

# HAM

## COMMUNITY PLANNING STUDY

**Issues and ideas from residents in  
Ham 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.

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**Patrick Nicholson**  
**Leader of Plymouth City Council**

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## How to Use the Ham 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 **48** 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 **33** and the Sites with Development Interest Map on page **37**. 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 **HO03** 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 Ham ward?**

The Ham 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](http://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 Ham Community Planning Study. This study is a summary of all the issues raised by local people about Ham 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 Ham 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 Ham

#### The Best Things about Ham

What You Said	Number of Responses
Community spirit.	9
Good views.	5
Peaceful/ quiet.	4
Close to Ham Woods.	4
Good bus routes.	3
Good access to A38.	3
Local schools.	3
Good shops.	2
No students.	2
Open spaces.	2
Close to City Centre.	2
Local resident's groups.	1
Close to Central Park.	1
Good playgrounds.	1
New houses.	1
Derelict land that has development potential.	1
Good range of housing.	1
Newly improved Cookworthy Green.	1
Wildlife.	1

## The Worst Things about Ham

What You Said	Number of Responses
Crime/ vandalism.	8
Unsociable people.	3
Traffic.	3
Rubbish in the area.	3
Parks are unsafe/ unsuitable for children.	2
There are a lack of play areas for children.	2
Too much building on green land.	2
Buildings are rundown.	2
Poor public transport.	2
Condition of the highways.	1
Very few shops.	1
Damp houses.	1
Condition of pavements.	1
Inadequate bus service.	1
Roads are too narrow for parking on both sides of the road (Great Churchway).	1
Cars drive too fast.	1
Too many drug users.	1
Problems with neighbours.	1
Dog fouling.	1
Lack of street cleaning.	1
Condition of play areas.	1

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<b>What You Said</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Damage to empty houses.	1
Lack of activities for youngsters who are too young to visit pubs, but too old for play areas.	1
Condition of Ham Green.	1
Not enough street lighting.	1
Poor design of housing.	1
Lack of police.	1
Leisure facilities are too expensive.	1
Lack of community spirit.	1

## What did People say about .....?

### Community

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>CO01.</b> There is a need for more youth clubs in North Prospect.</p>	<p>There are youth facilities in North Prospect e.g. North Prospect Community Centre and Halcyon Centre.</p>
<p><b>CO02.</b> There is a need for more police.</p>	<p>This is an issue that is frequently raised and the Chief Constable of the Devon &amp; Cornwall Constabulary has confirmed that they strive to put more officers on the beat where possible. In addition, each area of Plymouth has a dedicated team of officers with problem solving skills, who, often in partnership with other groups and agencies, try to overcome concerns that the public raise. The officer in charge of the team covering Ham ward is PS Northcott. He has been forwarded a list of the comments raised in Ham. He can be contacted on 01752 561674 if you would like to discuss a matter relating to the ward.</p> <p>The Police Authority has its own duty to consult with the public and produce a Policing plan. Every quarter in the Plymouth area the Police Authority holds a consultation meeting where the public can raise issues. For information in respect to the next meeting please telephone: 01392 438 781.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>CO03.</b> Security cameras should be installed to stop violence.</p>	<p>Security cameras are provided at strategic positions in the city. However they are focused on particular areas where crime is more likely (e.g. pubs, shops etc).</p>
<p><b>CO04.</b> There is a need for a quiet area, such as a remembrance garden in North Prospect.</p>	<p>There is no objection to this idea in principle from the City Council provided that it is located in a suitable location e.g. Weston Mill Cemetery.</p>
<p><b>CO05.</b> There is a need for a youth café/ meeting place for the local youth.</p>	<p>Ideas are being developed by the local community and the City Council will provide support if suitable schemes are identified.</p>
<p><b>CO06.</b> North Prospect Community Centre should be used as a drop-in centre and uses for all age groups.</p>	<p>This project is being developed by the North Prospect Community Centre. (See also responses to <b>CO12</b> and <b>LE07</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO07.</b> Halcyon Centre puts some young people off because it is attached to a Methodist Church.</p>	<p>Alternative community facilities are available in the North Prospect area, for example at the North Prospect Community Centre. (See also response to <b>TR10</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO08.</b> 99 North Prospect Road (The Icebox) is ideally sited for a community drop-in facility.</p>	<p>Unfortunately this proposal has now been abandoned.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>CO09.</b> There is a need to audit the community facilities in North Prospect and consider a campus arrangement to accommodate a variety of community facilities.</p>	<p>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>
<p><b>CO10.</b> Encouragement should be given for the formation of a Weston Mill group to help observe and maintain the cemetery.</p>	<p>The City Council will be happy to advise residents on establishing a group. Contact should be made to the Community Development Team at the City Council.</p>
<p><b>CO11.</b> There is a need for meeting space for elderly residents.</p>	<p>The comment has been referred to Life Long Learning and Social and Housing Services, Plymouth City Council for consideration.</p>
<p><b>CO12.</b> North Prospect Primary School is suitable for more community use.</p>	<p>The current Local Plan encourages the dual use of school facilities. This is likely to be reiterated in the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to <b>CO06</b> and <b>LE07</b>).</p>

