

Keeping you updated with planning Plymouth's future

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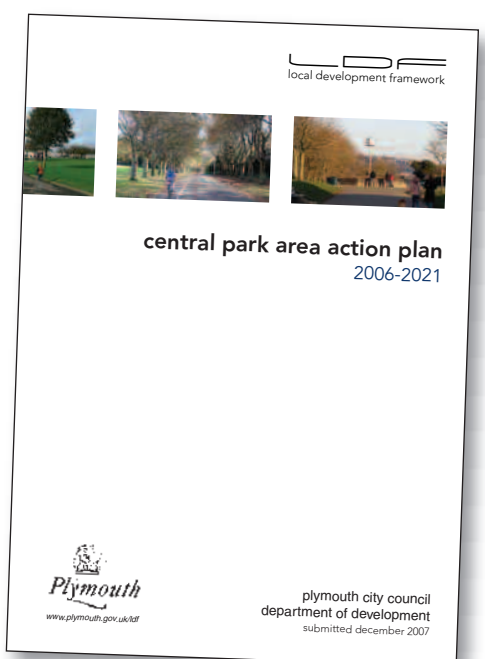
Central Park Area Action Plan

The next LDF document that you can comment on will be the Central Park Area Action Plan.

This is in the process of being submitted to the Planning Inspector, for his consideration. **You will be able to tell the Planning Inspector what you think of the document any time between 16 January and 27 February.**

There have been a lot of changes made since the last consultation stage so it is worth having a look at the changed plans before you make your comments.

The Planning Inspector needs you to make your representations in a certain way, so there are drop in surgeries where there is help for you to make your comments in the best way (see calendar) or you can find out more information at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf



Do you want to be kept in touch?

We now have over 4,000 people on our database that at some point have asked to be kept informed about the Local Development Framework (LDF).

This means you will receive this newsletter every other month, as well as information on specific LDF matters you have asked us to tell you about.

So that we can check that we are keeping everyone properly informed with the right information, please could you fill in the enclosed pre-paid postcard, returning it to us by the end of January. If you have an e-mail address please be sure to tell us, as this helps us keep in touch with you easily and in a cost effective way.

If you no longer want to be kept informed about Plymouth's LDF, please tell us so we can take you off our mailing list.

We are sorry...

In October we sent you a letter that was meant to inform you that a new LDF document was available for comment. This was the Planning Obligation and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document – which is about ensuring all development contributes towards the cost of the additional services that it will require.

Unfortunately there were a number of things wrong with this letter. For example, it wasn't in 'Plain English' and some people were incorrectly addressed. We apologise that this happened and for any concerns it may have caused you. We will try to do better in the future.

We have made a number of changes to ensure we don't make the same mistake again. For example:- We will use this regular newsletter as our main method of keeping you informed as to what is going on - so keep an eye out for things that interest you. This means we can reduce the number of other information letters that we send you - but when we do write to you we will do our best to explain things in 'Plain English'.

Find out what the Local Development Framework is about: www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldf

Your place, your future...

over 1000 people involved so far

The neighbourhood consultation is slowly moving around the city so far there have been:

Local Councillor Walkabouts around 23 neighbourhoods

Stakeholder workshops for 17 neighbourhoods

Week long community events for 8 neighbourhoods

All the events have been well supported by Councillors, local Police Community Support Officers, residents associations, housing Officers, teachers and many more – thank you to everyone who has taken the time to get involved and make sure we collect as much information about each area as possible. If you haven't been involved yet, it's not too late contact us to find out when we will be looking at your area.



Young people have been getting involved and voicing their views too. During the week in the **Ham** and **Kings Tamerton** and **Weston Mill**, a day at Tamarside Community College enabled over 100 students to add their views. Thanks to Councillor Wheeler who helped out during the lunch time rush!

At the **Estover** workshop the Extended Schools Co-ordinator arranged for a group of Year 8 students to come and join in, they added a range of interesting ideas and comments about everything from parks and places for young people to go, to buses and road safety.

Find out when we will be looking at your neighbourhood by going to www.plymouth.gov.uk/yourplaceyourfuture.

Your place your future forms the consultation for the LDF Sustainable Neighbourhood Development Plan Document – it will look at every neighbourhood that does not form part of an Area Action Plan.

Add your ideas to your local Bulletin Board!

As part of Your Place Your Future you can add your ideas about the future of your neighbourhood at anytime up to June 2008. This consultation is asking people across the city what could be improved in their neighbourhood over the next fifteen years.

