

STOKE

COMMUNITY PLANNING STUDY

**Issues and ideas from residents in
Stoke 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, appearing to read 'Patrick Nicholson'.

Patrick Nicholson
Leader of Plymouth City Council

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How to Use the Stoke 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 53 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 40. On both maps there are numbers which mark particular sites. These numbers relate to information contained in the tables next to the maps. From the tables you can find where in the document to look for details of what was said about that site.

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

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

How do I find out about places outside Stoke ward?

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

The Best Things about Stoke

What You Said	Number of Responses
Centrally located.	6
Quiet.	5
Stoke village has a good range of shops and services for a centre of its size.	4
Strong sense of community.	3
Safe areas.	3
Local Parks e.g. Victoria Park and Blockhouse Park.	3
Stoke Village has a free shoppers car park that is well signposted.	2
Close to amenities.	2
Bus routes.	1
Clean area.	1
Large houses.	1
Plenty of trees.	1
Stoke Village is sited on a major route and attracts passing trade.	1
Stoke Village does and has the potential to offer good customer service.	1
Good views.	1
Community gardens.	1
Very few transport problems.	1
Lots of things to do.	1
Historic features in the area.	1
Good quality primary and secondary schools.	1
Good takeaways.	1

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What You Said	Number of Responses
There is still a cash point in Stoke Village.	1
Cheap housing.	1
The local church.	1
The local schools.	1

The Worst Things about Stoke

What You Said	Number of Responses
Traffic and parking problems.	13
Litter problems.	4
Crime problems.	2
Mix of industry and housing.	2
Too many flats and bedsits.	2
Poor repairs to roads and pavements.	1
Not enough green areas.	1
Dog mess.	1
High number of vacant premises.	1
Lack of significant investment/ need for shop front and building enhancements.	1
Need for general environmental improvements.	1
Noisy.	1
Stoke Village is rundown.	1
There are a number of vacant and derelict shops.	1
There are problems associated with the Blockhouse Park toilets.	1
The businesses are in decline.	1
There are too many second hand and charity shops.	1
There is little to do for young people.	1
There are poor job opportunities.	1
Bus services are poor.	1

What did People say about.....?

Community

What You Said	Our Response
<p>CO01. Belmont House should be used for institutional purposes. A possible use could be a College of Further Education training centre or other community-based facility. The building should also be preserved.</p>	<p>The future of Belmont House is under discussion and will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. The building itself is listed. The City Council will discuss the future of the site with the Youth Hostel Association.</p>

Education

What You Said	Our Response
<p>ED01. At Stuart Road Primary School the old caretaker's house could be developed for a homework/ breakfast club. This would require financial support.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to Stuart Road Primary School for further consideration.</p>
<p>ED02. There is a desire by the local community to bring Collingwood Woods back into public ownership so that it can be properly managed and used as a resource for the local primary school.</p>	<p>Planning permission was refused in 1992 for the erection of 3 houses on the site, because of the adverse effect on the character of the Stoke Conservation Area. Furthermore the trees on the site are protected by a Tree Preservation Order. Approaches have been made to the City Council to purchase the site since it cannot be developed. However the City Council does not at present have the necessary financial resources. The future of the site will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>ED03. The library is in the wrong location. It should be located in the village to help it support the village e.g. Belmont House.</p>	<p>The library is poorly located, but the Belmont House site is not any better since it is located at a distance from the shopping area and has poor access.</p>
<p>ED04. Stoke Damerel Primary School is too peripheral to the main residential area of Stoke.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of the Education Service for consideration.</p>

Employment

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EM01. At Alexandra Road/ Wadham Terrace the back lanes are used for illegal car repair and are causing problems to local residents.</p>	<p>Enforcement action has been taken on those businesses that are operating illegally. The Planning Services Enforcement Section can be contacted on 01752 304347.</p>
<p>EM02. The rates and rents for businesses in the city should be reduced.</p>	<p>Business rates are determined nationally, and are not therefore subject to local control. Rental levels are the responsibility of individual landlords.</p>
<p>EM03. Industry should be located in recognised industrial areas.</p>	<p>Locating industry in recognised industrial areas can be advantageous. However it is also important to ensure that employment opportunities are provided in areas that are readily accessible to those seeking work, in order to achieve more sustainable forms of development. A balance has to be struck.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EM04. There should be no more development in Stoke.</p>	<p>Development applications will be looked at on their own merits and determined in accordance with policies and proposals of the Local Plan. An embargo on all development in Stoke would be neither sustainable nor desirable.</p>

