

# EFFORD

Sustainable Neighbourhoods Development Plan  
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## SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

This is a summary of some of the Key issues emerging from the consultation process. Fuller versions of the representations can be viewed below.

Efford recorded the second highest response rate in the city, with thirty seven representations received from residents and workers in the neighbourhood.

The majority of those that responded thought that the summary of the neighbourhood was a reasonable reflection of the situation.

### Shopping

The general view was that shopping facilities had improved, but that there was still room for improvement. The lack of choice and high cost of goods was frequently mentioned

### Local issues

There was a general consensus on the most important local issues. Lack of community facilities and facilities for young people featured high in the responses, with public transport and traffic issues such as speeding and parking came out a close second. On the list of concerns on most people's lists, as did the lack of local employment opportunities. Other matters referred to included anti social behaviour, lack of sports facilities, and lack of maintenance of roads and open spaces.

### Important Greenspaces

All green spaces were identified as being important, but a number of related issues were raised about them. Efford Marsh Nature Reserve was singled out as an important area for wildlife and general enjoyment. Thames Gardens is not one of the larger areas of open space but is highly valued by many residents for children's play and as a community space. The importance of sports pitches was also often referred to. It was stated that Plym View playing field should be returned to the community following the closure of the school.

### Potential Development Sites

Many people said that the Plymview school site should be used for community purposes along with the rent office at Torridge way. Vacant garages were suggested as potential sites for bungalows and car parking provided on the area to the rear of Blandford Road between Yeo Close and Torridge Way. The Gypsy and Traveller site has been suggested for local housing, or retained as a green space.

### Other Comments

- General environmental improvements are required (footpaths verges green spaces etc)
- Need recycling facilities.
- A new bus shelter at the top of Pike Road.
- Better bus services.
- Better public use of the fort.

## Efford

**Q2 – How are you connected with this neighbourhood?**

**Q3a – Do you generally agree with the summary of this neighbourhood?**

**Q3b – If not, what would you like to change?**

**Q4 – What do you think of the shopping facilities?**

**Q5 – Briefly in order of importance, what do you think are the biggest issues in the neighbourhood? e.g. youth facilities, traffic, affordable homes etc.**

**Q6a – Which green spaces/parks are important to you and why? (please identify them using the numbers on the map)**

**Q6b – Are there any areas of green or open space that are not shown which you feel should be protected? Please explain why**

**Q7 – Identify any sites you feel should or could be developed and for what purpose?**

Full Name	Q2 -	Q3	3b -	Q4 -	Q5 -:	Q6 -	Q6b -	Q7 -	Other comments
Mrs Bronwyn Rose Idris SNDPD50	Resident	Yes		They are not good; there is no supermarket, veg and fruit shop or butchers.	Facilities, Youth club, traffic, affordable homes	None are important, as I can't enjoy them because of dogs	No	Where the royal marine pub was, there could be a supermarket	As we live on the bottom of Severn Place Hill, we have to walk to Torridge Way for a bus, as they took the number 10 bus off last year, old people can't make it up the hill, and anyone in ill health. The bus service is unreliable too.
Angela Agnew SNDPD59	Resident	Yes		They could be better as choices are limited, however, independent local traders will obviously suffer due to Sainsbury at Marsh Mills. Currently not a problem for me, however, it is a ten minute walk to the closest shop from where I live. The area is monopolised by The Co-operative, i.e. in Torridge Way and Pike Road. Residents in Pike Road and the surrounding area have no other option, i.e. it is the only local shop, whereas Torridge Way has a bakery, take away, chemist and newsagent. Thankfully the Post Offices in both these areas have remained intact, however, are a drive away for residents in Laira where the Post	An isolated part of the city, however, a poor/unreliable bus service. Ten minutes walk to the nearest bust stop for me. Buses are often late or do not turn up at all. Seems to be worse since privatisation. Buses are few and far between after 6.30pm and on Sundays. Poor service to Derriford Hospital and other areas of the city. Better links are required.  Lack of community spaces (this also applies to the adjoining neighbourhood of Laira)  Lack of youth facilities (this also applies to the adjoining neighbourhood of Laira)  Lack of children's play	Living in a city all of them! However, in particular EF01 and EF02, i.e. Efford Marsh Nature Reserve. Obviously living in a residential area it is fabulous to have green spaces to escape to, however, it is mainly because of the wide variety of flora and fauna that these areas should be protected. Also because the areas are full of important historical interest, i.e. Efford Fort/Efford Emplacement/Laira Emplacement. These sites could put Efford/Laira 'on the map' and the council should preserve/regenerate them accordingly.  Unfortunately the areas listed are full of fly tipped items/rubbish and require attention from the council (which is long overdue).		The site in Torridge Way on which the Royal Marine Pub formerly stood. Possibly a community centre, children's play area or even the site of a new supermarket such as Lidl which would give residents more choice when shopping and provide The Co-operative with a bit of competition!  Maybe an area of Efford Park EF06 could be turned in to allotments to allow residents to grow their own fruit/vegetables.	