**Education**

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>ED01.</b> There should be better education for children and the unemployed.</p>	<p>This is a matter that the Local Plan can only influence in respect of situations where a new building or change of use is required for the club. The comment has been referred to Life Long Learning, Plymouth City Council for consideration.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>ED02.</b> It may be appropriate to delete the need for upgraded sports facilities at John Kitto Community College since the school is looking at alternative sites.</p>	<p>Noted. This will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>ED03.</b> Consideration should be given to incorporating North Prospect library into the North Prospect School site.</p>	<p>There are problems locating the library in the school since there is restricted public access. Other locations are being considered, for example Scott Hospital.</p>

## Employment

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EM01.</b> Development could take place at Weston Mill.</p>	<p>Following the public inquiry, a Government Inspector has rejected development here. The proposed development will not be taking place.</p>
<p><b>EM02.</b> The Weston Mill development should not go ahead.</p>	<p>See responses to <b>EM01</b>, <b>H006</b> and <b>ENO6</b>.</p>
<p><b>EM03.</b> The B&amp;Q proposal should not go ahead.</p>	<p>A decision as to the future development of this site is still awaited following a public inquiry last year.</p>
<p><b>EM04.</b> The vacant site at Laurel Dene should be used as a shop or laundrette.</p>	<p>The future use of this land is the subject of a consultation exercise with local residents, being carried out by Housing Services. (See also responses to <b>LE06</b>, <b>TR03</b> and <b>TR04</b>).</p>

## Environment

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EN01.</b> The Weston Mill Creek area needs enhancing</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Environmental Services and will be considered for future community clean ups. If you want further information on community clean ups please contact the City's Tidy Plymouth Development Officer on 01752 307874.</p>
<p><b>EN02.</b> People should keep their gardens tidier.</p>	<p>This would only become a matter for the City Council if it caused a health hazard or serious eye sore.</p>
<p><b>EN03.</b> Ham woods needs to be regularly tidied up.</p>	<p>Research has shown that it is often local residents rather than commercial fly tippers who dump a lot of the material in the city's woods. It is often very expensive for the Council to clean wooded valley areas and the Council is grateful for the work done in this area by voluntary groups. The Council will consider ways of reducing dumping in wooded areas through increased promotion of the Council's free bulky waste disposal service. (See also responses to <b>EN07</b>, <b>LE04</b> and <b>HO07</b>).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EN04.</b> There should be more greenery in the area generally.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a Greenscape Strategy for the whole of the city. This comment will be fed into this process. The results of the strategy will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of protection for green spaces through the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>EN05.</b> Dog mess is a particular problem in the Orchard Road area.</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>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EN06.</b> Weston Mill playing fields should be protected.</p>	<p>The development proposal has been refused following a public inquiry. 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. (See also responses to <b>EM01</b> and <b>HO06</b>).</p>
<p><b>EN07.</b> Ham woods has a variety of wildlife and should be protected.</p>	<p>In the current Local Plan Ham Woods is protected as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation and this comment will be considered in the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to <b>EN03</b>, <b>LE04</b> and <b>HO07</b>).</p>
<p><b>EN08.</b> Ham Woods can be dangerous particularly during the evenings.</p>	<p>Woods are not safe places to go after dark and people should not be encouraged to do so.</p>
<p><b>EN09.</b> There are proposals to expand the industrial estate into a nature conservation area. However it is considered that this area does not have any significant conservation importance.</p>	<p>The majority of the area north of the industrial estate is designated as a community woodland due to its nature conservation value and is managed by Plymouth City Council.</p>
<p><b>EN10.</b> The concrete planters should be improved outside the North Prospect shops.</p>	<p>The planters have a dual purpose both to improve the appearance of the area and to protect the shops from "ram raiding". (See also response to <b>HO03</b>).</p>

