

PLYMPTON ERLE

COMMUNITY PLANNING STUDY

**Issues and ideas from residents in
Plympton Erle Ward**



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Foreword by the Leader of Plymouth City Council

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick Nicholson
Leader of Plymouth City Council

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- Chaddlewood Community Centre

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How to Use the Plympton Erle 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 54 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 34 and the Sites with Development Interest Map on page 41. 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 Plympton Erle ward?

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

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

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

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

Setting the Scene

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

These highlight key issues raised through the consultation programme and provide other information relevant to the planning of various areas of the City. They set options for the development of various sites put forward by local people and major landowners.

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

1. Introduction

What is the Local Plan?

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

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

What are the Community Planning Studies?

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

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

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

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

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

You are reading the Plympton Erle Community Planning Study. This study is a summary of all the issues raised by local people about Plympton Erle 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 Plympton Erle 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 Plympton Erle

The Best Things about Plympton Erle

What You Said	Number of Responses
Good and accessible local shops, pubs etc.	19
Quiet attractive and pleasant place in which to live.	18
Good public transport.	12
Proximity to countryside, coast, Dartmoor, & Saltram etc.	12
Plympton Castle, Fore Street, and local history of the area.	10
Community spirit.	7
Local parks and green spaces.	7
Village type atmosphere in Underwood Rd, Priory Rd, and St Maurice areas.	7
Low crime rate.	3
Good health centre.	2
Good schools.	2
Marsh mills environmental improvement.	1
Good pedestrian links.	1
Easy access to A38.	1

The Worst Things about Plympton Erle

What You Said	Number of Responses
Traffic speed and congestion.	19
Lack of children's play areas and facilities.	9
Litter.	9
Too much housing development.	9
Vandalism.	7
Dog dirt.	5
Noise from pubs.	4
Lack of parking.	4
School overcrowding.	3
Poor condition of roads.	3
Excessive parking charges.	3
Lack of community facilities.	3
School overcrowding.	3
Possibility of power station.	3
Limited bus services to areas other than to city centre.	2
Poor library service.	2
Wheelie bin refuse collection system.	1
Traffic noise.	1
Lack of maintenance of public parks and open spaces.	1
Cyclists using footways.	1
Poor maintenance of council housing.	1
Poor night time bus services.	1
Lack of street trees and planting.	1
Lack of sports centre / facilities.	1
Under utilised community centre.	1
Cyclists using Footway.	1

The Worst Things about Plympton Erle (Continued)

What You Said	Number of Responses
Poor maintenance of council housing.	1
Poor night time bus service.	1
Lack of street trees and planting.	1
Lack of sports centre/facilities.	1
Under utilised community centre.	1

What did people say about?

Community

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO01. The library services at the Ridgeway are a poor standard. Chaddlewood should have its own library.</p>	<p>Plympton library is in a poor condition, and will be rebuilt, when funds become available. A mobile library serves Chaddlewood.</p>
<p>CO02. Chaddlewood Community centre should be enlarged.</p>	<p>The City Council would try to assist the Community Association in any plans that they may have for the future of the Centre. At the present time however there is no source of financial assistance that is available.</p>
<p>CO03. Relocate the British Legion from Market Road to the Wimpey Building in Valley Road.</p>	<p>This is a private organisation responsible for its own operation and finance. Re- location of this use onto an industrial estate would be contrary to employment policy.</p>
<p>CO04. More youth clubs and similar facilities are required.</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>ED01. The local schools are full. More space is required.</p>	<p>Funding for additional places is sought via a bidding process to the Department for Education and Employment (DFEE). The criteria employed by the DFEE require that account must be taken of not only the number of places within an individual school but also of places within a two-mile radius. On present capacity a case for Plympton cannot be justified.</p>

Employment

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EM01. Valley Road is an underused employment resource, and should be redeveloped, possibly for housing.</p>	<p>There are currently no proposals to redevelop existing employment estates such as Valley Road, since they provide important local employment. To do this would also further exacerbate the shortage of suitable employment land.</p>
<p>EM02. Do not allow any more employment development at Plympton.</p>	<p>There is continuing need to further employment opportunities in appropriate locations throughout the city.</p>
<p>EM03. The Employment allocation at Cott Hill should be deleted.</p>	<p>The allocation will be examined in the review of the Local Plan.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EM04. Noise from businesses in Valley Road and Marshall Road causes nuisance to adjacent residents.</p>	<p>Noise from business premises is often controlled by planning conditions. This issue has been passed to the Head of Environmental Services and Consumer Protection for consideration. Comments arising from the Community Planning Study process are confidential and are not, generally, attributable to an address. Nuisance issues can only be investigated if a resident at an address lodges a specific complaint. The Head of Environmental Services and Consumer Protection can be contacted on 01752 304147.</p>
<p>EM05. Do not allow any more office development until vacant office space has been taken up.</p>	<p>A number of vacant offices are no longer suitable to satisfy modern business needs. It is necessary therefore to adapt, or in some cases replace, such offices by means of new development.</p>
<p>EM06. The additional employment land required can probably be found as vacant land on existing employment estates.</p>	<p>It is not yet known whether the City Council will be able to identify sufficient employment land to meet Structure Plan requirements, for the period to 2011. However an evaluation of existing and potential employment land and premises will be carried out as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

