

Keeping you updated with planning Plymouth's future

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Not another newsletter!

Yes... but it seems the best way of letting people know what's happening, highlighting opportunities for getting involved and communicating information in an effective way – so you don't end up with hundreds of letters or e-mails.

This is for anyone involved in Plymouth's Local Development Framework please pass it on to other people who might be interested.

Find out what the LDF is about: www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf



Your place, your future June 2007 - June 2008

Your Place, Your Future is a year long consultation in every neighbourhood across Plymouth. It was launched with an event in the City Centre, despite the rain lots of people came along to find out what's going on, how they can get involved and watch the bikes!

Big thanks to the Sustainable Transport Team at the Council, the Architect Centre for Devon and Cornwall, English Partnerships, Planning Aid, Cogs Bikes and Cycle Scene for joining in and making the day really positive!

The consultation has started now! Whichever neighbourhood you live in you can contribute during the year, if you represent an organisation you can contribute information and comments on specific neighbourhoods or highlight citywide issues. All of this work is forming the Issues and Options Stage for the Sustainable Neighbourhood Development Plan Document.

Each neighbourhood goes through three stages of consultation, your local Councillors walk around with key Council officers to discuss issues from their point of view, we meet with a group of people representing, community groups, local business and organisations working in the area, and then we put all this information up on display for anyone to comment on and to for a week in a local place. In addition, all the information is available on the internet where you can make comments anytime throughout the year.

Find out more about Your Place Your Future and when things are happening in your area:

www.plymouth.gov.uk/yourplaceyourfuture - this consultation will form the Sustainable Neighbourhood Development Plan Document



St Budeaux and Barne Barton get talking...

The first consultation events for Your Place, Your Future started with walkabout on 3 July for St Budeaux and Barne Barton. Local Councillor George Wheeler and Councillor Daffyd Williams discussed issues and ideas with planning officers and officers from Children's Services - these will be included in building up a picture about the possible future of the area.

The workshop for the areas took place on 12 July and was attended by a fantastic mix of people who are involved or live in the area. This included local resident and community groups, local councillors, housing associations, community police, land owners, businesses, religious groups and schools to name a few. A lot of information was collected and is being put on the website and is being prepared to display for the week long consultation with local people at the Co-op on Victoria Road from 17 September.



Adoption!

Full Council adopted the first three Area Action Plans on 6 August. These were the Area Action Plans for Millbay and Stonehouse, North Plymstock (including minerals) and Devonport.

These are now formal policy documents used to make decisions on planning applications. Thank you to everyone who contributed information or commented on these plans.

Plymouth City Council has now adopted more Local Development Framework Documents than any other authority in the country.

It's not just about the LDF...

The Local Development Framework is not about making plans, it's about making things happen and things are certainly happening...

Those of you who were involved with developing the Millbay Area Action Plan might like to know...

The Millbay Planning Application went to Planning Committee on 14 August and was approved with conditions.

Those of you who were involved in North Plymstock Area Action Plan might like to know...

There are two planning applications registered for Sherford, one from RedTree and one from the South West Co-op. Both of these are available for you to view. You will be able to meet the Planning Officers and make additional comments on these in September (see calendar of events).

Plymstock Quarry planning application has not been registered yet. Persimmon has been having pre-application discussions with Planning Officers.

Those of you involved in Devonport Area Action Plan might like to know...

We granted outline consent for the Vision development (South Yard Enclave) but there were a number of issues that were left to be resolved later – these are called reserved matters. The first of which was agreed recently, we are expecting further reserved matter applications to be submitted covering areas of Chapel Street and Granby Way soon.

The **Mount Wise** Planning Application was granted permission and reserved matter applications are expected in due course.

The social housing at **Pottery Quay** is now nearly complete.

Find out more about planning applications and making your comments:

Email: planningconsents@plymouth.gov.uk

Tel: 01752 304366

www.plymouth.gov.uk/planningconsents

Community breakfasts...

The second community breakfast was held at the Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre in North Prospect.

It was an opportunity to find out about the Your Place, Your Future consultation (see front page). However, what really happened was that we spent the first part of the meeting discussing how people find out and can get involved in all the work going on across Plymouth. There was a lot of frustration about how people can access information and get involved. We are constantly trying to improve and as a result have already made some changes:

- To establish this newsletter to enable us quickly let a large number of people know about everything that's happening.
- To start community 'Planning Libraries' see below

As we will have two documents prepared to submit to the Planning Inspector shortly – the Waste Development Plan and Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan, the next breakfast meeting (see calendar) will focus on explaining how you can get involved at the Submission Stage. It will not look at explaining the content of the individual documents. Individual events will be organised for each document see calendar for details.