## Housing

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>HO01.</b> More development could take place at Baytree Gardens.</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><b>HO02.</b> The reservoir site at Beacon Down Avenue should only be developed for housing if it is set back from existing properties.</p>	<p>Outline planning permission has been granted for this site and has taken into account this issue. An application regarding reserved matters (00/00377) will shortly be determined. (See also response to <b>PP01</b>).</p>
<p><b>HO03.</b> Consideration for housing at Weston Mill allotments should only be considered after a careful feasibility study.</p>	<p>Development of allotment land to other than open space will be permitted only in areas where there is no deficiency of public open space or children's play areas. Allotments fall into two categories, statutory and non-statutory. Statutory allotments are subject to additional statutory procedures, under the Allotment Acts 1922 to 1950 before they can be put to alternative uses. The City Council has also prepared an Allotments Strategy to guide the future use of allotments in the city.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>HO04.</b>                      Consideration should be given for demolishing some Plymouth City Council owned housing to provide more space and make the area more attractive.</p>	<p>The Local Plan will set out the general principles in respect of housing layouts etc. Government guidance however seeks to achieve higher density development (particularly in central areas) coupled with better design. Distances between properties will vary according to location and type of development.</p>
<p><b>HO05.</b>                      Consideration should be given to converting some existing housing into smaller or larger units to provide a greater variety of accommodation.</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 recent changes in Government Planning guidance, will enable Local Authorities to exercise a greater degree of control over house type and tenure to meet identified needs. In Ham ward there is a real demand for larger properties due to a net loss in these types of properties through the right to buy.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>HO06.</b> Some housing could be located on Weston Mill playing fields in south west corner. Elderly housing would be most appropriate.</p>	<p>The current Local Plan has a policy (<b>ARL11</b>) that seeks to protect playing pitches from development unless there is a surplus of such facilities in an area, they are being replaced elsewhere, or the development of a small part of the site helps to enhance or retain the playing pitches.</p> <p>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. (See also responses to <b>EM01</b> and <b>EN06</b>). The suitability of the site for housing will be assessed as part of the Urban Capacity Study being undertaken by the City Council.</p>
<p><b>HO07.</b> The area north of Ham Green Lane should be developed.</p>	<p>The land is identified as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation in the current Local Plan and therefore will be protected from development. This will be reconsidered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>HO08.</b> There is a need for a housing facelift scheme in Foliot Road.</p>	<p>This idea has been referred to the Head of Housing Services and will be given consideration as part of the Housing Capital Programme. (See also responses to <b>HO09</b> and <b>LE13</b>).</p>
<p><b>HO09.</b> The entrance to Foliot Road flats has been blocked off. There are now health and safety concerns.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing Services for consideration. (See also responses to <b>HO08</b> and <b>LE13</b>).</p>
<p><b>HO10.</b> The community centre on Ham Drive is not being used. It could be better located across the road and be integrated into an improved sports facility and play area. The community centre could then be used for sheltered housing.</p>	<p>This matter will be given consideration as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

