

# HONICKNOWLE

## COMMUNITY PLANNING STUDY

**Issues and ideas from residents in  
Honicknowle 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 Honicknowle 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 44 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 26 and the Sites with Development Interest Map on page 31. 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 Honicknowle ward?**

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

#### The Best Things about Honicknowle

What You Said	Number of Responses
Shops and resources.	3
Friendly area.	2
There is good housing with local play areas.	2
No house crime.	1
Excellent views.	1
Plymco.	1
Community centres.	1
Parks.	1
Good transport.	1
Family area.	1
Clean area.	1
Quiet.	1
There is a good range of facilities in the area.	1

## The Worst Things about Honicknowle

What You Said	Number of Responses
Graffiti/ Vandalism.	3
Lack of facilities for children.	2
Rubbish in the streets.	2
Old people live in the area.	1
Lack of outdoor leisure facilities.	1
Traffic is too fast.	1
Unruly neighbours.	1
No facilities for teenagers.	1
Car crime.	1
Too many narrow lanes.	1
Too many weeds.	1
Too much litter.	1
Poor quality paving.	1
Stray dogs.	1
Loss of the local post office.	1
Lack of a community college in the area.	1
Bus fares too expensive.	1

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

### Community

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>CO01.</b> A community centre is needed in the Ringmore Way area.</p>	<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). (See also responses to <b>CO03, CO04, HO02, LE01 and TR09</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO02.</b> More community-run schemes are needed similar to the Frederick Street project in Stonehouse.</p>	<p>See response to <b>CO01</b>.</p>
<p><b>CO03.</b> There should be a community flat to provide community facilities in the Ringmore Way estate.</p>	<p>This has now been established. (See also responses to <b>CO01, CO04, HO02, LE01 and TR09</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO04.</b> There is a need to reduce crime and vandalism in the Ringmore Way estate.</p>	<p>Westra have discussed this issue with the local police. (See also responses to <b>CO01, CO03, HO02, LE01 and TR09</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO05.</b> There are problems with the safety of young people in Chaucer Way area.</p>	<p>Youth workers have liased with local police to address this issue.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>CO06.</b> There is a lack of community facilities in Rothesay Gardens.</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). (See also responses to <b>CO07, LE06 and TR03</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO07.</b> In Rothesay Gardens the garage area should be split in two to allow safer road and a youth space.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing for consideration. (See also responses to <b>CO06, LE06 and TR03</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO08.</b> The doctor's surgery in Little Dock Lane could be used as a community office and training facility linked to the youth centre at Honicknowle Green.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted for the change of use and conversion of this building. (See also response to <b>PD01</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO09.</b> There is a proposal for a community centre and shop on the church hall site, St.Peter's Road corner with Crownhill Road.</p>	<p>Planning permission had not been granted for this proposal in July 2000. There are a number of planning issues of concern with this proposal that need to be addressed.</p>
<p><b>CO10.</b> The changing rooms at Shirley Gardens should be converted into a youth drop-in centre.</p>	<p>This would only be considered after the results of the Playing Pitch Strategy are known. (See response to <b>LE08</b>).</p>
<p><b>CO11.</b> There is concern at safety issues surrounding the "Pink Path", by Honicknowle tip land.</p>	<p>The vegetation has been cut back to prevent anyone lurking behind bushes. Longer-term solutions are being investigated. (See also comments <b>EM02 and PD02</b>).</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>CO12.</b> There is a proposal for the use of Woodland Fort for wider community use and increased facilities.</p>	<p>This is supported in principle. A working group comprising Council officers, ward councillors and community representatives has been established to progress the project.</p>
<p><b>CO13.</b> Honicknowle community centre is very successful.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>CO14.</b> There is a need for a youth centre and possibly a café.</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>

**Education**

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>ED01.</b> After school provision at Knowle Primary School should be expanded. The swimming pool should be used outside of school hours.</p>	<p>This is a matter for the school to consider as part of their links with the local community. The comment has been passed onto the school for consideration.</p>
<p><b>ED02.</b> Consideration should be given to a specialist children's centre at the Honicknowle Methodist Church site, Butt Park Road.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted for a residential nursing home, but alternative uses could be considered if the proposal does not go ahead. (See also responses to <b>PPO2</b> and <b>PD04</b>).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>ED03.</b> The Manadon housing scheme will increase demand for schools. This should be addressed partly with an expansion to Chaucer Road School.</p>	<p>This issue has been addressed in the planning application.</p>