				<p>Office was closed.</p> <p>areas (this also applies to the adjoining neighbourhood of Laira)</p> <p>Even though there are a number of green spaces in Efford, there is a lack of recreational areas for sports e.g. playing fields, five a side football courts, etc.</p> <p>Anti social behaviour by a minority of residents, i.e. vandalism, graffiti. littering, fly tipping, irresponsible dog owners</p> <p>Poor choice of shopping facilities</p> <p>Better lighting/maintenance of lighting required on the network of path ways in the area. Also better signage.</p> <p>Some roads in bad state of repair.</p>	<p>Possibly litter bins could be installed in the area (maybe sponsored by Sainsbury's or MacDonald's?) as much of the litter seems to arise from these establishments!</p> <p>With regard to Laira Emplacement and Efford Marsh Nature Reserve, possibly gates/fences could be erected to deter the use of trail bikes in the green areas/woods? Also, Laira Emplacement is obviously used by the local youth as a place to congregate and drink alcohol. It might, therefore, be prudent if a grill/door was placed over the entrance to the monument in order to preserve it and also to deter such activity. This might in turn reduce the amount of litter and also encourage other locals to enjoy the area.</p> <p>Furthermore, all the areas are frequently used by dog owners so dog waste bins need to be installed as some irresponsible owners are currently throwing plastic dog waste bags in to bushes. Obviously these do not degrade and as the area is not maintained on a regular basis by the council this is both unsightly and a health hazard.</p> <p>EF04 is also an important area simply because it is one of the few green spaces in the Dunclaire Park/Manor Lane area where children/teenagers are able</p>			
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						to play football etc, even though it is not really suitable due to the close proximity of the traffic on Laira Flyover.			
Ms Jinny Uppington Equality South West SNDPD68	Work	No	I would include the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site which has planning permission	There is room for improvement, both in terms of facilities and jobs	Housing provision for all members of the community, youth unemployment			The Gypsy and Traveller site which has planning permission but needs funding to be developed. By developing this site, it would provide much needed housing provision for members of the community that are commonly overlooked in planning terms. It would also help to meet the aim "The neighbourhood would benefit from more diverse housing".	Could a young person neighbourhood panel be developed to help improve skills, training and aspirations? This would also provide community benefits through enhanced ownership of the sustainable development plan?
Mr Gordon Mckillop Thames Gardens Residents Association SNDPD105	resident	Yes		The shopping facilities are dire, access for to both shopping areas requires transport for the majority of people, as Efford is quite a large area, and very hilly so It's difficult for the elderly and disabled to get around, the bus service of necessity doesn't go everywhere, which leaves some people isolated from the shops that we have got.	Without doubt, youth facilities are sadly lacking. But in common with the rest of the country, there are no facilities at all for children up to age 11, so if the parents don't take an interest, these children are left to their own devices, and we all know where that leads! If we had a community centre we could fill this void, as we have a good number of suitably qualified child support volunteers available and enthusiastic, but frustrated by the lack of a community centre.	All green spaces are vitally important, but particular concern is the status of Plym view playing field, which the community was assured, would be transferred to the community as soon as the school closed, but this hasn't happened, when will it happen as teams are waiting.		Plym view School site would make an ideal community centre, with It's proximity to 2 sets of playing fields it could become the headquarters for local teams etc. Classrooms could be developed as project rooms, and skill centres for the young people who missed out on being educated for whatever reason. I have seen exactly this kind of project at first hand in Bristol, at Knowle West, also a deprived area; they are using a redundant school very successfully.	
Mr Gordon Wagstaff SNDPD146	Resident			More competition required prices too high	Parking - traffic speed, crossing points on Torridge Way Dropped kerbs required for disabled charges etc need youth facilities.	OK	Yes		