**Health**

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

**Leisure**

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE01.</b> There should be more facilities in the parks.</p>	<p>There are a number of improvements being implemented in the parks and this will continue as finance permits.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE02.</b> There should be more leisure facilities in North Prospect e.g. play schemes.</p>	<p>Facilities are being provided through the community centres in North Prospect.</p>
<p><b>LE03.</b> There should be adequate play areas for young children and play areas should be protected.</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 and need to be improved as part of new development proposals.</p>
<p><b>LE04.</b> More facilities should be provided for young people in Ham Woods.</p>	<p>Ham Woods are used for informal recreation and identified as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation. Its formal use for recreation should therefore be restricted. (See also responses to <b>EN03</b>, <b>EN07</b> and <b>HO07</b>).</p>
<p><b>LE05.</b> Children's play areas should be concentrated in existing parks.</p>	<p>This is carried out wherever possible, but there is also a need for additional play areas that are a long distance from parks.</p>
<p><b>LE06.</b> The vacant site at Laurel Dene could be used as a play area.</p>	<p>The site has been cleared for informal recreation. Its future use is under consideration. (See also responses to <b>EM04</b>, <b>TR03</b> and <b>TR04</b>).</p>
<p><b>LE07.</b> Leisure facilities could be incorporated into North Prospect School e.g. gym, adventure centre and discos.</p>	<p>This proposal would have support in principle from Planning Services subject to normal development control considerations. (See also responses to <b>CO06</b> and <b>CO12</b>).</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE08.</b> The allotments by Beacon Down Avenue should be used for community recreation.</p>	<p>The allotments are privately owned and were leased to Plymouth City Council until March 2000. Plymouth City Council is now considering their future use in the light of the Urban Capacity Study and Greenscape Assessment being undertaken for the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>LE09.</b> Play areas and 5-a-side football pitches such as rear of Wordsworth Road should be given formal recognition in the Local Plan.</p>	<p>These will be identified in the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>LE10.</b> The park at Abbotsbury Way should be enlarged with more facilities.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Heritage and Leisure Services for consideration.</p>
<p><b>LE11.</b> A play area should be built on the grassed area at Mary Land Gardens.</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 and need to be improved as part of new development proposals.</p>
<p><b>LE12.</b> The roundabout at Cresswell Avenue should be used to play football.</p>	<p>This site could not be located.</p>
<p><b>LE13.</b> The kick-a-bout area in Foliot Avenue should be better landscaped.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing for consideration. (See also responses to <b>HO08</b> and <b>HO09</b>).</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE14.</b> There should be gateway features at the entrances to North Prospect by the North Prospect shops and Ham Drive/ North Prospect junction.</p>	<p>This is supported in principle, provided that funding can be identified.</p>
<p><b>LE15.</b> Cookworthy Green could be expanded with the relocation of the housing 1-9 Cookworthy Road and 236 Wolseley Road. There should be the following facilities: BMX track, youth shelter, play area for disabled children, community centre, floodlighting and better security.</p>	<p>A major improvement programme has been implemented on the site and additional work could be considered, but it is dependent on securing the necessary funding.</p>
<p><b>LE16.</b> The community centre on Ham Drive is not being used. It could be better located across the road and be integrated into an improved sports facility and play area. The community centre could then be used for sheltered housing.</p>	<p>This matter will be given greater consideration as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>LE17.</b> The play area at Ham Green Lane needs improving.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Heritage and Leisure Services for consideration.</p>

**Minerals**

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

## Shopping

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>SH01.</b> There are sufficient shops in North Prospect.</p>	<p>The boundaries of North Prospect shopping centre are defined in the current Local Plan. However these are being reassessed in the review of the Local Plan and these comments will be taken into account.</p>
<p><b>SH02.</b> The Ham shops are in a very poor condition. They need to be upgraded and made accessible to disabled people.</p>	<p>Major works to improve access to the shops have recently been undertaken. The poor appearance of the shops is acknowledged. However support for businesses to improve shop frontages is constrained by available finance.</p>
<p><b>SH03.</b> There are Single Regeneration Budget proposals to further upgrade the North Prospect shops.</p>	<p>There is no external funding to improve the appearance of the shops. (See also response to <b>SH02</b>).</p>