Environment

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN01. There are unattractive streetlights and litterbins in Underwood Road.</p>	<p>The comments have been passed to the Technical Consultancy and Environmental Planning and Design sections of the City Council. However there are unlikely to be any funds available outside Conservation Areas for such improvements.</p>
<p>EN02. The Plympton pong still remains a source of nuisance.</p>	<p>Problems occasionally occur due to operational reasons. The Head of Environmental Services has received no complaints in the last 12 months. Anyone suffering a nuisance should keep a diary and advise the Head of Environmental Services, and South West Water.</p>
<p>EN03. Land rear of Fore St should be protected from development to preserve the historic setting of the Conservation Area.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a 'Greenscape Assessment' for the whole of the city and a review of all Conservation Areas. This comment will be fed into this process. The results of the assessments will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of protection for green spaces through the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN04. Retain mature trees e.g. The Spinney.</p>	<p>There is existing Local Plan policy to retain trees wherever possible in relation to new developments.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN05. Retain all open spaces as lungs for the City.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a 'Greenscape Assessment' for the whole of the city. This comment will be fed into this process. The results of the assessment will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of protection for green spaces through the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN06. There should be no development at Hardwick Farm since it is an important rural buffer.</p>	<p>Priority for development sites will be given to previously developed land. Greenfield sites such as this will be low on the list of possible sites, and will be assessed on a number of strict criteria, including the findings of the Greenscape Strategy, the Urban Capacity Study and sustainability issues.</p>
<p>EN07. There is litter and rubbish in the stream adjacent Yealmpstone School.</p>	<p>The Council provides support for clean-up initiatives. The Council's Tidy Plymouth Development Officer co-ordinates proposals and provides equipment and advice as well as arranging for the disposal of rubbish that is collected. Proposals for a community clean up of the Yealmpstone area can be discussed with the Tidy Plymouth Development Officer on 01752 307874.</p>
<p>EN08. Retain and restore Devon hedges throughout the city.</p>	<p>Retention of natural features such as hedges and trees is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. However, consent is not required for removal of hedges in most cases.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN09. Keep Pathfields as open space.</p>	<p>Development has been approved on part of the land east of Dark Street Lane. A larger area of private land will be made available for Public Open Space as a community benefit.</p>
<p>EN10. The area behind Kingston Drive is a wasteland and is becoming an environmental hazard used by youths as a hangout.</p>	<p>The land is in the ownership of the Council and this issue has been raised with the Head of Heritage and Leisure Services.</p>
<p>EN11. Make Castle Green a dog free zone.</p>	<p>Parks are not made dog free because they are important dog walking areas. However dog bins and dog free fencing are provided.</p>
<p>EN12. There is flooding in the Market Road area.</p>	<p>An investigation of the problems is underway. Results are expected to be available in Spring 2000.</p>
<p>EN13. The Market Road area requires a comprehensive planning study and redevelopment.</p>	<p>This will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN14. Open space at Woodland Drive should be formally designated as open space.</p>	<p>The City Council is currently undertaking a 'Greenscape Assessment' for the whole of the city. This comment will be fed into this process. The results of the assessment will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of protection for green spaces through the Local Plan Review.</p>