Environment

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN01. The historic character of Blockhouse Park should be promoted in improvements to the park.</p>	<p>This is being addressed through the Blockhouse Park regeneration project and will be reflected in the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN02. An Article 4 Direction should be imposed for colour schemes of houses and double glazing in Stoke Conservation Area.</p>	<p>The need for Article 4 Directions in particular parts of the city is being considered as part of the ongoing review of Conservation Areas. This comment will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review. It should be noted however that Article 4 Directions have staffing and resource implications.</p>
<p>EN03. There is a problem with the division of houses into flats within the Conservation Area. This has increased the need for parking and led to people having hard standing areas. This is affecting the physical and social character of the Conservation Area and should be restricted through an Article 4 Direction. Conversions also tend to create more rubbish.</p>	<p>See response to EN02, H001, and TRO2.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN04. There are a number of proposals for an amendment to the Stoke Conservation Area. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East side of Raynham Road. • East side of Somerset Place. • New Zealand House and Stuart Road. 	<p>These suggestions will be considered as part of a city-wide review of Conservation Areas and will be reflected in the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN05. There is a need to improve street lighting particularly in parks near to elderly people.</p>	<p>The Council is committed to improving street lighting on the public highway. It is recognised that a number of benefits can result including less accidents and greater use of a route by pedestrians. If the levels are below the recognised British Standard the relevant street(s) will be added to the list of proposed improvement works. The Council receives a greater number of requests for lighting.</p>
<p>EN06. Safety improvements are needed for the footpath from Milehouse to Stoke Damerel College.</p>	<p>The footpath is a public right of way and suffers from a problem of poor lighting and overgrown vegetation. It has a number of landowners including the City Council and City Bus. It is unlikely that the City Council will be able to carry out any improvements at present due to budgetary constraints and the long-term solution will rest with grants that may become available.</p>
<p>EN07. The removal of stone garden walls in back lanes causes safety issues.</p>	<p>Agreed. However, action can only be taken if the whole of the wall is demolished and the wall is within a conservation area.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN08. There is a problem with additional traffic caused by new businesses. We recommend new wording for the Local Plan policy on Stoke Conservation Area: "That within or adjacent to the [Stoke] Conservation Area no new or extended non residential development should be permitted unless an environmental impact study of likely impact on the adjacent residential community particularly with regard to traffic generation be first carried out and that study demonstrate that the proposed development including any road improvements or traffic measures proposed in the application will not give rise to traffic or other matters likely to affect adversely the residential amenity of the Conservation Area".</p>	<p>There are only certain development proposals that trigger the need for an environmental impact assessment. However the issue of traffic generation will be considered in the policy for Stoke Conservation Area as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>EN09. The railway cutting at Fitzroy Terrace is a preserve for wildlife and footpaths.</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>EN10. More roadside trees should be planted.</p>	<p>Some tree planting is proposed through the Stoke Village Enhancement Package, but this is limited due to highway restrictions.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>EN11. There is too much litter/ dumping. There is a need for better education.</p>	<p>The Council provides supports for clean-up initiatives. The Council's Tidy Plymouth Officer co-ordinates proposals and provides equipment and advice as well as arranging for the disposal of rubbish that is collected. If you would like to discuss proposals for a community clean up in Stoke please ring 01752 307874.</p>
<p>EN12. Urban parks should be located on small derelict sites.</p>	<p>Support by the City Council would be dependent on the site and the open space needs in the area. The Greenscape Strategy will assist with identifying need.</p>
<p>EN13. Historic buildings in Stoke should be protected.</p>	<p>These are protected through Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.</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>HO01. There is a problem with the division of houses into flats within the Conservation Area. This has increased the need for parking and led to people having hard standing areas.</p>	<p>There is an over supply of houses in multiple occupation (HMO's) and as a result some are reverting to family accommodation. This trend is being helped by a more buoyant housing market. In addition those existing HMO's are being targeted for improvements. The Housing Service have produced a HMO Landlords Pack aimed at promoting good standards and 3 HMO Action Areas have been set up. See responses to EN02, EN03, and TR02.</p>
<p>HO02. Sites for light industrial use are often inappropriate in Stoke. Alternatives such as housing should be considered.</p>	<p>The amount of new housing and industrial development that the City needs is laid down in the Devon Structure Plan. There must be a balance between employment and housing.</p>
<p>HO03. Garages in council housing areas are often poorly used and could be better served as housing sites.</p>	<p>Any redundant car parking areas can be considered for housing as part of the Local Plan Review if specific sites are put forward.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO04. Properties that have been empty for years should be made available for sale e.g. at Alma Road.</p>	<p>These properties are owned by Devon County Council but are due to be transferred to Plymouth City Council shortly. Options for their future use can only be resolved when the future of the Pennycomequick Highway Scheme is resolved. The City Council operates an Empty Homes Strategy that delivers approximately 150 homes a year back into use. In addition there is evidence to suggest that with a more buoyant housing market the numbers of empty homes are likely to fall. The future of this site will also 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>HO05. There are problems with maintenance issues at New Zealand House.</p>	<p>This matter has been referred to the Head of Housing for consideration.</p>
<p>HO06. There is a need for stronger affordable housing policies.</p>	<p>Agreed. The City Council has commissioned a Housing Needs Survey which will identify gaps and opportunities in housing supply and demand. It is likely that this, together with recent changes in Government planning guidance, will enable Local Authorities to exercise a greater degree of control over house type and tenure to meet identified needs. Existing affordable housing policies in the Local Plan will need to be reviewed in light of the survey.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO07. The area of Fitzroy Joinery Works, Nicholls Yard, the Amery Railway site and adjacent disused railway line should be used for residential development. The site could also be partly used for light industrial purposes.</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>HO08. Residents are against a homeless hostel at Earls Acre. There is a dispute over private road access.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted. However a condition of the permission is that vehicular and pedestrian access is gained from Earls Acre which would need the permission of the owners of the private road.</p>
<p>HO09. Residential development over businesses should be encouraged.</p>	<p>This policy will be considered in the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>HO10. Offices should be converted to residential.</p>	<p>The City Council has to consider the economic future of the city in addition to its housing needs. The Local Plan will examine this issue positively, and will consider modifying existing employment policies in respect of conversions to housing, especially with reference to sites in and close to the City Centre.</p>
<p>HO11 The area around Alfred Road should not be developed.</p>	<p>The area is already densely developed and therefore there is limited scope for further development.</p>