## Tourism

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

## Transport

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR01.</b> Roads and pavements should be properly repaired after being dug up.</p>	<p>This is the responsibility of the people carrying out the work and individual instances of this not occurring should be referred to Technical Consultancy (Highways Operations) on 01752 304592).</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR02.</b> There should be more speed humps to stop cars speeding.</p>	<p>The City Council has a long-term objective to treat all residential areas with traffic calming or 20 m.p.h. zone status.</p>
<p><b>TR03.</b> The vacant site at Laurel Dene could be designated for residents parking.</p>	<p>This suggestion would need to be discussed with the local residents. However it is unlikely that the Council would pay for the necessary upgrading. (See also responses to <b>EM04, LE06 and TR04</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR04.</b> The vacant site at Laurel Dene should be fenced to stop children running into the road.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing for consideration. (See also responses to <b>EM04, LE06 and TR03</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR05.</b> The bollards at Halcyon Road/ Dingle Road junction are successful.</p>	<p>Noted. (See also responses to <b>TR06, TR07 and TR19</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR06.</b> The bollards at Halcyon Road/ Dingle Road junction do not work and there is need for traffic calming.</p>	<p>The bollards were introduced as a Local Safety Scheme because of the accident record. The overwhelming majority of residents were in favour of the scheme. (See also responses to <b>TR05, TR07 and TR19</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR07.</b> Traffic calming is needed in Dingle Road</p>	<p>This scheme will be investigated further by Transport Services. (See also responses to <b>TR05, TR06 and TR19</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR08.</b> Traffic calming is needed in Merrivale Road.</p>	<p>This scheme will be investigated further by Transport Services. (See also response to <b>TR18</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR09.</b> There is a need for more car parking for the shops in North Prospect Road.</p>	<p>This would be difficult and expensive to achieve. (See also response to <b>TR11</b>).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR10.</b> The road outside the Halcyon Centre is dangerous.</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. (See also response to <b>CO07</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR11.</b> There is a need for pedestrian lights and additional crossing points along North Prospect Road. In particular by North Prospect shops, by North Prospect Primary School and by Morice Baptist Church. School warning lights should be located along North Prospect Road by Morwell Gardens and at the junction with Ham Drive.</p>	<p>This request will be added to the extensive list of requests to be considered for implementation in accordance with specific criteria. (See also response to <b>TR09</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR12.</b> There is a problem with on-street and off-street parking in North Prospect. Residents need to pay for hardstanding parking spaces.</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and sub division of dwellings has increased pressure on residential parking through the city. There are no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the city.</p>
<p><b>TR13.</b> The pavements in Wolseley Road are very wide. Parking bays could be incorporated rather than a bus lane that is favoured by Transport Services.</p>	<p>This is an important public transport route and increased priority for buses is a key part of the Local Transport Plan.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR14.</b> The area from North Prospect shops to Plymouth Albion has no dropped kerbs or pedestrian crossings.</p>	<p>This request will be added to the extensive list of requests to be considered for implementation in accordance with specific criteria.</p>
<p><b>TR15.</b> Ham could be considered for a Home Zone. For example Woodhey Road would be a good location. Consideration should also be given for car free developments.</p>	<p>Home Zones are a new idea in Britain. Trial areas are needed before the initiative is broadened. The idea of car free developments is supported by Transport policy.</p>
<p><b>TR16.</b> There should be a Park-and-Ride at Weston Mill.</p>	<p>This has not been a strategic site identified for a Park-and-Ride, but the comment has been passed to the Head of Transport Services for consideration.</p>
<p><b>TR17.</b> A pedestrian footbridge/ subway should be built over/ under the St. Budeaux By-pass at Mowhay Lane, thus enabling the completion of the pedestrian route from Weston Mill to West Park.</p>	<p>There would be significant funding implications for this proposal. The suggestion has been forwarded to the Head of Transport Services for consideration and this request will be added to the extensive list of requests to be considered for implementation in accordance with specific criteria.</p>
<p><b>TR18.</b> Housing in Merrivale Road should have off-street parking since the cars parked on the road are causing problems for buses.</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and sub division of dwellings has increased pressure on residential parking through the city. There are no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the city. (See also response to <b>TRO8</b>).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR19.</b> A comprehensive street lighting scheme should be introduced along Halcyon Road.</p>	<p>The Council is committed to improving street lighting on the public highway. It is recognised that a number of benefits can result including less accidents and greater use of a route by pedestrians. Halcyon Road will be inspected and its light levels measured. If the levels are below the recognised British Standard it will be added to the list of proposed improvement works. The Council receives a greater number of requests for lighting improvements than there are currently funds to undertake. A street's position in terms of priority will be assessed according to issues such as pedestrian flows and accident and crime records. (See also responses to <b>TR05</b>, <b>TR06</b> and <b>TR07</b>).</p>
<p><b>TR20.</b> Traffic calming is needed along Foliot Avenue.</p>	<p>The City Council has a long-term objective to treat all residential areas with traffic calming or 20 m.p.h. zone status.</p>

