounds for younger children. 	<p>These points are being addressed through the Mutley Greenbank Partnership Community Forum. By the end of 2000 it is anticipated that a development trust for the area will have been established. The project leader is Aubrey Curtis. He can be contacted on 01752 604036.</p>
<p>LE02. The old dairy site in Greenbank would have made an excellent play area.</p>	<p>This has been developed for student housing. Developers were required to contribute funding to improve play facilities in Beaumont Park. See also response to EN01.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE03. Are there any proposals for the use of Mount Street School field for young people after school hours?</p>	<p>This is an area that will be considered as part of the work undertaken by the Mutley Greenbank Partnership.</p>
<p>LE04. There is an increase in children playing in the street in Peverell.</p>	<p>This comment has been forwarded to the Head of Heritage and Leisure.</p>

Minerals

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

Shopping

What You Said	Our Response
<p>SH01. There are concerns regarding the planning application to change 10 Peverell Park Road from a shop to a restaurant.</p>	<p>This planning application was refused on 4 November 1999. The reasons for refusal related to the lack of parking and the resulting impact on traffic safety and people living nearby.</p>
<p>SH02. Keep traffic out of shopping areas.</p>	<p>In line with Government guidance the City Council is seeking to reduce the negative impacts of the car such as pollution, congestion and accidents. Ways of making Mutley Plain safer for pedestrians are being investigated. See also responses to AB02, TR08 and TR19.</p>

Tourism

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

Transport

What You Said	Our Response
TR01. Trematon Terrace residents' parking restrictions need to last longer than 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Operational times are designed so that they remove all day parking for commuters. The scheme is not designed to unduly inconvenience shoppers and visitors to residents.
TR02. Restricting residents' parking around Mutley has pushed the problem to Mannamead.	The parking scheme in Hermitage Road will be made operational during Summer 2000. If problems with all day commuter parking occurs, the Traffic Management Division of the City Council should be informed.
TR03. Residents' parking should be introduced at Glendower Road.	This area will be subject to a forthcoming parking and traffic survey. If necessary proposals for residents' parking will be considered.
TR04. There are concerns about teachers parking around Hyde Park School.	The Hermitage Road Residents' Parking Scheme is proposed to include an area reserved for employees parking. This is presently being advertised and subject to the results will be introduced. See also responses to CO02 and TR11 .
TR05. The lower floor of Mutley Plain car park should be used for secure residents parking. The car park also needs better lighting.	Various options are being considered but achieving security is difficult and expensive.