What You Said	Our Response
<p>HO12. There should be no more development in Stoke.</p>	<p>The review of the City's Local Plan must find sufficient development land within Plymouth 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. See also response to EM04.</p>
<p>HO13. A "Living Over The Shop" scheme should be introduced for Stoke Centre.</p>	<p>A policy will be considered in the Local Plan Review. The City Council will also investigate whether a "Living Over the Shop" type scheme would secure the necessary funding from Government and other sources.</p>

Leisure

What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE01. Improvements are required in the parks generally.</p>	<p>Parks are maintained on a regular basis, but additional improvements are dependent on acquiring funding.</p>
<p>LE02. Wardens are needed to patrol parks.</p>	<p>There are currently park maintenance officers, but consideration is being given to allow them to have a more flexible role and undertake wardening duties.</p>
<p>LE03. The new skateboard ramp in Victoria Park causes a nuisance to local residents. Noise reduction measures should be introduced or it should be relocated e.g. to Stonehouse Creek.</p>	<p>The skateboard equipment has been removed.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE04. The skateboard park in Victoria Park should be protected with a high fence.</p>	<p>The skateboard equipment has been removed due to the nuisance caused to local residents.</p>
<p>LE05. There are many allotments that are unused. It may be appropriate to change the use, but they should remain as recreation/ open space.</p>	<p>The Penlee Valley allotments are 70% occupied and the Rowden's Reservoir allotments are 74% occupied (December 1999 figures). The Local Plan Review will consider potential alternative uses for excess land.</p>
<p>LE06. There should be the introduction of a community park in Stuart Road.</p>	<p>There is already a park at Stuart Road that is widely used by the community.</p>
<p>LE07. Victoria Park is an important green space. Money should be spent on providing picnic benches, better play equipment and a sandpit. Security should also be improved</p>	<p>The Friends of Victoria Park has been established to guide improvements.</p>
<p>LE08. Stoke Damerel Community College has applied for a Sports lottery bid for an all weather pitch. The local community would also be able to use this facility. However this would exacerbate traffic problems in the area.</p>	<p>The current Local Plan has identified the need for a community sports centre, but this will be reviewed through the Playing Pitch Strategy. Any specific proposal will also need to be considered in relation to other policies of the Local Plan.</p>
<p>LE09. In Blockhouse Park a community centre and better play facilities are needed. It should also be used as a tourist attraction.</p>	<p>Blockhouse Park forms part of a regeneration project. The details are currently being prepared.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>LE10. St. Levans Road recreation area could be greatly enhanced.</p>	<p>Discussions are currently taking place with community representatives (e.g. through the Stoke Forum) and the City Council has allocated money to improve the facilities in the current financial year.</p>
<p>LE11. There should be more fun things to do.</p>	<p>This matter is being looked at through the improvements to Blockhouse Park and Victoria Park.</p>
<p>LE12. There should be more indoor parks.</p>	<p>There are resource implications, but there could be more indoor facilities provided through the Sports Lottery programme.</p>
<p>LE13. Greater consideration should be given to public rights of way in Stoke and a more pedestrian-friendly environment.</p>	<p>The production of a Definitive Map and Statement became the responsibility of Plymouth City Council after the Local Government Reorganisation. Some 400 potential routes have been identified. The rate at which these are added to the Definitive Map is dependent on resources. A milestone statement describing the current situation and the work needed is due to be published by December 2000.</p>