## Waste

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

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Wolseley Road.	TR13.
2	Cookworthy Green.	LE15.
3	Wordsworth Road.	LE09.
4	Foliot Avenue.	TR20.
5	North Prospect shops.	EN10, HO03.
6	99 North Prospect Road.	CO08.
7	Foliot Road.	HO08, HO09, LE13.
8	North Prospect Primary School.	CO06, CO12, LE07.
9	Halcyon Centre.	CO07, TR10.
10	Halcyon Road/ Dingle Road.	TR05, TR06, TR07, TR19.
11	Laurel Dene.	EM04, LE06, TR03, TR04.
12	Bay Tree Gardens.	HO01.
13	Woodhey Road.	TR15.
14	North Prospect Road.	TR09, TR11.
15	Merrivale Road.	TR08, TR18.
16	Beacon Down Avenue Reservoir.	HO02.
17	Beacon Down Avenue Allotments.	LE08.
18	Ham Green Lane.	LE17.
19	Ham shops.	SH02.
20	Ham Drive Community Centre.	HO10.
21	Mary Land Gardens.	LE11.
22	Ham Woods.	EN03, EN07, LE04, HO07.
23	Abbotsbury Way.	LE10.
24	Weston Mill.	EM01, EM02, HO06, EN06.
25	Weston Mill Creek.	EN01.
26	Weston Mill Allotments.	HO03.
27	John Kitto Community College.	ED02.
28	B&Q Local Plan Site.	EM03.
29	Mowhay Lane.	TR17.

## What is Your Vision for Ham?

### *A place where:*

- The community spirit that exists in North Prospect is retained.
- The amount of crime and vandalism in North Prospect is reduced.
- The green spaces, particularly Ham Woods are protected.
- The area is made safer for pedestrians by slowing down the traffic, particularly in North Prospect.
- The quality of community facilities is improved.

### 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
<b>PP01.</b> <b>Beacon Park Road Reservoir, Plymouth.</b> Erection of 20 dwellings (See also response to <b>HO02</b> ).
<b>PP02</b> <b>Land adjacent to Walkham Business Park, Burrington Way, Plymouth.</b> Convert existing industrial unit to a wholesale Cash and Carry (see also response to <b>PD01</b> ).

#### 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
<b>PD01.</b> Land adjacent to Walkham Business Park, Burrington Way.	Planning permission has been granted for a wholesale Cash and Carry use.

## 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
No major landowner sites were put forward for Ham ward.	Any landowner who considers that land in the area should be considered for development as part of the Local Plan Review should bring them to the attention of the Community Planning Study contact for Ham.

## Index to Sites with Development Interest Map

<b>Map Code</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Response and Comment Reference</b>
<b>1</b>	Beacon Down Avenue Reservoir.	<b>PP01.</b>
<b>2</b>	Walkham Business Park, Burrington Way.	<b>PD01, PP02.</b>

## 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.	<b>March 2001</b>
Publication of the Revised Deposit Plan.	<b>December 2001</b>
Local Plan Inquiry.	<b>July 2002</b>
Adoption of the Local Plan.	<b>September 2004</b>

## 5. Background Information

What is Ham Like?