Ms Christine Blackaller SNDPD199	Work	Yes		Could be better	Lack of Community/Youth facilities	All		Old school site for community use	
Ms Maggie Gale SNDPD204	resident	Yes		fair	community club	Military Lane wildlife areas			
Ms Mary Franks SNDPD208	Resident			Needs new with Supermarket. Playing fields would be a good site	Traffic needs calming before someone is killed and a 20 mph sign by new school.	fe6 good views			Need a new build for all year round young people's activities. Housing built on old youth centre and new at school site.
Ms Christophe r Bishop SNDPD209	Resident	No	Better facilities for youth	need a better variety	Lack of community centre, and well maintained sports field and facilities.	Ef06 Dog walking, Ef10 play with family	No	Plym view Field for sport and leisure  Ef08 Brought up to standard and improved facilities  Ef06 Continued Regeneration and improvement	Building or Land needs to be put aside for community use.
Ms Marguerite Burton SNDPD210	Resident	Yes		Limited	Rubbish and littering to the public danger.  Youth causing Noise and abusive language late into the night.  Maintaining Greenspaces - our dog had 2 serious injuries this last year	All of them due to youth density and dog owners who need dog walking places(youngsters need to play)	All should be protected as there are so few of them.	The rental office to be a Community space/centre	
Ms Ann Power Efford Library SNDPD226	worker		Area needs a community centre - other than library, church & school	Not too bad - need a general facelift - in particular post office. Flats could do with a makeover	Traffic - Parking: Need to expand parking space - possibly outside co-op area	EF06 - A lot of work, time etc. has been put into this area. Can be used by all community	Don't think so	Housing office - not used to its full potential	The library is a community hub and it is important we are kept aware of any issues re. planning.  Communication/marketing is not always good and local people want to know what is going to happen.

Mr John Truscott SNDPD227	Resident			At present they are very good. But I feel that they are not sufficient to cope with any possible increase in the population of Efford	The youth centre on Blandford Road is outdated and needs to be replaced by a contemporary building with more modern facilities. Efford now has only one primary school which may not be adequate for future needs.	The Efford playing fields provide for leisure, especially essential exercise for the young.  The Efford valley as a nature reserve and a place for quiet enjoyment.		Although the site at the former Plym View School has been set aside entirely for new housing, a portion of this land could contain a community centre.	I feel strongly that Efford should have an all-purpose community centre.  This would comprise health needs: an NHS dentist, podiatrist, physiotherapist, on different days of the week.  Adult education, a luncheon club and various activities for the elderly.  A computer room. Young mothers and infant children during part of the day, social activities in the evenings.
Mr Michael Bridgwater SNDPD351	Resident, Church Minister, HECP Committee Member (since 2005) and vice chair (community activist), (Community Spokesperson)	Yes	More emphasis on lack of community space for socialising etc - not even a cafe, never mind a pub, or community centre, there is a real need for somewhere.	Adequate - just for basics (Groceries, meat, fruit and veg, bakery and pharmacy newsagent and post office), but expensive and limited range of products. Would like to see medical centre revert to retail businesses.	Lack of community facilities for all ages. Blandford Road Youth Centre very inadequate.  Car parking especially Torridge Way shops, High View School and delivery access to shops from Blandford Road nightmare for lorry drives with parked cars.  Vandalism and anti-social behaviour, motor cycles especially off road etc.	All but many residents are unaware of many of them e.g. EF01, EF02 - improve signage NB EF09 not used as park!  Ex Plym View School Sites - sports pitch to be retained and enhanced, access improved. EF08 retain and enhance.	Ex Plym View School Site develop soon any possibilities. No commercial uses? Efford needs more employment/businesses (Local employment is negligible)	Area behind houses on Blandford Road between Yeo Close and Torridge Way and former toilet block - who owns? Potential public car park and supplement TW Shops?	There is still a lot to do in Efford! Refurbishment of Torridge Way far from completed!  Flats, garages are eyesores - car parking quite inadequate all around TW and neighbouring streets.  Torridge Way Road layout - improve (see 20005 LDA proposals) PCH rent office would make excellent community hub for residents. Can't understand inclusion of Deer Park and Little America in Efford neighbourhood without any road access between us.  Recycling facilities - no bottle bank again!
Mr Gordon Mckillop Thames Gardens Residents Association SNDPD254	Resident		I would like to see more facilities for young children up to age 11	Limited	Youth facilities, adult facilities, all manner of facilities, in short we need a community centre with a "walk in facility" for job clubs, and child support etc.	Our local park keeps the children busy, and the valley encourages wildlife and exercise	The old gypsy site should be returned to be part of the marsh site and be protected from exploitation	What's happening with the Plym View School? Would make an ideal community centre!!	
Mr & Mrs Jimmy & Lizzy Stevens SNDPD237	Resident			One shop is not enough, plus needs a bus shelter both sides	Traffic should be stopped at pathway. Our grandchildren would like to play in the path but speeding cars here are a hazard.	Our grandchildren play at Thames Park and the facilities are well situated and safe for them.		Empty garages pulled down should be replaced with more bungalows for people	