Minerals

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

Shopping

What You Said	Our Response
<p>SH01. The proposed retail development at St. Barnabas Church will affect the viability of Stoke village centre and will cause traffic congestion.</p>	<p>At the time of publication there had been no decision made on the planning application due to the traffic implications.</p>
<p>SH02. There is support for the development of St. Barnabas Church into a convenience store, chemist and sheltered housing.</p>	<p>See response to SH01.</p>
<p>SH03. A pub has recently closed in Stoke village. This should be used as a retail use rather than re-opened as a pub.</p>	<p>Planning control cannot stop premises opening as the same use. However the Local Plan Review could consider a policy to restrict A3 uses (i.e. pubs and restaurants).</p>
<p>SH04. Millbridge used to be a thriving shopping area, but the original character of the area has now disappeared.</p>	<p>A policy for protecting the Millbridge shopping area will be considered in the Local Plan Review.</p>
<p>SH05. Wolseley Road shops have suffered with the opening of a new co-op store. Planning should support smaller shops.</p>	<p>National and local planning policies seek to support the existing hierarchy of shopping centres. In some cases new development within or adjacent to existing centres can assist the revitalisation of such centres.</p>

Tourism

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TO01. Blockhouse Park should be used as a tourist attraction.</p>	<p>This idea is being looked at as part of the Blockhouse Park regeneration scheme.</p>

Transport

What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR01. The proposed retail development at St. Barnabas Church will affect the viability of Stoke village centre and will cause traffic congestion.</p>	<p>There has been no decision made on the planning application due to the traffic implications.</p>
<p>TR02. There is a problem with the division of houses into flats within the Conservation Area. This has increased the need for parking and led to people having hard standing areas. This is affecting the physical and social character of the Conservation Area and should be restricted through an Article 4 Direction. Conversions also tend to create more rubbish.</p>	<p>Increased car ownership and the subdivision of dwellings have increased pressure on residential parking throughout the city. There are no transport proposals for increasing the provision of residential parking in the city. See also responses to EN02, EN03 and HO01.</p>
<p>TR03. Expansion of Stoke Damerel School sports provision and the business park will cause congestion problems. The roads are already heavily congested. Traffic causes a hazard to both residents and school pupils.</p>	<p>Planning permission has been granted for the extension of the business park and the traffic implications were fully considered before the decision was made. Traffic issues regarding an expansion of the school sports provision will be addressed as part of any planning application.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TRO4. Public transport costs too much, is too infrequent, and is often overcrowded.</p>	<p>Bus fares are determined by the private bus companies in accordance with commercial requirements. 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 the private bus companies.</p>
<p>TRO5. There is a problem with the road surface and drainage in St. Barnabas Terrace.</p>	<p>Highway and footway conditions are regularly inspected and areas in need of repair are identified for action.</p>
<p>TRO6. There should be a 20 m.p.h. speed limit across the whole of the ward.</p>	<p>The City Council has a long-term objective to treat all residential areas with traffic calming or 20 m.p.h. zone status.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR07. There is a need for a pedestrian crossing at Wilton Street. There is a problem with safety at the roundabout and traffic calming is required along this road.</p>	<p>The City Council has a programme of Local Safety Schemes to address accident problems. The priority for these schemes is to treat locations that have a significant record of accidents resulting in injury before sites where there is a reported potential for accidents in the future or sites with damage only accidents. The City Council also 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>TR08. There should be better access to Central Park at Alma Road. Pedestrian access from the bridge is difficult.</p>	<p>Significant proposals are being considered for Central Park which will consider access issues.</p>
<p>TR09. There are parking problems in Devonport Road. However this should not be resolved through paid parking.</p>	<p>The City Council transport policy seeks to increase the use of alternatives to private cars thus reducing demand for car parking. There are no City Council proposals to increase public car parking provision in this area.</p>
<p>TR10. There are traffic problems in Sturdee Road/Beresford Street.</p>	<p>More information is required to give a response.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR11. The vehicular access from Molesworth Road should be closed.</p>	<p>It is unclear from the comment what part of Molesworth Road should be closed and the reasons for the closure.</p>
<p>TR12. The park and ride should be encouraged provided that the car parks are kept secure.</p>	<p>This is an existing policy of the City Council.</p>
<p>TR13. A resident's parking scheme should be introduced in the Millbridge area.</p>	<p>A report will be taken to the Development and Transport Committee in Autumn 2000 to outline a resident's parking scheme in Millbridge.</p>
<p>TR14. Parking restrictions in St. Levan Road should be lifted.</p>	<p>This would require a review of safety issues and the demand for parking.</p>
<p>TR15. There is traffic congestion going to the central railway station and the City Centre.</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>TR16. The local railway stations are not well used.</p>	<p>There is scope for increased use of the local stations. However it is difficult for the Council to influence service provision by rail companies.</p>
<p>TR17. There should be traffic restrictions in Valletort Road.</p>	<p>It is unclear from the comment why there should be traffic restrictions and so a specific answer cannot be given.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>TR18. Public transport should be more frequent in the evenings.</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 the private bus companies.</p>
<p>TR19. Trains should stop more frequently at local stations.</p>	<p>See response to TR16.</p>
<p>TR20. There should be a one-way system in the Milehouse/ Stoke area.</p>	<p>The introduction of one-way systems can result in significant increases in vehicle speeds unless accompanied by significant and expensive traffic calming.</p>
<p>TR21. The vacant site between Portland Road and Albert Road should be used as a cycle route.</p>	<p>Investment in cycleways is currently focused on completing full routes along the major radial roads into the city and parallel to the A38. Once complete intermediate routes such as the one suggested can be pursued.</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>