Health

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HE01. 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>HO01. Residential development could be accommodated at the Pathfields.</p>	<p>A residential development of 41 dwellings has been approved on land to the east of Dark Street Lane. As part of this development in the region of six acres of private land is to become public open space.</p>
<p>HO02. Residential development could be provided at St Peters Convent and on the open land adjoining it.</p>	<p>The building is listed, and lies within the Conservation Area. Development at this stage would be contrary to the policies of current adopted Local Plan. The future of the land and buildings will be considered as part of the review of the Local Plan, which will be informed by the Urban Capacity Study for the City.</p>
<p>HO03. Re-develop Buller Close using the wasted land to provide more houses.</p>	<p>The area consists of low density bungalow development. The existing development still has a long useful life and meets a need for occupiers of this type of dwelling. The re-development of Buller Close is unlikely to be socially or economically viable.</p>
<p>HO04. There is a potential housing site on land behind Market Road and the old limestone depository building.</p>	<p>This is an area of mixed of land uses, including under developed land. The area presents opportunities, but is also constrained by a number of matters including drainage, traffic and archaeology. The development potential will need to be the subject of careful consideration in the review of the Local Plan, which will be informed by the Urban Capacity Study for the City.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO05. Housing could be provided on land East or North East of Chaddlewood.</p>	<p>These areas are within South Hams District Council's administrative area, and must be considered by them.</p>
<p>HO06. Allow more multiple occupation to ease the housing shortage.</p>	<p>A whole range of development opportunities will be considered to meet housing demands, which will include the conversion of properties. Provision must however match the type of accommodation that is in demand. The Housing Needs Study will help in this respect. To provide accommodation of a type that is not needed represents a waste of resources. Any accommodation must also be of a satisfactory standard. Whilst this type of accommodation might fulfil some peoples housing requirements, by itself it does not constitute an answer to the city's housing problems.</p>
<p>HO07. Councils should take a more pro-active approach e.g. grants and use of Compulsory Purchase Orders.</p>	<p>The City Council recognises the importance of maximising the use of the existing housing stock. A number of initiatives are in place e.g. the Empty Homes Partnership, Area based Regeneration Schemes, grants etc. Compulsory Purchase Order powers are used when necessary to enable redevelopment to take place.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO08. Certain areas should be specified for certain types of housing, e.g. single person housing.</p>	<p>The Housing Needs Survey that has been produced will help to identify shortfalls in housing provision. The planning powers to control house tenure are limited, but new Government Planning Guidance advocates mixed housing types and tenures.</p>
<p>HO09. Infrastructure should be in place before development is allowed.</p>	<p>This is clearly desirable, and will be the aim whenever possible. In some instances however, a threshold must be reached before it becomes economically viable to provide some types of infrastructure.</p>
<p>HO10. There is a lack of quality housing.</p>	<p>Local Planning Authorities have been encouraged by Government Guidance (PPG3), to improve the quality and attractiveness of residential areas. This is in contrast to previous advice, which was to give greater freedom to architects and developers. The Local Plan Review will also seek to make provision for housing across the spectrum, with greater emphasis on areas of deficiency.</p>
<p>HO11. Housing development is possible on land between Saltram and Plymouth Road.</p>	<p>Part of the National Trust hillside at Cott Hill is allocated in the current Local Plan for employment purposes. The future of this site and other potential allocations will be considered as part of the review process, taking into account all relevant considerations.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO12. There is a possible residential development site on part of St Mary's Field near the Saturday Market.</p>	<p>Development of part of Public Open Space is unlikely to be acceptable. The potential of the market site will be looked at. This site will be considered for housing as part of the Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

Leisure

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE01. The park adjacent to Yealmpstone school is in a poor state. Dog fouling makes playing hazardous.</p>	<p>Dog bins are being installed and play areas will be upgraded incorporating dog fencing.</p>
<p>LE02. The grass square adjacent to Danum Drive should be laid out for children's play, but not as equipped play space.</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>LE03. The Cattle Market should be re-developed as a sports and leisure site.</p>	<p>The future of the cattle market will be considered in detail in the Local Plan Review. There are also concerns that there is a lack of car parking in this area.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE04. St Mary's Playing Field should be up graded with a sport centre, running track etc and play area improved with safety surfaces.</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>LE05. A variety of sports and leisure uses were suggested for Chaddlewood Park and Centre.</p>	<p>Some of the proposed facilities have been provided e.g. multi court, swings and skateboard facility.</p>
<p>LE06. The play area rear of Magdalen Gardens should be re-equipped.</p>	<p>The original play equipment was removed due to vandalism. A planting scheme is being undertaken in liaison with residents. Local people are trying to raise money for new equipment.</p>
<p>LE07. The area between Woodland Drive and Merrafield Drive is well used but should not be equipped, as it would be vandalised.</p>	<p>The matter has been referred to Parks and Amenities. There is a need to consult with local youth to decide what is needed.</p>
<p>LE08. More sports pitches e.g. cricket and football are required in the Merrafield Road area.</p>	<p>See response to LE07.</p>
<p>LE09. There should be more shared use of school facilities.</p>	<p>Community use is generally promoted and encouraged. However it is at the discretion of individual schools. There is often concern that this would add to running and maintenance costs and possibly vandalism.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE10. St Boniface playing field, Marsh Mills should be retained.</p>	<p>Planning applications for development have been refused and dismissed at appeal. A second appeal decision has also recently been turned down by the Government. 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. The City Council is also currently undertaking a 'Greenscape Assessment' for the whole of the city. The results of the assessment will enable the City Council to consider the need and level of protection for green spaces. The results of these studies will be fed into the Local Plan Review process.</p>
<p>LE11. Large play areas put children at risk. More smaller supervised play areas are needed.</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>LE12. Designate some streets as play streets with a 10 m.p.h. speed limit e.g. Chaddlewood Close.</p>	<p>Plymouth City Council has recently introduced an experimental Home Zone, which promotes low traffic speeds. Further Home Zones will be considered after the pilot has been reviewed.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE13. There is a need for benches and all weather paths in park linking Chaddlewood Community Centre to adjacent estates.</p>	<p>Hard surfaced paths are to be provided in the near future by the developer of the adjacent housing site. There are no plans in the immediate future to provide any additional seating, although this comment has been passed on to the Parks and Amenities section.</p>
<p>LE14. Keep the Local Plan ACR4 site off Redwood Drive at Chaddlewood as open space for play/recreation. e.g. 9-hole golf course , putting green, nature reserve, arboretum, dog walking, sports pitches etc.</p>	<p>The future of this site is under review as part of the Directorate of Lifelong Learning's land holding. The City Council supports the principle of open space, but some of the uses e.g. pitch and putt are unlikely to be financially viable.</p>
<p>LE15. More seating and litterbins are required around Plympton.</p>	<p>Bins and seats are provided in areas of most need. Specific locations are required before action can be taken.</p>