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR06. There should be a Home Zone in Peverell.</p>	<p>Home Zone Initiatives (designs aimed at creating attractive and safer residential streets) are new to this country and it is unlikely that new schemes will be developed until the success of trial areas has been considered.</p>
<p>TR07. There is insufficient resident and visitor parking in Greenbank. Could more parking be provided at Gascoyne Place?</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and sub division of dwellings has increased pressure on residential parking through out the City. There are no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the City.</p>
<p>TR08. The pavement outside the Freebooter and Firkin should be repaired - a big puddle forms outside. The paving on Clifton Street is loose.</p>	<p>Highway and footway conditions are regularly inspected and areas in need of repair are identified for action. These comments will be forwarded to the Council's highway surveyors. See also response to AB02.</p>
<p>TR09. Pedestrian crossing facilities should be provided across Western Park Road and Peverell Park Road.</p>	<p>A new central island has recently been provided on Western Park Road. See also response to TR18.</p>
<p>TR10. The Churchhill Way/Berrow Park Road junction has very poor visibility for pedestrians because of the dip in the road.</p>	<p>The City Council has a programme of Local Safety Schemes to address accident problems. The priority for these schemes is to treat locations that have a significant record of accidents resulting in injury before sites where there is a reported potential for accidents in the future or sites with damage only accidents.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR11. Hyde Park Road needs flashing warning lights at school start/ending times.</p>	<p>The City Council has a developing programme of projects designed to encourage safer journeys to school, which addresses issues such as safety in the vicinity of schools. See also response to TR04.</p>
<p>TR12. Exeter Street provides a big barrier to the Barbican from Greenbank.</p>	<p>Agreed. The provision of more pedestrian crossings on Exeter Street is being considered.</p>
<p>TR13. The one way scheme for Langhill Road will encourage people to take short cuts. The traffic should be forced to go in the opposite direction than planned.</p>	<p>The short length of one way road is unlikely to encourage further use as a short cut. The scheme will be implemented shortly and a review carried out after about 6 months of operation.</p>
<p>TR14. Cars parked in the parking bays on Peverell Park Road make it difficult to see oncoming traffic when coming out of adjacent streets - cycle lane should be on this side.</p>	<p>The cycle lane is purposely located on the opposite side to the junctions because of the danger to cyclists that can be caused by these junctions.</p>
<p>TR15. Devon Terrace should be made one way.</p>	<p>The introduction of one-way systems can result in significant increases in vehicle speeds unless accompanied by significant and expensive traffic calming.</p>
<p>TR16. A mini roundabout is needed to slow down traffic at the junction of Dale Road and Central Park Avenue.</p>	<p>The City Council has a programme of Local Safety Schemes to address accident problems. The priority for these schemes is to treat locations that have a significant record of accidents resulting in injury before sites where there is a reported potential for accidents in the future or sites with damage only accidents.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR17. People still travel too fast along Peverell Park Road.</p>	<p>There are no proposals to install further traffic calming along Peverell Park Road.</p>
<p>TR18. The traffic calming of Peverell Park Road has moved speeding traffic to Weston Park Road. There is an old person's home near Weston Park Road.</p>	<p>The City Council has a programme of Local Safety Schemes to address accident problems. The priority for these schemes is to treat locations that have a significant record of accidents resulting in injury before sites where there is a reported potential for accidents in the future or sites with damage only accidents. The City Council has a long-term objective to treat all residential areas with traffic calming or 20 m.p.h. zone status. See also response to TR09.</p>
<p>TR19. Comments were made regarding pedestrian safety at junctions on Mutley Plain. There was also the view that the street should be less dominated by traffic.</p>	<p>Proposals are being considered regarding pedestrian safety improvements on Mutley Plain. See also response to AB02.</p>

Waste

What You Said	Our Response
<p>WA01. There is a lot of dumping/litter in lanes and bin bags are left out early.</p>	<p>This problem is recognised. The Council is running a pilot scheme in Mutley which seeks to make certain that all residents are aware of when bin bags should be put out in back lanes (ripped bin bags are a source of much litter). This includes providing greater refuse collection information such as signs on lampposts. As funding permits this initiative will be developed in other areas of the city. The Council is also taking a firmer hand with regard to deliberate dumping.</p>
<p>WA02. There should be better recycling facilities in the area.</p>	<p>Plymouth is in the top 25% of Councils in terms of its recycling rates. We are continuously trying to improve this area. Please contact the Council's Recycling Development Officer on 01752 304173 if you have any specific suggestions.</p>
<p>WA03. Hyde Park recycling bank is good but needs to be better lit and overlooked.</p>	<p>This recycling bank has now been moved to Napier Terrace, adjacent to Mutley car park.</p>
<p>WA04. The Council should supply skips periodically for residents to dispose of rubbish.</p>	<p>There are legal issues relating to the Council's duty of care, which prevents the Council supplying unstaffed skips. To respond to residents' needs the Council provides a free collection service for the disposal of bulky household waste. If you require this service please contact the Council's Environmental Services Department on 01752 304750.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>WA05. There should be small recycling sites at the end of streets.</p>	<p>There can be practical problems relating to this suggestion. These relate to such issues as space limitations, vehicle access for servicing, disturbance and arson/vandalism. The Council is working to increase the number of small recycling centres at locations such as supermarkets and shopping centre car parks. For the nearest location to you ring the Council's Recycling Officer on 01752 304173.</p>

Area Based Issues:

Central Park

What You Said	Our Response
<p>AB01. The following comments have been made regarding Central Park as part of the Community Planning Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect Central Park from development. • Central Park is heavily vandalised and is dangerous for children to play in unsupervised. • Wardens should be brought back. • Restore the garden nursery. • Return Peverell Park to the cricket club. • Central Park is a disgrace. • Central Park's a good location for a really good adventure park. • Central Park is well used by local communities. • Re-site the Mayflower Centre to Brickfields, Seaton or Manadon. 	<p>It is recognised that Central Park is an important issue for residents of Drake ward. Issues relating to Central Park were the subject of a large-scale consultation looking at proposals for improvements to the park as a whole. From March 2000 to May 2000 several thousand people gave their views on the future of Central Park. The results of this consultation exercise are currently being analysed. All the comments raised in this study will also be included in this analysis. Proposals for the future of the park have recently been announced and will be the subject of a further consultation exercise.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about traffic generation from proposals for Central Park. • Central Park should have an outdoor café and more events such as concerts instead of being held at the Hoe. • Can the slam cycle tracks be a permanent feature in Central Park? • Support the Tradium project. • Pounds Park is lovely but is spoilt by dog dirt - it's a risk to children. • Pounds Park - toilets attract undesirables near play area - they should be demolished and built in a more prominent location. • Pound House - should use for a heritage centre/museum/library. • Central Park needs wardens and more police. It also needs public phones in case need to contact emergency services. • Keep Central Park green. Don't allow commercial development to fund improvements to recreational facilities in the park. • Keep the site of the Council nursery green. • If building the Tradium then a retractable roof should be put on it. • Noise from concerts at Central Park harms the quality of life of residents in the area. Concerned about the impact the Tradium will have. 	

What You Said	Our Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at Central Park as a series of small parks which serve different communities that surround it. • Problem of vandalism at Central Park allotments. • Check if the abandoned allotments at Central park have a nature interest. • Railings on Alma Road boundary of Central Park are tatty. • Build on Ford Park Cemetery. • Ford Park Cemetery should not be developed. It should have a 'green' designation on it. • Ford Park Cemetery - does waste from clean ups have to be burnt? It's a nuisance to nearby residents. • Repair the fence or wall built between the cemetery and playing area to stop children playing in the cemetery. 	

Mutley Plain

What You Said	Our Response
<p>AB02. The following comments have been received regarding Mutley Plain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of areas need looking at including traffic, parking, quality of the environment, rents, and the needs of locals and students. • It is depressing to see Mutley Plain become an upmarket Union Street and the loss of stores such as tailors, furniture shops etc. 	

What You Said	Our Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are concerns that the drive to enhance Union Street will increase the demand for nightclubs at Mutley Plain. • It's better having pubs on Mutley Plain than vacant shops - they have helped to increase the vitality. • If pub uses are allowed on Mutley Plain they should be more family orientated. • There should be less pubs along Mutley Plain. • Concerned about the effect any new supermarkets in nearby areas could have on stores in Mutley Plain. • Rates should be reduced for shops on Mutley Plain. • Daytime uses need to be encouraged at Mutley Plain. • Have less houses in Multiple Occupation at Mutley Plain. • Redevelop the vacant garage north west of Mutley Plain • A multi-storey car park could be built on the Hyde Park car park site and adjoining building. • Mutley Plain multi-storey car park should have better security. • Mutley Plain should have free parking - particularly for shoppers. • Don't have a bus lane at Mutley Plain. • Improve pedestrian safety at Ford Park Road. 	<p>A Mutley Plain Regeneration Initiative has been developed. It is being driven by a partnership comprising the Mutley Community Association, the Mutley Traders Association, Mutley Baptist church and Plymouth City Council. The initiative seeks to address the problems of economic decline in the largest shopping centre in Plymouth outside the city centre. The scheme will include the visual enhancement of the area as well as security improvements. It has the overall aim of sustaining existing businesses, creating new employment opportunities and establishing a sense of place for the local community.</p> <p>Funding of £560,000 is in the process of being secured. Close Circuit Television Cameras have already been installed. See also responses to TR08 and TR19.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Mutley Plain safer. • Have more litter bins at Mutley. • Plant trees and flowers along Mutley Plain. • Stronger planning policies for Mutley Plain are needed. • Traders not residents dominate Mutley Residents Association so they're biased towards commercial interests. • Sixth form students from Plymouth High School for Girls and Notre Dame School undertook a day-long project looking at Mutley Plain. They put forward suggestions on a number of areas including transport, the environment and the mix of uses. These suggestions have been considered as part of the Mutley Plain Regeneration Initiative. 	