## Employment

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EM01.</b> Traffic going to the Burrington Industrial Estate has to travel through a housing area. Traffic should be channelled off the A38.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Transport for consideration.</p>
<p><b>EM02.</b> There is a proposal for a community economic development trust and other commercial uses on the Honicknowle tip land. There will be associated public open space associated with the development. It is important to develop this area because it is a dangerous area.</p>	<p>A development brief is being prepared that sets out development proposals for this site. (See also responses to <b>CO11</b> and <b>PD02</b>).</p>
<p><b>EM03.</b> Warehouses in Transit Way are being vandalised by local youths.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted for non-food retail uses so the premises are likely to be in use in the near future. (See also responses to <b>LE11</b> and <b>PD01</b>).</p>
<p><b>EM04.</b> Areas identified for industry in the Local Plan should be used for small industries/ workshops.</p>	<p>The Local Plan seeks to provide a range and choice of sites to satisfy the needs of the business community, including small and medium-sized enterprises.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EM05.</b> There should be local employment for local people.</p>	<p>There are policies to encourage the use of local employment (e.g. PEMICON). However, the Council cannot force companies to employ local people.</p>

## Environment

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>EN01.</b> There is a problem with dog mess in Rothesay Gardens area, particularly on the cricket pitch.</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><b>EN02.</b> There is no need for an Eco park since there are enough hedges and trees in the area.</p>	<p>No Eco park is proposed at present in Honicknowle.</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>

## Housing

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>HO01.</b> Housing should be concentrated on the edge of current housing estates, provided there is sufficient recreation space and school places.</p>	<p>The review of the Local Plan must find sufficient development land within the city to meet the housing allocation as set out in the Devon Structure Plan. The Local Plan process will identify the most appropriate land, taking into account environmental, social, infrastructure, transport and other relevant considerations.</p>
<p><b>HO02.</b> Housing should be improved in Ringmore Way estate.</p>	<p>Westra are discussing improvements with Housing Services. (See also responses to <b>CO01</b>, <b>CO03</b>, <b>CO04</b>, <b>LE01</b> and <b>TR09</b>).</p>
<p><b>HO03.</b> There is opposition from residents over the number of houses being provided at RNEC Manadon. They will be too expensive for local people. It will create a divided community.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted for 220 houses and it is likely that the eventual total will be 350-370. Within this package there is likely to be a mix of housing sizes and types.</p>
<p><b>HO04.</b> There could be the opportunity for additional housing in West Park.</p>	<p>This 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>HO05.</b> At Belstone Close/ Laveston Close the car parking areas could be used for additional housing.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing for consideration.</p>
<p><b>HO06.</b> The Victory Inn Pub site in Farm Lane has been identified as a possible housing site, provided that the Honicknowle Labour Club can be relocated.</p>	<p>See response to <b>HO04</b>.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>HO07.</b> The site north of Harewood Crescent adjacent to Parkway could be used for housing.</p>	<p>This site has environmental and infrastructure constraints. The Local Plan Review will explore this idea further.</p>
<p><b>HO08.</b> The garage site at Chaucer Green adjacent to Walton Crescent could be used for housing.</p>	<p>This 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>