Minerals

What You Said	Our Response
<p>MI01. 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>SH01. Build a department store at Marsh Mills.</p>	<p>This would be contrary to national and local planning policy, and would undermine the vitality and viability of existing shopping centres including the city centre.</p>

Tourism

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TO01. Convert St Peters Convent to a hotel.</p>	<p>A hotel is one possible use for this site. Whatever the owners propose will need careful consideration, due to the listed status of the building. The future of the site will be considered through the Local Plan Review.</p>

Transport

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR01. 'On street' vehicle parking in Market Road and Underwood Road causes obstruction and danger.</p>	<p>Once decriminalised parking is introduced the City Council will have greater control over the enforcement of parking restrictions and will be able to target enforcement resources at appropriate locations.</p>
<p>TR02. Raise the kerbs in Fore St to prevent traffic parking on pavements.</p>	<p>See response to TR01.</p>
<p>TR03. There is excessive traffic including through traffic in Fore Street and George Lane.</p>	<p>The Local Transport Plan seeks to provide alternatives 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>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR04. There is a limited bus services to other parts of the city other than the city centre.</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 the bus companies. Once this budget is fully committed provision of additional routes is a commercial decision taken by the private companies.</p>
<p>TR05. The junction at Market Road with Underwood Road 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.</p>
<p>TR06. There is concern of the effect of parking charges on Ridgeway shopping centre.</p>	<p>It is no longer proposed to introduce car-parking charges at the Ridgeway.</p>
<p>TR07. Extend Ridgeway Car Park.</p>	<p>There are no proposals to increase the parking provision, nor budgets to do so.</p>
<p>TR08. Re-open Plympton Station.</p>	<p>The Council would fully support this through its Transport strategy however funding the building of stations and ensuring a high level of service by train companies may be difficult.</p>
<p>TR09. Provide a Park and Ride at Chaddlewood.</p>	<p>Priorities for increasing Park and Ride facilities are on the A386, A379 and A38 (Cornwall) before reviewing the situation on the eastbound A38 corridor.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR10. HGV restrictions are required on Underwood And Merafield Road.</p>	<p>See response to TR09.</p>
<p>TR11. The street lighting in Dark Street Lane is inadequate.</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>TR12. Traffic calming and footway improvements are required on Merafield Road.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR13. Traffic calming is required on Market Road.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR14. Traffic calming is required on Copse Road.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR15. Traffic calming is required on Dudley Road and yellow lines for 50 yards at each end.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR16. Traffic calming is required on Hickory Drive.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR17. There is excessive traffic speeds along Fore Street.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR18. Traffic calming is required on Cott Hill.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR19. Stop drunken Bridge Hill being used as a "rat run".</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR20. Off street parking is required in Underwood/ Kennel Hill area as parking on street causes congestion.</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and sub division of dwellings has increased pressure on residential parking through out the City. There are no transport proposals for increasing provision of residential parking in the City.</p>
<p>TR21. Introduce one way traffic outside local schools during drop off and pick up times.</p>	<p>The City Council has a developing programme of projects designed to encourage safer journeys to schools, which addresses issues such as safety in the vicinity of schools.</p>