General

What You Said	Our Response
<p>GE01. Ford is a separate area from Stoke. Issues need to be addressed separately.</p>	<p>The Community Planning Studies process is being divided into wards, but the City Council recognises the different characteristics of each area.</p>
<p>GE02. The church is keen to dispose of St. Mark's Church for development.</p>	<p>Because of the poor structural condition of St. Mark's Church and the adjacent hall the Church is looking at the possibilities of demolishing these buildings and developing alternative uses on the site. If development proceeds the Church will seek to retain a presence in the immediate area through the construction of a modern place of worship/ community building. It also intends to retain the vicarage as a church house.</p> <p>The City Council will consider any development applications on their own merits. If appropriate this site will be considered as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

Area based issues

Stoke Centre

What You Said	Our Response
<p>SC01. The Former Lloyds Bank on the corner with Masterman Road and Devonport Road is rundown and affects the appearance of the area. It could be a community resource based on the Credit Union. It could also be the site for a Healthy Living Centre.</p>	<p>There is no objection in principle to community use provided that it does not compromise the Local Plan (Policy ASR18) on retention of retail uses within shopping centres. There is a grant scheme in operation in Stoke village to encourage the reuse of redundant buildings and improve the appearance of buildings.</p>
<p>SC02. An environmental improvement programme is needed for Stoke centre.</p>	<p>Agreed. An environmental improvement scheme will be implemented as part of the regeneration programme for Stoke village.</p>
<p>SC03. A facelift grant scheme is needed for Stoke centre.</p>	<p>A £150,000 grant scheme is being implemented for Stoke village as part of the Stoke Village Enhancement Package.</p>
<p>SC04. The concrete planters at Stoke village are poorly designed and maintained. They should be used as rubbish bins.</p>	<p>As part of the environmental improvement scheme for Stoke village it is proposed that the planters be removed.</p>
<p>SC05. A public art programme is needed for Stoke centre. There should be extensive public consultation on these proposals due to its sensitivity.</p>	<p>At present this is only a very minor element of the Stoke Village Enhancement Package. However it could be more substantial if more funding is secured. This would be subject to public consultation.</p>