### Leisure

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE01.</b> A local park for 2-8 year olds is needed in the Ashburnham Road, Stirling House and Ringmore Way areas and Honicknowle as a whole.</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>LE02.</b> The park near Blake Gardens should be removed.</p>	<p>This is a well-used play area and would create a deficiency in play areas if removed.</p>
<p><b>LE03.</b> Local residents should be given an area for play space and resources to design the space.</p>	<p>Planning Officers would be happy to discuss ideas if a site can be identified, particularly in an area of deficiency. This would need to be done in time for the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>LE04.</b> There should be more areas for older children to play ball games.</p>	<p>The play areas survey will also look at the need for facilities for older children and the information will be used as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE05.</b> There is a need to upgrade, expand and maintain the children's play area at Knowle Battery.</p>	<p>An extensive upgrading of this play area is underway.</p>
<p><b>LE06.</b> In Rothesay Gardens the roads are dangerous for children to play. There should be an accessible toddler park/ adventure playground/ 5-a-side pitch in the area.</p>	<p>Discussions are underway with the local community to provide a new play facility in the area. (See also responses to <b>CO06</b>, <b>CO07</b> and <b>TR03</b>).</p>
<p><b>LE07.</b> The open space by Honicknowle Green (ARL5.6) is not well used by the local community.</p>	<p>The area is very well used by local residents for walking, 5-a-side football, and events. Alternative uses are not being considered at this stage. (See also response to <b>SH02</b>).</p>
<p><b>LE08.</b> There have been attempts to convert the area between Plymco and the playing fields into a 5-a-side pitch. However this is hampered by drainage problems due to the site being on an old quarry.</p>	<p>The playing fields are well used by local people and drainage is only a problem at certain times of the year. There are no proposals to change its use.</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.</p>
<p><b>LE09.</b> There is concern at the loss of the play area at Bladder Meadow to provide the RNEC Manadon housing development.</p>	<p>A new play area will be provided at Bladder Meadow (subject to planning permission) which is being part funded by the Manadon housing development.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE10.</b> The play area at West Park has been removed because of vandalism. The main reason is because it is not overlooked. A better location would be on one of the playing pitches since these pitches are underused. Alternative sites for pitches: near Plymco, near West Park shops, woods between Budshead Road and Ringmore Way, or make use of school pitches.</p>	<p>The need for the playing pitches will be assessed through the Playing Pitch Strategy. The Knowle Battery play area is undergoing extensive improvements.</p>
<p><b>LE11.</b> There is a need for leisure facilities such as 10-pin bowling and swimming pool in the empty warehouses in Transit Way.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted for a non-food retail use and has been identified in the Local Plan for employment uses.</p>
<p><b>LE12.</b> Allotments should be more secure to discourage theft.</p>	<p>Consideration is being given to raise the height of the entry gate. However this is subject to budgetary constraints.</p>
<p><b>LE13.</b> Play areas are dangerous because of broken glass, litter and needles.</p>	<p>Play areas are subject to regular inspections, but any issues of this nature should be reported immediately to Head of Street Services on 01752 307030.</p>
<p><b>LE14.</b> The green rectangle of land between Honicknowle Green and Warwick Orchard Close would be a good location for an older children's play area.</p>	<p>The site is very close to housing. Any play area proposals would require the agreement of local residents.</p>
<p><b>LE15.</b> There should be more localised leisure facilities.</p>	<p>This matter will be addressed in the Local Plan Review.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>LE16.</b> There should be fencing around all play areas.</p>	<p>This is now standard policy for safety reasons.</p>
<p><b>LE17.</b> There is a need for undercover play facilities for the youth in winter.</p>	<p>Youth shelters are being installed in the city and officers would be happy to discuss any specific sites that are identified.</p>

## Minerals

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

## Shopping

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>SH01.</b> There should be more local shops.</p>	<p>The local shopping centre at Honicknowle Green is intended to satisfy the day-to-day needs of local residents. However shops and services must be commercially viable to enable them to continue trading. The City Council will be considering opportunities to improve local shopping provision in deprived communities as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p><b>SH02.</b> The post office should be brought back in Honicknowle Green.</p>	<p>This is not something over which the City Council has direct control, but is a matter for the Post Office. (See also response to <b>LE07</b>).</p>

## Tourism

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

## Transport

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR01.</b> Traffic calming is needed in the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marina Road.</li> <li>• Wanstead Grove.</li> <li>• Shakespeare Road to Denham Close.</li> </ul>	The City Council has a long-term objective to treat all residential areas with traffic calming or 20 m.p.h. zone status. 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>TR06</b> ).
<p><b>TR02.</b> Cheaper parking rates are needed to encourage shoppers.</p>	There are no proposals to reduce parking charges.
<p><b>TR03.</b> Rothesay Gardens should be made one way with parking on only one side.</p>	The introduction of one way systems can result in significant increases in vehicle speeds unless accompanied by significant and expensive traffic calming. (See also responses to <b>CO06</b> , <b>CO07</b> and <b>LE06</b> ).
<p><b>TR04.</b> Road lanes should be widened.</p>	This is potentially dangerous due to increased speeds.
<p><b>TR05.</b> More buses should be accessible to the public.</p>	Improved bus services are a key objective of the City Council's Local Transport Policy.