Master Calum Kahn SNDPD241	Resident		Improve the valley	They have got a lot better	Facilities such as Efford football pitch and Torridge Way traffic	Efford football pitch	Efford football pitch	Valley should be a skate park	
ms Jean Nurse SNDPD244	Resident	Yes		Could be improved on e.g. superstore - due to bus routes cuts and no direct bus route to superstores already at Sainsbury's, Marsh Mills and Morrison's at Outland Road	Traffic - Torridge Way - junction with Blandford Road & Efford Road  Community place for all in community  Residents parking who live on Torridge Way	EF01 - Efford Warren/Marsh & Efford Valley - Nature reserve and social outdoor community activities  EF08 - Efford football fields - well used by teams all ages and needs more modern changing facilities  EF06 - Efford Valley - fun days for all Efford community and wildlife and nature		Efford rent office - for ECU - community place - office for info.  EF06 & EF10 for community survival cabin  For neutral ground for all ages in community for socialising & community activities, darts evening, etc.	There is a need for a community place for all ages to socialise and for community activities. Age groups have no area to meet for ages 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's, especially as feel socially deprived and isolated from people within the community more so than groups running for youths who have youth centre & groups for elderly activities.
Mr Phil Brown Thames Garden Residents Association SNDPD246	Resident	No	Too many houses but nothing to do in the area	I think we have enough shops within Efford	Community centre and sport facilities for all ages	Higher Efford football pitches  The old Plym view playing field  Efford Valley	All our parks area's  All green spaces for the environment  Efford Marsh	The old Plym view school could be turned into a community centre and the Higher Efford playing field for more sports facilities within Efford	We have enough houses, churches, shops etc. but we have nowhere to communicate with each other.  A place for people to mix and get to know what's going on in the area. And I say no to Gypsy/Travellers Site
Mrs Marie Mckillop SNDPD257	Resident		I would like to see some facilities for children up to age 11	Limited	The area has no public walk in facilities, not even a cafe.  This area really needs something like a community centre	Our local park has been refurbished with lots of input from the kids, and is very successful and well used.  The valley is great for wildlife and exercise	Why isn't the old gypsy site being integrated into the wildlife area?	The Plym View School site would make an ideal community centre	
Mrs Marie Tuckwell SNDPD261	Resident	No	Youth club for the young and social club for the older residents	Not very good, the local co-op is very expensive, especially for the older residents	The youths need somewhere to go that teaches them arts and skills, and somewhere to play pool and socialise	The parks and the valley are very important to me as these are places were I take my grand children for picnics and socialising	The football pitches; they keep the youths off the streets and give them daily exercise.  And we need to keep them for fun	The old Plym View school should be kept and turned into a youth club and or somewhere for the older residents to meet up	A big no to gypsy site

							days to help keep the community together.		
Mrs Y Shawcross SNDPD273	Resident	Yes		Very good but could do with cleaning up. The shops need repainting and flats above, to keep up with new buildings.	Youth facilities getting better owing to new club for children on Friday evening.	Park on corner of Yeo Close very nice but weekend lots of teenagers use it late evening and gets very noisy.		The site that was the Mariner Pub should be built on with affordable homes for up and coming young couples wanting to say in Efford.	Efford is becoming very modern with the new builds of flats, library, school and church, It is getting better for the young generation owing to youth club etc. Keep us the good work getting Efford ad better name and nicer and safer place to live.
Brian Potter SNDPD276	Resident	Yes		Satisfactory	Youth/Community Centre	Efford Valley, Pike Road and the area around Laira Surgery.	area around Efford Fort entrance should be left as it is due to wildlife		
Ms Naomi Kirby SNDPD277	Resident	No	Speeding cars and potholes in road	Too expensive	Traffic, Youth Facilities	The Valley and Thames Garden Park	Leave trees where they are due to wildlife		
Ms Lisa Cookwell SNDPD278	Resident	Yes		OK but can be expensive when on a budget	Youth facilities , Traffic, Homes	Thames Gardens Park, Plym view	Plym view field, and the Efford Marsh area up Military Lane	Plym view field as a football pitch, and Plym view site for new community hub.	
Mr & Mrs E Ellis SNDPD279	resident			could be a lot better	Traffic Youth facilities, adult facilities	Plym view Football pitch, Efford Warren, Efford Fort.		Green opposite Pike Road shop for social housing, I bedroom properties to free up larger properties. Also waste land top of Deer Park Drive for same reason.	The part of Efford from the so called Community centre down is a forgotten part of Efford, Although crime is a little better. Nothing else is. We need a bus shelter at the top of Pike Road and controlled parking outside of Co op
Ms Marlene Jones SNDPD280	Resident	Yes	Ned traffic Calming Lights/ Zebra crossing outside the school	better bigger general store more competition because coop can charge what they like	Traffic is terrible	EF01, EF07		Blandford old school site should be turned into community centre	Traffic calming needed. Blandford Road/ Torridge way Crossroads is really dangerous
Mr Callum Hawking	resident		The Lane	got Better	Facilities Football pitches, Traffic on Torridge way	Football pitches by Efford Crematorium, so I can play football on a nice pitch.	Football pitch	The Valley should be improved	