<p>TR22. There is a potentially dangerous situation at Erle Gardens - caused by cars parking on bends.</p>	<p>Once decriminalised parking is introduced the City Council will have greater control over the enforcement of parking restrictions and will be able to target enforcement resources at appropriate locations. Parking in a dangerous way or in a way that causes obstruction is an enforcement issue for the police.</p>
<p>TR23. There is virtually no bus service on Sundays and during evenings in Merrafield Road.</p>	<p>The City Council ha a limited budget through which it subsidises additional bus routes to meet a variety of needs not met by the bus companies. Once this budget is fully committed provision of additional routes is a commercial decision taken by the bus companies.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR24. Poor highway visibility in vicinity of 42 Longcause.</p>	<p>It is impossible to review every location on the highway network that has reported poor visibility. Poor visibility in residential areas can be beneficial in reducing vehicle speeds that would be significantly higher were visibility improved.</p>
<p>TR25. A Pedestrian Crossing is required on Ridgeway near Chaddlewood Garage.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR26. Car parking charges will result in the library car park at Ridgeway becoming choked.</p>	<p>It is no longer proposed to introduce car-parking charges at the Ridgeway.</p>
<p>TR27. Industrial traffic is damaging the highway and kerbs at Market Road.</p>	<p>If this is due to parking on footways then once decriminalised parking is introduced the City Council will have greater control over the enforcement of parking restrictions and will be able to target enforcement resources at appropriate locations. Parking in a dangerous way or in a way that causes obstruction is an enforcement issue for the police.</p>
<p>TR28. Widen the bridge over the railway at Plymbridge Road by incorporating the footpath, which is obsolete, now that the footbridge has been built.</p>	<p>Widening the bridge would benefit car drivers, and therefore potentially increase the numbers of vehicles 'rat running' through Colebrook village, which the Council would not wish to happen.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR29. There is heavy traffic congestion in Valley Road and Marshal Road.</p>	<p>The Local Transport Plan seeks to provide alternatives 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>
<p>TR30. A Bus stop lay-by is needed at the top of Steer Park Road.</p>	<p>See response to TR11.</p>
<p>TR31. The road and footway at Woodland Drive need re surfacing.</p>	<p>Highway and footway conditions are regularly inspected and areas in need of repair are identified for action.</p>
<p>TR32. Yellow lines are needed at Underwood Village from the bottom of Kennel Hill to opposite The Union Inn.</p>	<p>Before such work could be undertaken a full review of the need and potential impact is required. This work is not currently in the Transport Services Work Programme.</p>
<p>TR33. Residents parking spaces are needed in St Maurice Fore Street area.</p>	<p>A survey is required to find out who is parking there. The proposal could be included in the Highway Authority Area Review.</p>
<p>TR34. Pedestrianise the Ridgeway.</p>	<p>See response to TR32.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR35. The lighting on routes from Kingston Drive to Chaddlewood School is poor raising concerns for pedestrian safety.</p>	<p>The City Council has a developing programme of projects designed to encourage safer journeys to school, which addresses issues such as safety in the vicinity of schools. The City Council has a specific programme to improve lighting on pedestrian routes and this location will be added to the extensive lists of locations already identified.</p>
<p>TR36. There is concern about proposal to divert heavy traffic from Hillcrest Drive along Glen road past school.</p>	<p>There are no proposals at present to do so although residents of Hillcrest Drive and The Ridgeway have asked for it to be considered.</p>
<p>TR37. Yellow lines are required along one side of Steer Park Road, and Greenwood Park Road.</p>	<p>See response to TR36.</p>
<p>TR38. Lighting is required at the Deep Lane /Exeter bound slip road onto the A38, as there is difficulty in seeing and turning in the dark.</p>	<p>This lies outside the City boundary. The issue was referred to Devon County Council and the Highways Agency, for their consideration. The Highways Agency has asked South Hams District Council to consider this matter in association with highway improvements that are likely to be required as a result of the proposed Langage Energy Park development.</p>