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What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR06.</b> There are parking problems in Shakespeare Road due to people parking for the Plymco store.</p>	<p>The City Council's Local Transport Policy seeks to increase the use of alternatives to private cars thus reducing the demand for car parking. There are no City Council proposals to increase public car parking provision in this area.</p>
<p><b>TR07.</b> West Park is being used as a "rat-run" and is causing a danger to children. Traffic calming is needed.</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. This request will be added to the extensive list of requests to be considered for implementation in accordance with specific criteria.</p>
<p><b>TR08.</b> There are parking problems in West Park from people using West Park playing pitches.</p>	<p>The City Council's Local Transport Policy seeks to increase the use of alternatives to private cars thus reducing the demand for car parking. There are no City Council proposals to increase public car parking provision in this area.</p>
<p><b>TR09.</b> Overgrown land near the woods north east of RingmoreWay is obscuring views from the road. It is possibly owned by British Gas.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to Highway Maintenance for consideration. (See also responses to <b>CO01, CO03, CO04, HO02</b> and <b>LE01</b>).</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p><b>TR10.</b> The bus service is poor and too expensive.</p>	<p>The City Council has a limited budget through which it subsidises additional bus routes to meet a variety of needs not met by bus companies. Once this budget is fully committed provision for additional routes is a commercial decision taken by private bus companies. Bus fares are determined by the private bus companies in accordance with commercial requirements.</p>
<p><b>TR11.</b> The bus service is poor in Duncombe Avenue.</p>	<p>See response to <b>TR10.</b></p>
<p><b>TR12.</b> There is a traffic problem in Butt Park Road due to traffic building up for Crownhill Road.</p>	<p>The Transport Strategy seeks to provide alternative to motor vehicles and thus to reduce the volume of motor traffic on the city's roads, reducing congestion, providing economic and environmental benefits to the quality of life in the city.</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 Map

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Manadon.	HO03.
2	Bladder Meadow.	LE09.
3	Shirley Gardens.	CO10.
4	Chaucer Green.	HO08
5	Chaucer Way.	CO05.
6	Shakespeare Road to Denham Close.	TR01, TR06.
7	Victory Inn Pub, Farm Lane.	HO06.
8	Harewood Crescent.	HO07.
9	Honicknowle Tip.	CO11, EM02.
10	Playing fields rear of Plymco.	LE08.
11	Warehouses, Transit Way.	EM03, LE11.
12	Butt Park Road.	TR12
13	Blake Gardens.	LE02.
14	Rothesay Gardens	CO06, CO07, LE06, TR03
15	St. Peter's Road/ Crownhill Road.	CO09.
16	Honicknowle Methodist Church, Butt Park Road.	ED02.
17	Woodland Fort.	CO12.
18	Honicknowle Green/ Warwick Orchard Close.	LE14.
19	Honicknowle Green.	LE07, SH02
20	Little Dock Lane.	CO08.
21	Wanstead Grove.	TR01.
22	Duncombe Avenue.	TR11.
23	Ringmore Way.	CO01, CO03, CO04, HO02, LE01, TR09.
24	Belstone Close/ Laveston Close.	HO05.
25	Knowle Battery play area.	LE05.
26	West Park playing fields.	TR08.
27	Marina Road.	TR01.

## What is Your Vision for Honicknowle?

### *A place where:*

- Local shopping and community facilities are retained and enhanced to serve people's needs.
- More facilities are provided for young people of the area.
- The levels of crime in the area are reduced.

### 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>Units B And C Transit Way, Plymouth.</b> Demolition of warehouses and erection of 4533 sq.m. non-food retail unit, car wash, parking areas and supporting infrastructure. (See also responses to <b>EM03</b> and <b>LE11</b> ).
<b>PP02.</b> <b>Warwick Park House, Butt Park Road, Plymouth.</b> Demolish and redevelop as a nursing home. (See also responses to <b>ED02</b> and <b>PD04</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> Former Doctor's surgery, Little Dock Lane.	Planning permission has been granted for the change of use and conversion of the building for community use. (See also <b>CO08</b> ).
<b>PD02.</b> Honicknowle tip site.	The future of this site will need to be considered as part of a comprehensive development brief for the site. (See also <b>CO11</b> and <b>EM02</b> ).
<b>PD03.</b> Site adjacent to 1 Kedlestone Avenue.	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.
<b>PD04.</b> Warwick Park House, Butt Park Road.	Planning permission has been granted to demolish and redevelop the site as a nursing home. (See also responses to <b>ED02</b> and <b>PP02</b> ).

## 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.

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Our Response</b>
<b>ML01.</b> <b>Site:</b> North of Ringmore Way.  <b>Suggested Use:</b> Open Space.	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.