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What You Said	Our Response
<p>SC06. Local Plan policies related to superstores are affecting the viability of the traditional shopping centre at Stoke village. This is particularly relevant to the Central Park proposals.</p>	<p>The likely affect of new development on existing shopping centres forms an important part of the consideration of any such proposals. In cases where the proposal is likely to undermine the vitality and viability of existing shopping centres, planning permission is refused.</p>
<p>SC07. Action should be taken to encourage new businesses in Stoke village or alternatively business premises should be used for other purposes.</p>	<p>See response to SC03.</p>
<p>SC08. The pedestrian crossing is in the wrong place in Stoke village. The best location should be by the Co-op.</p>	<p>This crossing has now been moved.</p>
<p>SC09. It is likely that the use for private cars will be reduced in the future. If this occurs Stoke could become a more desirable place to live. Therefore it is important to improve the general environment of Stoke.</p>	<p>This is being addressed through the Stoke Village Enhancement Package.</p>
<p>SC10. A traffic management scheme is needed for Stoke centre.</p>	<p>This is being partly resolved through the regeneration scheme for Stoke centre. However it is limited by the need for access through Stoke centre.</p>
<p>SC11. The car park at Stoke centre requires enhancing and expanding.</p>	<p>The City Council transport policy seeks to increase the use of alternatives to private cars thus reducing demand for car parking. There are no City Council proposals to increase public car parking provision in this area.</p>

Index to Residents' Issues Map

Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	Millbridge shops.	SH04, TR13.
2	Victoria Park.	LE03, LE04, LE07.
3	St. Barnabas Terrace.	TR05.
4	Wilton Street.	TR07.
5	St. Barnabas Church.	SH01, SH02, TR01.
6	Stuart Road Primary School.	ED01.
7	Molesworth Road.	TR11.
8	Valletort Road.	TR17.
9	The railway cutting at Fitzroy Terrace.	EN09.
10	Fitzroy Joinery Works, Nicholls Yard, the Amery Railway site.	HO07.
11	Stoke Damerel Primary School.	ED04.
12	Collingwood Woods.	ED02.
13	Devonport Road.	TR09.
14	Belmont House.	CO01, ED03.
15	Stoke Centre.	SC01 – SC11.
16	Blockhouse Park.	EN01, LE09, TO01.
17	Stoke Business Park.	TR03.
18	Stoke Damerel Community College.	LE08, TR03.
19	New Zealand House.	HO05.
20	Footpath from Milehouse to Stoke Damerel College.	EN06.
21	Stuart Road Park.	LE06.
22	Earls Acre.	HO08.
23	Alma Road.	TR08.
24	Sturdee Road/ Beresford Street.	TR10.
25	St. Levan Road.	TR14.
26	St. Levans Road recreation area.	LE10.
27	Alexandra Road/ Wadham Terrace.	EM01.
28	St. Mark's Church.	GE02.
29	Wolseley Road shops.	SH05.

What is Your Vision for Stoke?

A place where:

- Stoke's residential and conservation character is retained.
- Stoke Village contains more interesting shops and is protected as an important employment centre and local resource.
- More people are attracted to Stoke Village and a spirit of community ownership of the village is fostered.
- Traffic is better managed for the purpose of community safety and the protection of the environment.
- Stoke's green areas are protected and enhanced.
- People want to raise families.
- There is more wealth and people are given more power and responsibility to run their own affairs with more trust between agencies working in the area.

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

3. Sites with Development Interest

Major Planning Permissions

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

Application Details
<p>PP01. Godolphin Builders Yard, Penlee Road, Plymouth. Application to redevelop the Godolphin Builders Yard, Penlee Road for residential.</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 to railway, Garfield Terrace.</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>PD02. Land adjacent to 8 Nelson Avenue.</p>	<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city’s Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

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Location	Our Response
PD03. Ex allotment land adjacent to Fitzroy Road.	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.
PD04. 1-5 Fitzroy Road.	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.
PD05. Fitzroy Joinery Works.	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.
PD06. Land rear of 9-47 Albert Road.	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.
PD07. Former railway depot, Valletort Road.	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.
PD08. Land adjacent to 47 Northesk Street.	The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.
PD09. Land rear of 19 Albert Road.	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.
PD10. Land rear of 83 Molesworth Road.	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.