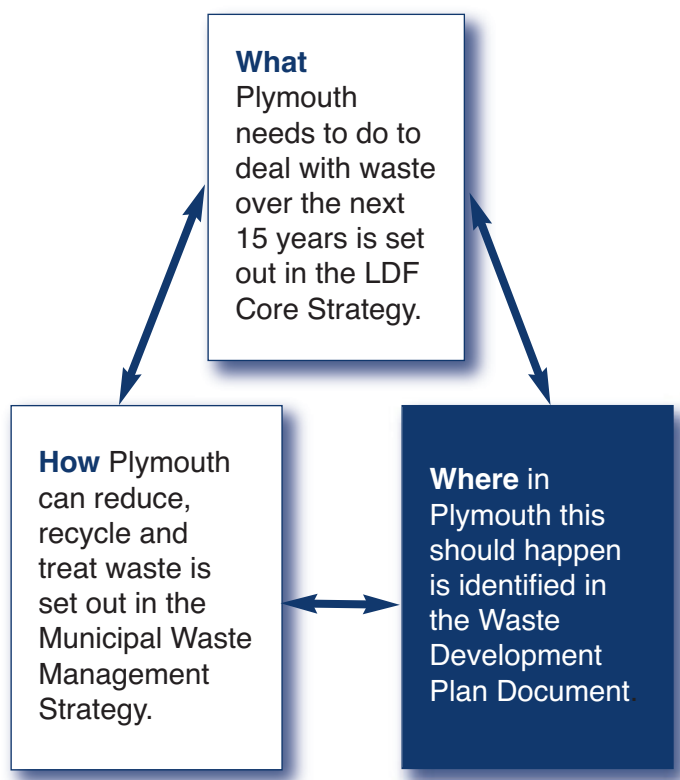


Waste Development Plan Document

The Waste Development Plan Document will be submitted to the Planning Inspector on 29 August.

You are able to tell the Planning Inspector what you think of the document any time between the 29 August and 10 October. There are drop in surgeries to help you do this (see calendar) or find out more on-line at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf

It links to two other key documents as highlighted below and has used a wide range of information and advice to write the plan including national and regional policy.



Planning reference libraries

In response to people having difficulty accessing paper copies of LDF plans and information we will be setting up Planning Reference Libraries in each neighbourhood. At the moment paper copies of all published documents are available from local libraries, but by having a set in a local community building as well means that more people can access them easily.

All the documents are available on-line but as we all know sometimes it's easier to sit down and read a hard copy. If you want to suggest venues to set up a planning reference library please contact 01752 305477.

On-line consultation

We have invested in a web management system to make it easy for you to make comments on line, view other people's comments and keep your contact details updated. You will be notified shortly of instructions on how to log in and start using this new system.

If you don't have access on line don't panic... we will still write letters and make paper copies available.

LDF diary of events...

All events are free and open to the public, those highlighted in light blue need to be pre-booked.

For events that need booking please contact Sharon Sheppard on 01752 307893

29 August	6 week representation stage begins for the submission of Waste Development Plan Document to the Planning Inspector	
Thursday 30 August 3-7pm <i>Drop in event</i>	Waste DPD Submission Surgery	The Green House, Chelson Meadow
Monday 10 September 3-7pm <i>Drop in event</i>	Waste DPD Submission Surgery	Novotel, Caveau Bar
Friday 14 September 5.30 – 7.30pm	Sherford Planning Application event	Elburton Village Hall
Monday 17 September – Saturday 22 September	Your Place, Your Future for St Budeaux and Barne Barton	Co-op, Victoria Road
Thursday 20 September 5.30 – 7.30pm	Sherford Planning Application event	St Mary's Church Hall, Plympton St Maurice
Thursday 27 September 8.30 – 10am <i>(includes a continental breakfast)</i>	Community Breakfast – What is Submission Stage?	View 2, Vauxhall Street
Monday 1 October 2 – 5.30pm <i>Drop in event</i>	Waste DPD Submission Surgery	Ernesettle Library
Wednesday 3 October 5.30 – 9pm <i>(includes a buffet dinner on arrival)</i>	Planning Aid Evening – How to get involved in planning – an independent perspective	TBC
Wednesday 10 October	Last day to make representation about the Waste Development Plan Document	
Thursday 18 October	6 week representation stage begins for the submission of the Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan to the Planning Inspector	
	6 weeks to make comments on the Design Supplementary Planning Document	
	6 weeks to make comments on the Planning Obligation Supplementary Planning Document	
Thursday 18 October – 5.30 – 9pm <i>(includes a buffet dinner on arrival)</i>	Planning Aid Evening – What are planning obligations and Section 106 agreements?	TBC
Tuesday 23 October 3-7pm	Sutton Harbour AAP Submission Surgery	View 2, Vauxhall Street

What else should be in the newsletter?

This newsletter should be useful for you – if it's not what should it have in it? Let us know by contacting us.

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