## Index to Sites with Development Interest Map

<b>Map Code</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Response and Comment Reference</b>
<b>1</b>	Honicknowle Tip site.	<b>PD02.</b>
<b>2</b>	Former Doctor's surgery, Little Dock Lane.	<b>PD01.</b>
<b>3</b>	Site adjacent to 1 Kedlestone Avenue.	<b>PD03.</b>
<b>4</b>	Warwick Park House, Butt Park Road.	<b>PP02, PD04.</b>
<b>5</b>	Units B And C Transit Way Plymouth.	<b>PP01.</b>
<b>6</b>	Ringmore Way.	<b>ML01.</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 Honicknowle Like?

### Key Facts about Honicknowle.

#### Economic Characteristics

##### Natural Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Environmental Designations.	10.5	22.4	11

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

##### Built Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Scheduled Monuments.	2	45
Unscheduled Monuments.	1	36
Hectares of land covered by Conservation Areas.	0	281.0
Listed Buildings.	7	737
Vacant/Derelict Sites and Buildings.	4	157

##### Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Housing Stock.	5,340	105,000	9
New Homes Built (1991 – 1999).	183	4,100	10
New Homes Built (1995 – 1999).	70	1,700	10
% New Homes Built (1995 – 1999) on Previously Developed Land.	100.0	53.8	1=

**Shopping**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>
District Centres.	1	8
Local Centres.	3	60

**Transport**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)</b>
Number of bus stops.	84	1,689	11

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>
Existing traffic calming schemes.	1	34

**Recreation & Leisure**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)</b>
% Land covered by Public Parks.	13.1	5.5	2
Children’s Play Areas.	9	170	8

**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).	20.0	20.3	10
% Adults (16 – Retirement).	55.8	61.4	20
% Retired.	24.1	18.3	3

### Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Owner Occupied.	54.1	63.7	14
% Council/ Housing Association.	42.5	23.2	4
% Private Rented.	3.4	12.8	18

### Health

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Standard Mortality Ratio.	113.4	108.3	9
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease. (rate per 100,000 population)	172.3	119.3	2
- Deaths from Cancer. (rate per 100,000 population)	191.6	173.7	7
- Deaths from Accidents. (rate per 100,000 population)	12.1	20.7	16

### Education

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Primary Schools.	4	69
Secondary Schools.	0	16

**Crime**

<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)</b>
Total Reported Crimes.	1,525	26,406	5
Burglaries.	296	3,772	5
Vehicle Crime.	516	8,108	6
Crimes against the Person.	166	3,915	8

**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.			8
Number of Income Support Beneficiaries.	1,213	18,472	5
% Households with No Car.	40.4	34.3	8

## Unemployment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Unemployment Rate (%).	5.1	4.6	10
% Long-Term Unemployed (Over 12 Months).	0.8	0.9	10=

### 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 are 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 in Honicknowle

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Community Network meeting.	30/03/99	Community Planning Presentation.	17
Woodland Fort Library Exhibition.	01/04/99 to 14/04/99	Library Exhibition	Not recorded.
Honicknowle Green Fun Day.	04/09/99	Exhibition as part of Fun Day.	20
Honicknowle Community Planning Workshop.	13/10/99	Community Planning Workshop.	50
<b>Total Number of Events held in Honicknowle.</b>			<b>4</b>
<b>Total Number of Residents consulted in Honicknowle.</b>			<b>87</b>
<b>Number of Questionnaires received from Honicknowle.</b>			<b>20</b>

## Events Near Honicknowle

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Crownhill Library.	01/04/99 to 30/04/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.

## 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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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details of Event</b>	<b>Residents Involved</b>
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

**Honicknowle Community Planning Study, July 2000**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details of Event</b>	<b>Residents Involved</b>
EcoExpo.	25/10/99 to 26/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger exhibition.	Not recorded.
Respect Festival.	31/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	120
Access Focus Group.	04/11/99	Focus Group aimed specifically at people who have an interest in disability issues.	38
University of Plymouth Students Union.	04/11/99	Exhibition aimed at University students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth College of Further Education.	23/11/99	Exhibition aimed at College of Further Education students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth Architectural Trust.	23/11/99	Community Planning Presentation.	16
College of St. Mark's and St. John's.	25/11/99	Exhibition aimed at students.	Not recorded.
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 Honicknowle 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.
- "Survey of Ringmore Way Estate", Westra, February 1998.
- "Youth Work Approaches to Young People and Crime in the Chaucer Way Area of Honicknowle", The Honicknowle Youth and Community Centre, March 1998.
- Evening Herald Articles (25/10/99, 02/08/99, 27/07/99, 15/07/99, 08/02/99, 20/03/00).

## **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.



**Honicknowle Community Planning Study**

**Produced by Plymouth City Council  
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