Waste

What You Said	Our Response
<p>WA01. 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	Land at Marsh Mills.	SH01.
2	St Boniface sports ground Marsh Mills.	LE10.
3	Marsh Mills Sewage Treatment Works.	EN02.
4	Marshall Road and Valley Road.	TR29.
5	Cott Hill Road.	TR18.
6	Employment Allocation Land West of Cott Hill.	EM03.
7	Land between Saltram and Plymouth Road.	HO11.
8	Merafield Road.	TR10, TR12, TR23.
9	Woodland Drive.	TR31.
10	Land at Woodland Drive / Merafield Drive.	EN14, LE07.
11	Land between Plympton and A38 (including Hardwick).	EN03, EN06.
12	Drunken Bridge Hill.	TR19.
13	Kennel Hill.	TR20, TR32.
14	Copse Road.	TR14.
15	Underwood Road.	TR10, TR01, TR05, TR20.
16	Underwood Road.	EN01.
17	Dark Street Lane.	TR11.
18	Ridgeway Car Parks.	TR06, TR07, TR26.
19	Market Road and adjacent land.	EN12, EN13, HO04, LE03. CO03.
20	Market Road.	TR01, TR13, TR27, TR05.
21	St. Mary's Playing Field.	LE04, HO12.
22	Valley Road.	EM01, EM04.
23	Dudley Road.	TR15.
24	Ridgeway Shopping Centre.	TR34.

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Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
25	Pathfields.	EN09, HO01.
26	Castle Green.	EN11.
27	Fore Street.	TR02, TR03, TR17, TR33.
28	George Lane.	TR03.
29	St Peters Convent.	TO01, HO02.
30	Buller Close.	HO03.
31	Play Area rear of Magdalen Gardens.	LE06.
32	Erle Gardens.	TR22.
33	Longcause.	TR24.
34	Chaddlewood Close.	LE12.
35	Play Area adjacent to Yealmpstone School.	LE01.
36	Stream adjacent to Yealmpstone School.	EN07.
37	Play Area at Danum Drive.	LE02.
38	Chaddlewood Park.	LE05, LE13.
39	Chaddlewood Community Centre.	CO02, LE13.
40	Steer Park Road. / Greenwood Park Road.	TR37.
41	Steer Park Road.	TR30.
42	Land North of Redwood Drive (ACR4 allocation in adopted Local Plan).	LE14.
43	Hickory Drive.	TR16.
44	Kingston Drive / Chaddlewood School.	TR35.
45	Land rear of Kingston Drive.	EN10.

What is Your Vision for Plympton Erle?

A place where:

- The St Maurice Conservation Area and its setting are recognised as an asset to the community, and are protected and enhanced.
- Homes and work places can exist together, without conflict.
- The impact of cars travelling through residential area is limited, and safe pedestrian routes (both day and night) exist to the areas schools and parks and to community facilities.
- Future development is kept to a minimum.
- The friendly atmosphere and community spirit is retained.
- There is an attractive, well-maintained environment that does not suffer from litter and vandalism.
- There is ample provision of facilities for play and sports.
- Local shopping is a safe and pleasurable experience.

3. Sites With Development Interest

Major Planning Applications

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

Application Details
<p>PP01. Land East of Dark Street Lane (Pathfields), Plymouth. Planning permission for the erection of 31 dwellings and provision of open space on (See also HO01, and TR11, EN09,).</p>

Previously Developed Sites

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

Location	Our Response
<p>PD01. Land adjacent and under A38.</p>	<p>The site is seriously constrained by A38 flyover. It has no potential for residential development. The future of this site will need to be considered as part of The Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>PD02. Garages Old Priory, Market Road.</p>	<p>There are a number of issues to be considered in this area, as has been identified in this study. The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to EN12, EN13, TR01,</p>

Location	Our Response
	TR05, TR13, TR27, HO04.).
PD03. Former Petrol Station Plymouth Road.	This site is constrained by its narrowness and proximity to Plymouth Road. The future of this site will need to be considered as part of The Local Plan Review. This site will also be examined as part of the Urban Capacity Study.

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
ML01. Site: Land at Hardwick, north of A38. Suggested Use: Residential.	This is a sensitive landscape area. The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study, which is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to EN06, EN03).

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Location		Our Response
<p>ML02. Site: Plympton Hospital, Market Road (part only). Suggested Use: Residential.</p>		<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>ML03. Site: Cattle Market, and Land to the East of Market Road. Suggested Use: Residential.</p>		<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to PD02, CO03, EN12, EN13, HO04, HO12, LE03, TR01, TR05, TR13, TR27).</p>
<p>ML04. Site: St Boniface Playing Field Marsh Mills. Suggested Use: Residential.</p>		<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to LE08, LE09, LE10).</p>
<p>ML05. Site: St Peters Convent, Plympton St. Maurice. Suggested Use: Residential.</p>		<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to HO02, TO01).</p>
<p>ML06. Site: Land between Back Lane and New Barn Hill. Suggested Use: Residential.</p>		<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to EN03).</p>

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Location		Our Response
ML07.		
Site:	Land south of Wolverwood Lane and east of Plympton Hill.	The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to EN03, EN06).
Suggested Use:	Residential.	
ML08:	Land west of Cott Hill.	The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also responses to EM03).
Suggested Use:	Employment.	