SNDPD281									
Ms J Breed SNDPD282	resident	Yes		Not too bad but could be better. Could do with superstore, as no direct route from busses to other major superstores as our bus routes are being reduced.	Community place for locals to meet and socialise.  Traffic. Parking.	All our green spaces are important to all residents ion surrounding area. EF 06 EF08 EF01 for recreation and play.		Old Royal Marine site could possibly be superstore , rent office for community place-office for info	There is a need for a community place for all ages to meet and socialise and for community activities
Mr D Nurse SNDPD283	Resident	Yes		Not bad but could do with Supermarket as Efford is expanding all the time more houses being built, but no bus route to supermarket.	Traffic, Parking, need Community Place for Locals to meet and socialise for all ages.	All green spaces are important, EF06, ERF08, EF01, for recreation and play		Efford rent office for community place	
Ms Angie Pickering SNDPD285	Resident	No	We would like to change the offer of a Gypsy site	OK	Traffic, facilities. Home,	Thames Gardens Park	Military Lane Marsh		
Ms J Mumford SNDPD286	Resident			Ok	Community Centre for all. Somewhere 16 year olds and other young kids.				we need a community centre for all ages not just 16 year olds
Mr R Mumford SNDPD287	resident			OK	Community Centre for All ages				we want a centre for all ages from babies to OAPs
Ms Wendy Brown SNDPD289	Resident			OK	No Community Centre  Traffic speed on Blandford Road	Valley for dog walking.  Football pitches.	Football Pitches. Valley	Plym View Site as community space	
Ms Pauleen Yarnell SNDPD291	resident	Yes		Convenient					It would be great to have a community centre close at hand foe everyone to use young and old. It would be a disaster to allow a Gypsy site back in Efford

Ms Donna Mooney SNDPD296	Resident	No	More community facilities	There are enough shops in Efford. They employ local people which is great, but we do not need any more.	Community centre and sports facilities.	Plym view football pitch	Efford Marsh (Farm)	Manifold Gardens Park should be developed	Plym view old site should be developed as a community Centre, all people n Efford will then have somewhere to socialise. This will then impact on breaking some of the barriers of each generation. Efford is a community where people need to be brought together, and what better way than through a community centre.
Mrs Maureen Hodgins SNDPD331	Resident			We have on shop, the co-op and post office combined.	Youth facilities and traffic	Thames Garden Park is very important for the children and for staging outdoor events by our residents association. Needs to be maintained and kept in good condition.	We don't want a Gypsy Camp (near Fort land). We had that many years ago and it was a complete disaster. This area of land should be protected as a wildlife sanctuary where we can take our children and ourselves to enjoy the wonders of nature.  The school land and green and open spaces behind it. Some of this could be used for football and outdoor sport for children and adults and a changing area and another smaller park. If you are going to build affordable homes etc you will need the above for recreational purposes as children will be living in these houses and most parents will be on low incomes.		We need a community centre down this part of Efford. We have lost Highview School as this was the main part of our community here and now we have nothing indoors. It could be built near the Nursery (still there) or the green. Which would serve the young and senior citizens but it needs to be in this area. We have a very good residents association who are working hard to improve our lot down here and need every assistance they can get.

<p>Mr Michael Pealing SNDPD332</p>	<p>Resident</p>			<p>Poor. Not enough competition.</p>	<p>Commercial/industrial vehicles parking in street</p> <p>Grass verges being churned up by parking</p> <p>Junctions restricted by dangerous parking.</p> <p>Appalling road conditions</p>			<p>Old school site. Build a swimming pool and health and fitness centre and shops.</p>	<p>Whole area needs smartening up. Pavements are in appalling and dangerous conditions.</p> <p>There needs to be more enforcement of dangerous/stupid parking especially at junctions. Torridge way both ends for e.g. nobody seems to care or bother.</p>
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