There is now a Bulletin Board live on-line for you to add your comments...Go to www.plymouth.gov.uk/yourplaceyourfuture and add your ideas!

Planning Aid Evenings

Planning Aid have recently run two very successful evening events with the Council.



The first was called '**Planning for Beginners**' and was a great opportunity for people to learn about the planning process from planners that are independent from the Council. Starting from the very basics about what planning is and what you need to make applications for, right up to the more detailed and complicated parts of planning were covered in a fun and interesting way.

There were lots of positive comments afterwards so about a month later we ran another one. This time to encourage and help people make comments on the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document. It looked at what Planning Obligations and Section 106 agreements were, what they can and can't do and how people can get involved. A question and answer sessions with Planning Aid, some volunteers from Ashfords Solicitors and Plymouth City Council Planning Officers provided a lively and at times heated discussion. The event was attended by a wide range of people and everyone left knowing a bit more about a very complicated part of planning.

Thank you to Planning Aid and their volunteers for taking the time to come and run these events. We look forward to doing more work with them in the future.



It's not just about the LDF...

The Historic Environment team are busy reviewing the Conservation Areas across Plymouth and have been holding events and exhibitions in the relevant areas. The City Council has a statutory duty to consider whether areas of the city are worth designating as Conservation Areas because of their 'special architectural or historic interest'.

Ebrington Street

The Council has been reviewing its existing Conservation Areas and considering whether new ones are justified. A recent appraisal of the Ebrington Street/Beaumont Road area has indicated that it appears worthy of Conservation Area designation, and a draft boundary, appraisal and management plan has been prepared.

The proposed Conservation Area is focused on the line of Ebrington Street/Beaumont Road and its immediately adjacent streets, primarily Gascoyne Place (Lipson Road) and Beaumont Place, and includes Beaumont Park. The origins of the street plan date from at least the late 18th century, and Ebrington Street in particular was one of the principal commercial thoroughfares of the late 19th and early 20th century town.



Plympton St Maurice

Plympton St Maurice, with its incredible buildings, street patterns and green setting is a special place and we want to keep it that way.

This was one of Plymouth's first conservation areas. Plymouth City Council has recently reviewed its boundaries and has now produced a draft Appraisal and Management Plan for you to comment on.

The proposed boundary revision includes the Pathfields to the north, and the fields to the south of the Longbrook.

Find out more about the work the Historic Environment Team are doing and Conservation Areas across Plymouth at www.plymouth.gov.uk/conservation

Both Plympton St Maurice and Ebrington Street consultations run until 21 and 31 December respectively. Your comments are welcome.

Recent consultation events – what happens next?

The Waste Development Plan Document

The Planning Inspector will consider all the representations made on this plan at a hearing starting on 6th February.

Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan

Some of the representations on this plan have suggested alternative development sites. These alternatives will be advertised for further comment during January /February 2008.

The Planning Inspector will consider all the representations made on this plan at a hearing during April 2008 – dates to be confirmed.

Please make your comments online...

If you have access to the internet please make your comments on line. This helps to process all the comments really quickly and allows everyone to see all the comments made. Most importantly it helps us to keep in touch with you and update you on the LDF.



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

11-16 December <i>Drop in event</i>	Community event for Mutley and Greenbank, Mount Gould and Lipson and Laira	Swarthmore Adult Learning Centre
10 December 2.30pm	Central Park AAP to be discussed at Full Council Meeting	Council House
21 December	Last chance to make comments on the Planning Obligations SPD and the Design SPD	
During January	Publication of the LDF Annual Monitoring Report - Providing Information about key social, environmental and economic indicators	
7-12 January	Community event for Southway, Whiteleigh and Tamerton Foliot	Southway Library
9 January	Pre-examination meeting for Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan	Council House
14-19 January	Community event for Estover, Leigham and Mainstone	Asda
15 January 10-4pm	Devon Disability Forum: Active Independent Living Event	Plymouth Pavilions
16 January	Six week representation stage begins for the submission of the Central Park Area Action Plan to the Planning Inspector	
21 January 3-7pm	Central Park Area Action Plan Submission Surgery	Mayflower Leisure Centre
29 January 3-7pm	Central Park Area Action Plan Submission Surgery	St Barnabas Church
31 January 8.30-10am	Community Breakfast: Derriford	Marjons
6 February 10.30am	Public Examination for the Waste Development Plan Document	Council House
7 February 3-7pm	Central Park Area Action Plan Submission Surgery	Peverell Library
27 February	Last day to make representations about the Central Park Area Action Plan	

Please note that all these events may be subject to change, please call to confirm details before attending.

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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