Location	Our Response
<p>PD11. The railway cutting at Fitzroy Terrace.</p>	<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review (See also response to EN09).</p>

Major Landowner Sites

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

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

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

Location	Our Response
<p>ML01. Location: Former Railway Depot, Valletort 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 response to HO07).</p>

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Location	Our Response
<p>ML02. Location: St. Mark's Church, Cambridge Road.</p> <p>Suggested Use: Residential.</p>	<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review. (See also response to GE02).</p>
<p>ML03. ite: British Gas site, St. Levan's Road.</p> <p>Suggested Use: Residential.</p>	<p>The future of this site will need to be considered as part of the city's Urban Capacity Study that is being prepared as part of the Local Plan Review.</p>

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Map Code	Location	Response and Comment Reference
1	The railway cutting at Fitzroy Terrace.	PD11.
2	Fitzroy Joinery Works.	PD05.
3	Ex allotment land adjacent to Fitzroy Road.	PD03.
4	1-5 Fitzroy Road.	PD04.
5	Land adjacent to 8 Nelson Avenue.	PD02.
6	Former railway depot, Valletort Road.	PD07, ML01.
7	Land rear of 83 Molesworth Road.	PD10.
8	Land adjacent to railway, Garfield Terrace.	PD01.
9	Land rear of 9-47 Albert Road.	PD06.
10	Land rear of 19 Albert Road.	PD09.
11	Godolphin Builders Yard, Penlee Road.	PP01.
12	Land adjacent to 47 Northesk Street.	PD08.
13	St. Mark's Church.	ML02.
14	British Gas site, St. Levan's Road.	ML03.

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.

Timetable for the Local Plan Review

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 Stoke Like?

Key Facts about Stoke

Environmental Characteristics

Natural Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Land covered by Environmental Designations.	0.8	22.4	19

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

Built Environment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
Scheduled Monuments.	0	45
Unscheduled Monuments.	1	36
Hectares of land covered by Conservation Areas.	65.4	281.0
Listed Buildings.	57	737
Vacant/Derelict Sites and Buildings.	11	157

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Housing Stock.	5,519	105,000	6
New Homes Built (1991 – 1999).	161	4,100	11
New Homes Built (1995 – 1999).	30	1,700	15
% New Homes Built (1995 – 1999) on Previously Developed Land.	100.0	53.8	1=

Shopping

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY
District Centres.	0	8
Local Centres.	6	60

Transport

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Number of bus stops.	88	1,689	8

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.	3.1	5.5	16
Children's Play Areas.	2	170	19=

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).	16.0	20.3	17
% Adults (16 – Retirement).	61.7	61.4	9
% Retired.	22.3	18.3	6

Housing

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
% Owner Occupied.	68.8	63.7	8
% Council/ Housing Association.	7.7	23.2	14
% Private Rented.	23.5	12.8	4

Health

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Standard Mortality Ratio.	132.7	108.3	1
- Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease. (rate per 100,000 population)	118.2	119.3	10
- Deaths from Cancer. (rate per 100,000 population)	191.1	173.7	8
- Deaths from Accidents. (rate per 100,000 population)	18.1	20.7	12

Education

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

Crime

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Total Reported Crimes.	1,724	26,406	3
Burglaries.	322	3,772	3
Vehicle Crime.	722	8,108	2
Crimes against the Person.	162	3,915	9

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.			6
Number of Income Support Beneficiaries.	1,157	18,472	7
% Households with No Car.	39.2	34.3	10

Unemployment

CHARACTERISTIC	WARD	CITY	WARD RANKING (1 – highest, 20 – lowest)
Unemployment Rate (%).	7.2	4.6	3
% Long-Term Unemployed (Over 12 Months).	1.3	0.9	5

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.**

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Events in Stoke

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Stoke Forum.	21/10/98	Community Planning Presentation.	20
SMILE Christmas Fair.	05/12/98	Exhibition as part of Christmas Fair	16
Stoke Damerel Conservation Society	04/01/99	Community Planning Presentation.	20
Penlee Vale Residents Association.	09/02/99	Community Planning Presentation.	80
Stoke Library Exhibition	01/03/99 to 14/03/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Stoke Library.	11/03/99	Staffed Exhibition.	0
Pilgrim Church Community Event	20/03/99	Exhibition as part of larger Community Event	30
Stoke Forum Community Planning Workshop.	17/03/99	Community Planning Workshop.	52
Victoria Residents Association.	26/03/99	Community Planning Presentation.	39
Penlee Eco Park Fun Day.	24/07/99	Exhibition as part of Fun Day.	Not recorded.
St. Levans Road Fun Day.	31/07/99	Exhibition as part of Fun Day.	85
Blockhouse Fun Day.	07/08/99	Exhibition as part of Fun Day.	64
Stoke Damerel Community College.	04/11/99	Schools Consultation.	16
Devonport High School For Boys.	21/01/00	Schools Consultation.	180
National Plans – Local Views Consultation Event, Methodist Centre, Stoke.	16/06/00	Cabinet Office Listening Event on the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal.	15
Total Number of Events held in Stoke.			15
Total Number of Residents consulted in Stoke.			617
Number of Questionnaires received from Stoke			95

Events Near Stoke

Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
North Prospect Library Exhibition.	15/2/99 to 15/3/99	Exhibition in the Library.	Not recorded.
Keyham Traders Christmas Fair.	12/12/98	Exhibition on the Community Planning Studies as part of a Christmas Fair.	10
Victoria Park Fun Day	21/8/99	Local Plan Exhibition at Fun Day.	131
Devonport High School for Boys.	27/3/00	Central Park, Schools Consultation	24
Stoke Damerall Community College.	30/3/00	Central Park, Schools Consultation.	16
Pounds House.	7/4/00	Central Park Workshop.	30

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.