### Key Facts about Ham

#### Environmental Characteristics

##### Natural Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Environmental Designations.	21.2	22.4	8

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

##### Built Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Scheduled Monuments.	0	45
Unscheduled Monuments.	0	36
Hectares of land covered by Conservation Areas.	0	281.0
Listed Buildings.	1	737
Vacant/Derelict Sites and Buildings.	1	157

##### Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Housing Stock.	4,336	105,000	19
New Homes Built (1991 – 1999).	0	4,100	20
New Homes Built (1995 – 1999).	0	1,700	20
% New Homes Built (1995 – 1999) on Previously Developed Land.	N/A	53.8	N/A

### Shopping

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
District Centres.	0	8
Local Centres.	3	60

### Transport

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Number of bus stops.	77	1,689	14

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.	5.7	5.5	9
Children's Play Areas.	6	170	11=

#### 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).	25.4	20.3	1
% Adults (16 – Retirement).	59.3	61.4	15
% Retired.	15.3	18.3	16

### Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Owner Occupied.	53.2	63.7	15
% Council/ Housing Association.	43.8	23.2	3
% Private Rented.	3.0	12.8	19

### Health

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Standard Mortality Ratio.	99.9	108.3	16
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease. (rate per 100,000 population)	176.2	119.3	1
- Deaths from Cancer. (rate per 100,000 population)	195.8	173.7	5
- Deaths from Accidents. (rate per 100,000 population)	19.0	20.7	10

### Education

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Primary Schools.	3	69
Secondary Schools.	1	16

**Crime**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)</b>
Total Reported Crimes.	1,476	26,406	6
Burglaries.	317	3,772	4
Vehicle Crime.	533	8,108	5
Crimes against the Person.	170	3,915	6

**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**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)</b>
Index of Deprivation.			4
Number of Income Support Beneficiaries.	1,059	18,472	8
% Households with No Car.	42.2	34.3	6

**Unemployment**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)</b>
Unemployment Rate (%).	6.4	4.6	5
% Long-Term Unemployed (Over 12 Months).	1.1	0.9	7

**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 in Ham

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
North Prospect Youth Event.	06/11/98	Community Planning Workshop with young people from the North Prospect area.	14
Weston Mill Primary School.	26/06/99	Exhibition as part of School Fete.	Not recorded.
Sir John Kitto Community College.	06/10/99	Schools Consultation.	25
South Trelawny Primary School.	09/11/99	Schools Consultation.	35
North Prospect Primary School.	10/11/99	Schools Consultation.	35
North Prospect New Deal For Communities Event.	15/01/00	New Deal for Communities Consultation Event.	102
<b>Total Number of Events held in Ham.</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Total Number of Residents consulted in Ham.</b>			<b>211</b>
<b>Number of Questionnaires received from Ham.</b>			<b>32</b>

## Events Near Ham

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
North Prospect Library Exhibition.	15/02/99 to 15/03/99	Exhibition in the Library.	Not recorded.
Peeverell Library Exhibition.	03/04/99 to 14/05/99	Exhibition in the Library.	Not recorded.
Scott Hospital consultation.	04/05/99 to 07/05/99	Mobile exhibition touring the locality.	147
Scott Hospital Public Meeting.	02/06/99	Exhibition as part of consultation on Scott Hospital.	30
Combined Scott Hospital/Local Plan consultation.	24/09/99	Exhibition as part of consultation event at Plymco.	25
Trelawny Workshop.	08/12/99	Local Plan Workshop - held at Pennycross primary school.	5

## 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	Presentation and discussion.	15
Central Library.	01/02/99 to 28/02/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details of Event</b>	<b>Residents Involved</b>
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	Presentation and discussion.	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

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
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 Ham Community Planning Study:

- "City of Plymouth Local Plan", Plymouth City Council, April 1987.
- "City of Plymouth Local Plan First Alteration", Plymouth City Council, May 1996.
- "Youth Action Project Plan", North Prospect Community Centre, 1999.
- Evening Herald Articles (16/09/98, 20/10/98, 28/10/98, 07/11/98).
- "New Deal For Communities: Consultation document", North Prospect Community, 2000.

## **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.



**Ham Community Planning Study**

**Produced by Plymouth City Council  
in partnership with the City's residents**

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