

ERNESETTLE

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.

Four representations were received from residents the majority of whom thought that the summary of the neighbourhood did not reflection the situation. One representation was also received from an agent on behalf of a client.

Shopping

There was general dissatisfaction with the local shopping facilities in terms of the lack of choice of shops, and the poor physical environment. Specific reference was made to the difficulty for the elderly in accessing the local centres.

Local issues

There was no consensus on the most important local issues, although public transport and traffic issues came out high on the list of concerns on most people's lists. Lack of community facilities and facilities for young people featured high in the responses, as did the lack of local employment opportunities.

Other concerns included the need for maintenance of woodlands and the creek, and lack of screening of the sewage works.

Important Greenspaces

Budshead Woods, and the open space along Lakeside Drive together with spaces at Warren Point and land east of Ernesettle Lane are important and suggestion made that they be linked together by a footpath. A bridge link across to Warleigh Point was also suggested. The point was also made that land to the north of the fort is a prominent feature in the landscape and should be protected. Although not accessible to the public Land at RNAD Ernesettle contains a rare ancient woodland and is an important backdrop to the river. The view was expressed that development should not take place on green spaces.

Potential Development Sites

The library and community centre were considered suitable for housing, as would be Milford School if it were to be closed. Mixed use development was suggested at the Toshiba site if it were not sold. It was suggested that the site identified for a waste facility should be developed for a sports facility.

Other Comments

- It was felt that Ernesettle has been neglected and suffers from its peripheral location.
- More should be made of its riverside location
- High quality residential development
- A new shopping centre
- Better public use of the fort.
- Better public transport including rail links

Ernesettle

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	Q3a	3b	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q6b	Q7	Other comments	Upload
Mr Nick Furze SNDDP21	Work	No	Ernesettle suffers because of the high volume of social housing when compared to private housing, it is therefore important to encourage new build private housing and perhaps remove prefabricated housing on the estate. It is not well connected by bus services to Derriford or Devonport as Go Ahead are withdrawing services 46/47 which will only worsen social exclusion, and limit mobility.	The shopping facilities are poor, with only one main store monopolising being the Coop, this does not encourage businesses to compete and therefore charge more for products due to the lack of competition. The shopping centre is unsightly, is plagued by vandalism and youths which can be intimidating. The local bus stop does not have real time bus information displayed.	Maintaining Ernesettle woodlands and creek as a place of recreation, money should be invested in upgrading the river paths and landscaping. It would also be a positive to have a bridge link from Ernesettle to Warleigh woods. Shopping centre needs to be relocated or drastically modernised to include a wider choice. Public transport needs to be assessed with more bus priority measures and real time information displays which are important to passengers when waiting for buses in quiet areas. More private housing is needed in the area which incorporates a small proportion of social housing on new builds. The condition of road surfaces in Ernesettle is appalling at present especially on Biggin Hill. A new train station should be built at Ernesettle to link in with the Tamar Valley Line, especially when the line is extended to Tavistock, this could then form a Park and ride site to both Plymouth and Tavistock. Employment needs to be generated in the area and as such, incubation units should be built to encourage local residents to set up small businesses and expand creating a vibrant community. The existing factories of Toshiba should either be marketed fiercely or redeveloped as a shopping centre with business units and	ER02, ER01,ER05,ER07. These sites should be linked by a coastal path which enables access to all, including disabled people. A bridge link to Warleigh woods would be of benefit to locals. Ernesettle fort should be protected, restored and opened up to the public, perhaps by forming a charity to take it over. ER09 is a site which can be seen from most areas of Ernesettle and it is therefore important to keep a green space, if it is to be developed upon, Landscaping with trees would be essential to maintain a green and non urban look.		The site of the former library and community centre should be built upon for housing. If the former Toshiba factory is not sold then it should be developed into a shopping centre, with small business units (similar to Wolseley Trust) and private housing. As already mentioned a railway station should be built next to the Tamar Valley line when the line is extended to Tavistock to form Park and Ride facilities for both Plymouth and Tavistock. If Milford school were to be closed, then the site should also be considered for low density private housing similar to Russet Wood and not encroach on the woodland nearby.	Ernesettle suffers from poor neglect over the years, part of its failure is because it is a non thoroughfare estate and lacks passing trade. However Ernesettle should take advantage of its riverside and creek side location with stunning views which would attract walkers and nature observers. It is vital that employment opportunities are given to locals and starter business units could yield encouraging results and grow the local economy and provide employment. A new shopping centre covered by CCTV is desperately needed for the area as is high quality private housing which is not dense in nature and does not encroach upon nearby woodlands, it is also essential that the fort is preserved and opened up to the public, perhaps by forming a charity. Roads in the area are of an appalling state, especially on Biggin Hill where a full resurface is necessary and the traffic calming measures replaced. Bus services should be given priority where necessary and real time information should be provided at bus stops, a train station would be of added benefit to Ernesettle and the wider area residents. Landscaping with additional trees would be of added benefit to local people and nature.	

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Mrs Geraldine Lane SNDPD71	Resident	No	<p>The area does not have relatively good local facilities. There is no community centre and much of the green space in the area, although attractive, is inaccessible to local residents.</p> <p>Although there are currently regular bus services to Devonport and Derriford these are going to be withdrawn by City bus. You say "Every opportunity should be taken to encourage public transport" - how will this be achieved in the face of Citybus removing such an essential service?</p>	Very poor and unattractive.	<p>Lack of community facilities and opportunities for young people particularly to meet for leisure pursuits.</p> <p>Lack of employment opportunities</p> <p>Despite Ernesettle's attractive location, the sewage works is allowed to dominate the neighbourhood, both by its contrasting colour (we thought it was supposed to be green) and the lack of screening - had trees been planted when it was first built it would be fully screened by now!</p> <p>Public transport</p> <p>The city council plan shows many sites for possible residential development, but no improved infrastructure.</p>	ER01 is an important community nature reserve. ER10 contains a very rare ancient woodland and provides a wonderful background to the Tamar, although much of it is inaccessible to local residents as it is owned by the MOD.	The area marked for waste management should be protected. The residents need better sports and recreation facilities – the withdrawal of the bidders for the incinerator on the Ernesettle site surely provides a golden opportunity for this to be returned to the community for recreation (as it was in the past). This linked with the development of the river access would surely help the City Council achieve its stated aim to make Plymouth a great waterfront city, as well as giving the community the focal point it desperately needs, and meeting the requirement to improve facilities for young people.	Developing the Toshiba site as small business units would be very much welcomed.		
Mr David Valentine David valentine Associates Limited SNDPD102	Representative of the owners of land at Agaton Farm									File Attached
Mr A G Wilcox SNDPD293	Resident			Poor very few shops and expensive	Roads not in good order for amount of traffic	ER 1 to 10 Play Greens for children and animals				
Mrs Barbara Wilcox SNDPD295	Resident		we need more shops and toilets for public near the shops	Very poor for quality of goods and the selection. There are a lot of elderly people on the estate not all have cars.	Homes, Traffic Facilities, shops, bus services, youth services, Pavements and verges need to be tidied up; this would encourage people to look after the estate.	ER 1 to 10. The green spaces are very important to the residents in the area.				