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Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	North Cross roundabout.	EN08.
2	Capiera Terrace & Inter city House.	HO10.
3	North Road East.	CO01.
4	Junction of Central Park Avenue/Dale Road.	TR16.
5	Derelict Houses 2-32 Alma Road.	HO03.
6	Central Park.	AB01.
7	Glendower Road.	TR03.
8	Peeverell Park Road.	TR09, TR14, TR17.
9	Berrow Park Road/Churchill Way.	TR10.
10	Weston Park Road.	TR09, TR18.
11	Broad Park Road.	EN06.
12	10 Peeverell Park Road.	SH01.
13	Langhill Road.	TR13.
14	Hyde Park Road.	TR11.
15	Hyde Park School.	CO02, TR04.
16	Devon Terrace.	TR15.
17	Hyde Park Car Park.	WA03.
18	Hyde Park Public House.	EN10.
19	Mannamead direction.	TR02.
20	Mutley Plain.	AB02, TR08, TR19.
21	Trematon Terrace.	TR01.
22	Mutley Car Park.	TR05.
23	Napier Terrace.	WA03.
24	Eye Infirmary.	EN10.
25	Former Greenbank Ambulance/Police Station.	CO01, EN10.
26	North Hill.	HO11.
27	Shaftesbury Place.	EN07.
28	Clifton Street.	TR08.
29	Wellington Street.	HO09.
30	Mildmay Street/Baring Street.	HO02.
31	Mount Street School.	LE03.
32	Drakes Reservoir, North Hill.	EN10
33	Former site of Radnor Dairy.	EN01, LE02.
34	Gascoyne Place.	TR07.
35	Pedestrian links to the Barbican.	TR12.

What is Your Vision for Drake?

A place where:

- There is safe and convenient access to the city centre and all its facilities.
- Residential areas are free from unacceptable levels of noise and disturbance.
- The impact of cars travelling through residential areas is reduced and frustration is not caused by difficulties parking.
- Adults and children are able to reach on foot green areas suitable for their recreational needs.
- Historic buildings important to the quality of the environment are protected wherever possible and new developments respect the character of the ward's distinct areas.
- Mutley Plain is an attractive, safe and vibrant district centre that serves the needs of the diverse local population without harming the quality of life of people living in surrounding residential streets.
- Central Park's importance to local communities is fully respected when considering any future proposals. Any plans take on board the views of local residents.
- There is a well-maintained environment across the ward that does not suffer from problems in respect to litter, dog dirt and vandalism.

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
<p>PP01. Site Of 3 Camden Street And Land Adjacent, 20 Camden Street, Plymouth. Demolition and redevelopment to construct four storey student accommodation (No.3) and erection of three storey student accommodation (adj.20).</p>

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.

Location	Our Response
<p>PD01. 2-32 Alma Road.</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 HO03).</p>
<p>PD02. Intercity House.</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 HO10).</p>

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Location	Our Response
<p>PD03. Former Royal Mail Sorting Office, Pennycomequick.</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.</p>
<p>PD04. Rear of 1-31 Trelawny Road.</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.</p>
<p>PD05. Vacant land adjacent to 124 North Road East.</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.</p>
<p>PD06. Gospel Hall adjacent to 149 North Road East.</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.</p>
<p>PD07. 114-118 North Hill.</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 HO11).</p>
<p>PD08. 30-32 Camden Street.</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.</p>
<p>PD09 Vacant land adjacent to Camden Court.</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.</p>
<p>PD10. Warehouse, Gilwell Place.</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.</p>

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Location	Our Response
PD11. Hall adjacent to 2 Shaftesbury Cottages.	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.
PD12. Vacant site adjacent to 1 Wellington Street.	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 HO09).

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.

Location	Our Response
<p>ML01.</p> <p>Site: Intercity House, adjacent to Plymouth Station.</p> <p>Suggested Use: Residential.</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 HO10).</p>

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Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Gospel Hall adjacent to 149 North Road East.	PD06.
2	Vacant Land adjacent to 124 North Road East.	PD05.
3	Intercity House.	PD02, ML01.
4	Former Royal Mail Sorting Office, Pennycomequick.	PD03.
5	2-32 Alma Road.	PD01.
6	Rear of 1-31 Trelawny Road.	PD04.
7	114-118 North Hill.	PD07.
8	Hall adjacent to 2 Shaftesbury Cottages.	PD11.
9	Vacant site adjacent to 1 Wellington Street.	PD12.
10	30-32 Camden Street.	PD08.
11	Vacant Land adjacent to Camden Court.	PP01, PD09.
12	Warehouse, Gillwell Place.	PD10.