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
Local Agenda 21 Roundtable.	27/02/99	Workshop as part of a Local Agenda 21 seminar.	33
Senior Citizen's Forum.	09/04/99	Community Planning Presentation.	6
Transport and General Workers Union Retired Members Association.	25/05/99	Community Planning Presentation.	27
Plymouth Access Group.	03/06/99	Community Planning Presentation.	7
Central Library.	01/06/99 to 30/06/99	Library Exhibition.	Not recorded.
Disability Information Advisory Centre Forum.	08/07/99	Community Planning Presentation.	15
Derriford Hospital.	23/08/99 to 31/08/99	Exhibition on Community Planning Studies.	Not recorded.
City Centre Exhibition.	14/9/99	Part of Guildhall Planning Brief Exhibition.	40
Waterfront Walkway Opening.	03/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	50
Senior Citizen's Forum.	11/10/99	Community Planning Presentation.	180
Senior Citizen's Forum.	18/10/99	Community Planning Workshop on senior citizens' issues.	2
EcoExpo.	25/10/99 to 26/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	Not recorded.
Respect Festival.	31/10/99	Exhibition as part of larger event.	120
Access Focus Group.	04/11/99	Focus Group aimed specifically at people who have an interest in disability issues.	38

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Event	Date	Details of Event	Residents Involved
University of Plymouth Students Union.	04/11/99	Exhibition aimed at University students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth College of Further Education.	23/11/99	Exhibition aimed at College of Further Education students.	Not recorded.
Plymouth Architectural Trust.	23/11/99	Community Planning Presentation.	16
College of St. Mark's and St. John's.	25/11/99	Exhibition aimed at students.	Not recorded.
Pathfinder Visioning Conference.	16/05/00	Conference to discuss the Overall Vision for Pathfinder.	200
Federation of Civic and Amenities Societies.	19/06/00	Community Planning Presentation.	13
National Plans - Local Views Consultation Event, Civic Centre, Plymouth.	21/06/00	Cabinet Office Local Listening Event on the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal.	110

What Other Documents have been used for the Study?

The following documents were used to compile the Stoke 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.
- "A Vision for Stoke Urban Village Centre", Stoke Forum, 1997.
- "Youth Strategy", Stoke Forum, 1999.
- Background paper for the Stoke Forum workshop, David Millar, 17/03/99
- Evening Herald Articles (12/02/98, 22/01/99, 08/01/99, 19/02/99, 09/04/99, 23/04/99, 15/05/99, 27/08/99, 15/03/00).

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

Allotments Strategy

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

Article 4 Direction

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

Best Value

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

Coastal Preservation Area

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

Conservation Area

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

Devon Structure Plan

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

Economic Development Plan

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

Empty Homes Strategy

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

Environmental Policy and Action Plan

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

European Regional Development Fund

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

Facilities Planning Model

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

Greenscape Assessment

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

Greenscape Strategy

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

Health Action Zone

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

Heritage Strategy

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

Home Zone

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

House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

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

The Housing Needs Survey

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

Housing Investment Programme

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

Listed Building

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

Local Agenda 21

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

Local Nature Reserve

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

Local Plan

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

Local Transport Plan

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

National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal

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

National Land Use Database

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

Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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

New Deal for Communities

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

Pathfinder Strategy and Action Plan

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

Planning Obligation

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

Planning Policy Guidance Note (PPG)

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

Play Areas Survey

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

Playing Pitch Strategy

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

Plymouth Shopping Study 2000

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

Public Open Space

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

Quality of Life

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

Single Regeneration Budget

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

Site Locally Important for Nature Conservation (SLINC)

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

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

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

Supplementary Planning Guidance

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

Stonehouse Area Plan

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

Sustainable Development

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

Sustainability

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

Transport Strategy

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

Tree Preservation Order

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

Urban Capacity Study

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

Urban Village

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

Use Class Order

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

Waterfront Walkway

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



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