Index to Sites with Development Interest Map

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Land adjacent and under A38.	PD01.
2	St Boniface Playing Field.	ML04 (see also SH01, LE10.).
3	Former petrol filling Plymouth Road.	PD03.
4	Plympton Hospital, Market Road (part only).	ML02.
5	Cattle Market, Market Road.	ML03 (see also EN12, EN13, HO04, LE03, TR01, TR13, TR27.).
6	Garages Old Priory Market Road.	PD02 (see 5 above).
7	Land East of Dark Street Lane (Pathfields).	PP01 (see also EN09, HO01.).
8	Land at Hardwick.	ML01 (see also EN03, EN06.).
9	Land west of Cott Hill.	ML08 (see also EM03)
10	St Peters Convent.	ML05 (see also TO01, HO02.).
11	Land between Back Lane and New Barn Hill.	ML06 (see also EN03, EN06.).
12	Land South of Wolverwood Lane, and East of Plympton Hill.	ML07 (see 11 above).

4. Next Steps

How will People be Kept in Touch ?

The City Council will:

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

What is the Local Plan Timetable?

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

5. Background Information

What is Plympton Erle Like?

Key Facts about Plympton Erle

Environmental Characteristics

Natural Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Environmental Designations.	28.5	22.4	6

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

Built Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Scheduled Monuments.	2	45
Unscheduled Monuments.	4	36
Hectares of land covered by Conservation Areas.	20.4	281.0
Listed Buildings.	80	737
Vacant/Derelict Sites and Buildings.	3	157

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Housing Stock.	7,032	105,000	1
New Homes Built (1991 – 1999).	676	4,100	1
New Homes Built (1995 – 1999).	255	1,700	1
% New Homes Built (1995 – 1999) on Previously Developed Land.	12.9	53.8	15

Shopping

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
District Centres.	1	8
Local Centres.	2	60

Transport

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Number of bus stops.	86	1,689	9=

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Existing traffic calming schemes.	1	34

Recreation & Leisure

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Public Parks.	3.8	5.5	14
Children’s Play Areas.	14	170	4=

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).	23.2	20.3	5
% Adults (16 – Retirement).	64.1	61.4	4
% Retired.	12.6	18.3	19

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Owner Occupied.	83.9	63.7	3
% Council/ Housing Association.	8.3	23.2	13
% Private Rented.	7.8	12.8	13

Health

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Standard Mortality Ratio.	114.4	108.3	8
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease. (rate per 100,000 population)	100.2	119.3	15
- Deaths from Cancer. (rate per 100,000 population)	122.5	173.7	20
- Deaths from Accidents. (rate per 100,000 population)	7.4	20.7	20

Education

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Primary Schools.	5	69
Secondary Schools.	0	16

Crime

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Reported Crimes.	756	26,406	15
Burglaries.	158	3,772	11
Vehicle Crime.	281	8,108	13
Crimes against the Person.	92	3,915	15

Sources:

South & West Devon Health Authority.

- Standard Mortality Ratio (All ages, 1998).
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease (Under 75 years of age, 1996-1998 average).
- Deaths from Cancer (Under 75 years of age, 1996-1998 average).
- Deaths from Accidents (Under 75 years of age, 1996-1998 average).

1991 Census of Population, Office for National Statistics.

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

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary Data (1999/2000).

Economic Characteristics

Deprivation

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Index of Deprivation.			17=
Number of Income Support Beneficiaries.	677	18,472	14
% Households with No Car.	15.3	34.3	20

Unemployment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Unemployment Rate (%).	1.5	4.6	20
% Long-Term Unemployed (Over 12 Months).	0.1	0.9	19=

Sources:

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

Department of Social Security Data (1998).

1991 Census of Population, Office for National Statistics.

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

How have People been Involved so Far?

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

Community Planning Studies Leaflet and Questionnaire

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

Presentations

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

Workshops and Focus Groups

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

- Introductions.

- Presentation on the Local Plan and Community Planning Studies process.
- Workshop discussions.
- Feedback on the workshop discussions.