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 Drake Like?

Key Facts about Drake.

Environmental Characteristics

Natural Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Environmental Designations.	5.4	22.4	14

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

Built Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Scheduled Monuments.	0	45
Unscheduled Monuments.	0	36
Hectares of land covered by Conservation Areas.	1.7	281.0
Listed Buildings.	36	737
Vacant/Derelict Sites and Buildings.	12	157

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Housing Stock.	5,651	105,000	5
New Homes Built (1991 – 1999).	74	4,100	17
New Homes Built (1995 – 1999).	43	1,700	13
% New Homes Built (1995 – 1999) on Previously Developed Land.	100.0	53.8	1=

Shopping

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
District Centres.	1	8
Local Centres.	5	60

Transport

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Number of bus stops.	106	1,689	3

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Existing traffic calming schemes.	1	34

Recreation & Leisure

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Public Parks.	31.3	5.5	1
Children’s Play Areas.	5	170	14=

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).	13.9	20.3	20
% Adults (16 – Retirement).	62.7	61.4	5
% Retired.	23.5	18.3	5

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Owner Occupied.	64.8	63.7	10
% Council/ Housing Association.	5.3	23.2	18
% Private Rented.	30.0	12.8	1

Health

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Standard Mortality Ratio.	117.8	108.3	6
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease. (rate per 100,000 population)	153.4	119.3	6
- Deaths from Cancer. (rate per 100,000 population)	210.6	173.7	3
- Deaths from Accidents. (rate per 100,000 population)	21.3	20.7	8

Education

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Primary Schools.	1	69
Secondary Schools.	2	16

Crime

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Reported Crimes.	1,637	26,406	4
Burglaries.	289	3,772	6
Vehicle Crime.	562	8,108	4
Crimes against the Person.	169	3,915	7

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.			10
Number of Income Support Beneficiaries.	924	18,472	10
% Households with No Car.	40.0	34.3	9

Unemployment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Unemployment Rate (%).	5.8	4.6	8
% Long-Term Unemployed (Over 12 Months).	1.4	0.9	4

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.

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 Drake

Event	Date	Details of event	Residents Involved
Hill Park Pub.	06/04/99	Discussion on issues of concern in the local area.	11
Greenbank Community Association Fun Day.	05/06/99	Exhibition at Fun Day.	32
Notre Dame School.	06/07/99	Schools Consultation looking at Mutley Plain.	16
Plymouth High School for Girls.	21/10/99	Schools Consultation looking at Mutley Plain.	30
Drake Planning Workshop.	07/12/99	Community Planning Workshop held at Hyde Park School.	17
Pilgrim Primary School.	13/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	24
Pennycross Primary School.	14/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	28
Montpelier Primary School.	15/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	33

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Event	Date	Details of event	Residents Involved
Hyde Park Primary School.	15/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	35
Devonport High School for Boys.	27/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	24
Stoke Damerall Community College.	30/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	16
Lipson Community College.	31/03/00	Central Park Schools Consultation.	14
Pounds House.	07/04/00	Central Park Workshop.	30
Total Number of Events held in Drake.			13
Total Number of Residents consulted in Drake.			310
Number of Questionnaires received from Drake.			32

Events Near Drake

Name of event	Date	Details of event	Residents Involved
Peverell Library.	03/04/99 to 14/05/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Pennycross Methodist Wives Meeting.	09/06/99	Community Planning Presentation.	20

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

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
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
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.

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
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.
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 Drake ward Community Planning Study:

- "City of Plymouth Local Plan", Plymouth City Council, April 1987.
- "Mutley Way Forward" – Mutley Community Association, June 1995.
- "City of Plymouth Local Plan First Alteration", May 1996.
- "Mutley Plain – An Audit of the Existing Street Scene", Plymouth City Council, February 1999.
- Evening Herald Articles (23/04/98, 07/05/98, 18/06/98, 09/07/98, 25/02/99, 22/04/99, 04/11/99, 09/12/99, 03/02/00, 30/03/00).

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.



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