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

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

Schools Consultation

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

Community Events

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

Unstaffed Exhibitions

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

Library Exhibitions

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

Targeted Groups

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

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

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

Events in Plympton Erle

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Plympton St Maurice Conservation Society.	15/04/99	Community Planning Presentation.	10
Plympton Community Council.	13/05/99	Community Planning Presentation.	90
Plympton St Maurice Feast.	19/06/99	Exhibition as part of Feast.	Not recorded.
Chaddlewood Community Centre Community Planning Workshop.	24/06/99	Community Planning Workshop.	31
Market Road Community Planning Workshop.	30/06/99	Community Planning Workshop.	70
Yealmpstone Farm Primary School.	30/06/99	Schools Consultation.	50

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Plympton St Maurice Primary School.	13/07/99	Schools Consultation.	25
Chaddlewood Fun Day.	17/07/99	Exhibition as part of Fun Day.	37
Plympton St Maurice Workshop.	29/07/99	Community Planning Workshop.	109
Total Number of Events held in Plympton Erle.			9
Total Number of Residents consulted in Plympton Erle.			422
Total Number of Residents consulted in Plympton Erle.			75

Events Near Plympton Erle

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Plympton Library Exhibition.	03/05/99 to 31/05/99	Library.	Not recorded.
Plympton Community Council.	13/05/99	Discussions on key issues in Plympton.	90

City-Wide Events

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Respect Festival.	25/10/98	Exhibition as part of Festival.	90
Green Week.	24/10/98 to 31/10/98	Exhibition as part of Green Week.	100
Communities Against Poverty.	05/01/99	Community Planning Presentation.	10
Federation of Civic and Amenities Societies.	08/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	10
Plymouth Tenants and Residents Association.	08/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	20
Environment Forum.	16/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	15
Central Library.	01/02/99 to 28/02/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Local Agenda 21 Roundtable.	27/02/99	Workshop as part of a Local Agenda 21 seminar.	33
Senior Citizen's Forum.	09/04/99	Community Planning Presentation.	6
Transport and General Workers Union Retired Members Association.	25/05/99	Community Planning Presentation.	27
Plymouth Access Group.	03/06/99	Community Planning Presentation.	7
Central Library.	01/06/99 to 30/06/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Disability Information Advisory Centre Forum.	08/07/99	Community Planning Presentation.	15
Derriford Hospital.	23/08/99 to 31/08/99	Exhibition on Community Planning Studies.	Not recorded.
City Centre Exhibition.	14/9/99	Part of Guildhall Planning Brief Exhibition.	40
Waterfront Walkway Opening.	03/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	50
Senior Citizen's Forum.	11/10/99	Community Planning Presentation.	180
Senior Citizen's Forum.	18/10/99	Community Planning Workshop on senior citizens' issues.	2
EcoExpo.	25/10/99 to 26/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	Not recorded.
Respect Festival.	31/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	120
Access Focus Group.	04/11/99	Focus Group aimed specifically at people who have an interest in disability issues.	38
University of Plymouth Students Union.	04/11/99	Exhibition aimed at University students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth College of Further Education.	23/11/99	Exhibition aimed at College of Further Education students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth Architectural Trust.	23/11/99	Community Planning Presentation.	16
College of St. Mark's and St. John's.	25/11/99	Exhibition aimed at students.	Not recorded.
Pathfinder Visioning Conference.	16/05/00	Conference to discuss the Overall Vision for Pathfinder.	200

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
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 Plympton Erle 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.
- Evening Herald Articles (20/03/99, 04/04/99, 04/07/99, 18/07/99, 07/08/99, 28/08/99, 02/10/99, 24/11/99, 08/01/00).
- "An Appraisal of Land for Proposed Conservation Area Status – Plympton, Plymouth," Plympton Pathfields Preservation Group, September 1999.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

Allotments Strategy

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

Article 4 Direction

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

Best Value

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

Coastal Preservation Area

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

Conservation Area

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

Devon Structure Plan

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

Economic Development Plan

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

Empty Homes Strategy

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

Environmental Policy and Action Plan

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

European Regional Development Fund

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

Facilities Planning Model

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

Greenscape Assessment

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

Greenscape Strategy

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

Health Action Zone

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

Heritage Strategy

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

Home Zone

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

House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

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

The Housing Needs Survey

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

Housing Investment Programme

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

Listed Building

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

Local Agenda 21

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

Local Nature Reserve

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

Local Plan

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

Local Transport Plan

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

National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal

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

National Land Use Database

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

Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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

New Deal for Communities

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

Pathfinder Strategy and Action Plan

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

Planning Obligation

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

Planning Policy Guidance Note (PPG)

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

Play Areas Survey

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

Playing Pitch Strategy

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

Plymouth Shopping Study 2000

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

Public Open Space

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

Quality of Life

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

Single Regeneration Budget

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

Site Locally Important for Nature Conservation (SLINC)

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

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

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

Supplementary Planning Guidance

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

Stonehouse Area Plan

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

Sustainable Development

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

Sustainability

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

Transport Strategy

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

Tree Preservation Order

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

Urban Capacity Study

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

Urban Village

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

Use Class Order

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

Waterfront Walkway

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



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