

Keeping you updated with planning Plymouth's future

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Keeping you involved...

It's now been a year since we started writing this newsletter, so it was great when you sent your surveys in and over seventy percent said that the newsletter was one of the most effective ways to keep you in touch with what's happening. We had a great response to the survey to begin the review of the Statement of Community Involvement, thank you very much – the results will be published in the next newsletter.

Now there are seven Local Development Framework documents adopted we will also be focusing more on how these plans are actually starting to make changes happen on the ground across Plymouth.

Thursday 3 July - be there and get **The BIG Picture...**

Your Place, Your Future has now had all the conversations and events in the 40 neighbourhoods that are outside Area Action Plan areas.

ALL the information and ALL the comments that have been made as part of Your Place, Your Future will be displayed in the Guildhall from 12-7pm on Thursday 3 July. Planning Officers will be available to talk to you and answer your questions.

In addition the latest information about the Area Action Plan areas will be available too. This includes areas like Millbay and Stonehouse, Devonport, North Plymstock and Sutton Harbour.

If you live or work in Plymouth and want to find out about and influence what happens in the future - this is the event for you - don't miss it!

Throughout the day there will be demonstrations, talks and discussions about a whole range of work that is already happening to create sustainable neighbourhoods in Plymouth, including:

- ◆ Protecting Conservation Areas
- ◆ Creating Community Parks
- ◆ Plymouth's Economy
- ◆ Gypsy and Traveller sites
- ◆ Affordable Housing
- ◆ Sustainable Transport
- ◆ Green spaces
- ◆ A young persons perspective

For the latest details, timings for the talks and more details about the Your Place Your Future consultation programme go to www.plymouth.gov.uk/yourplaceyourfuture or call 01752 305477.





Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan will be adopted

The Planning Inspector's report has now been received following the Public Examination on the Sutton Harbour Area Action Plan (AAP). He has found the AAP sound. The report is binding on the Council.

The Inspector recommends 12 key changes to the Plan, many of which are a result of comments made by you or discussions the local community and organisations had at the Public Examination.

The report summarises the key changes as follows:

- ◆ Acknowledgment of the operational needs and health and safety requirements of the statutory harbour authorities and other commercial operators;
- ◆ Greater encouragement for water based recreation and transport facilities;
- ◆ More recognition of the historic importance of Lower Street;
- ◆ Less emphasis on harbour-side food and drink outlets;
- ◆ Clarification of the extent of use of the Sutton Harbour Heritage Trail.

The Inspector proposes no changes for the two largest strategic sites at Friary Park and the land east and west of Sutton Road; which propose more than 1,200 dwellings and over 59,000sq m of employment space.

The Inspector's report praises the extent and thoroughness of the consultation work on the AAP and states that the Council has exceeded the requirements of the SCI (the Statement of Community Involvement that sets the standards to be adopted by the Council for engaging the community and key stakeholders in the plan-making process).

The Council is now required by law to adopt the AAP as soon as is practicable following receipt of the Inspector's report unless the Secretary of State intervenes. Once it is adopted it supersedes any earlier Local Plan policies or proposals and will be a very important material consideration in the determination of any planning applications in the area.

The report is available at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/ldfsuttonharbouradoption

The Planning and Regeneration Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this plan.

Central Park Area Action Plan Public Examination

Central Park AAP Public Examination was held on 4 June. Many groups and individuals sat at the table to discuss their issues with the Independent Planning Inspector.

Issues covered included whether there is a need for the Life Centre, what the Life Centre should contain, transport issues, affordable housing and protection of the park. It was a lively debate with lots of positive contributions seeking to improve the plan.



The inspector listened to the discussions and will now go away and reflect on them as well as the comments many of you have made and the evidence base used to develop the plan. He will also be revisiting Central Park with a local community representative and a planning officer to discuss some issues in detail.

The report is expected to be ready at the end of July.



Gypsy and Traveller Sites

In 2006, Central Government published Circular 01/2006, Planning for Gypsies and Traveller Caravan Sites. As a result of the circular, all Councils now have a statutory duty to allocate sufficient land for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation needs.

Between now and 2011, Plymouth City Council needs to accommodate 40 permanent pitches and 15 transit pitches. These will generally be small sites of less than 20 pitches with 6-10 pitches being typical. Central Government funding can be accessed to meet the costs of providing them.

Whilst there is a shortage of authorised pitches there will be difficulties dealing with unauthorised encampments. We have about 20 unauthorised camps per year in Plymouth, each costing an average of £6500 to deal with. These often cause social tensions, complaints and serious problems for both settled communities and gypsies/travellers. It's very difficult to require travelling people to move from an unauthorised site when there are insufficient authorised ones in the area. The Council wants to ensure that traveller sites are located in the most appropriate locations. The question is simply where and how they come about.

We would like you to come along to the Local Development Framework BIG picture event on 3 July to give your views on the sites currently under consideration and to share any of your own suggestions with us.



Efford gets creative...

The Your Place, Your Future consultation took place in Efford in May alongside some work that Groundwork were doing in the area to look at how to improve the parks and green spaces.

There was also an amazing street performance by Lipson Community College looking at what it's like to live in Efford as a young person.



It's not just about the LDF...

Have your say on Plymouth's green spaces

Plymouth's draft Green Space Strategy 2008 – 2023 will be launched for public consultation on 1 July. The Green Space Strategy has been prepared following a detailed analysis of Plymouth's existing green spaces and play spaces.

The Green Space Strategy is a key step towards protecting and improving Plymouth's accessible green spaces and play spaces so that they are fit for the needs of Plymouth in the 21st Century. It sets out local quantity, accessibility and quality green space standards for Plymouth and identifies a number of ways in which they will be enhanced so as to improve people's health and well-being and the city's biodiversity.

Your views are important to help us identify the priorities for green space and to ensure that we have not missed anything out. To view the draft document and share your views please come along to the event at the Guildhall on July 3, or copies will be available to view at the Civic Centre, local libraries and on-line at www.plymouth.gov.uk/greenspacestrategy

The green space strategy will be available on the on-line consultation system so if you are signed up you will be notified and asked to make your comments.

If you haven't signed up yet... do it now! You will then automatically be notified when you can view and comment on a document or plan, you will be able to see what everyone is saying and you will be saving paper.

LDF diary of events...

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

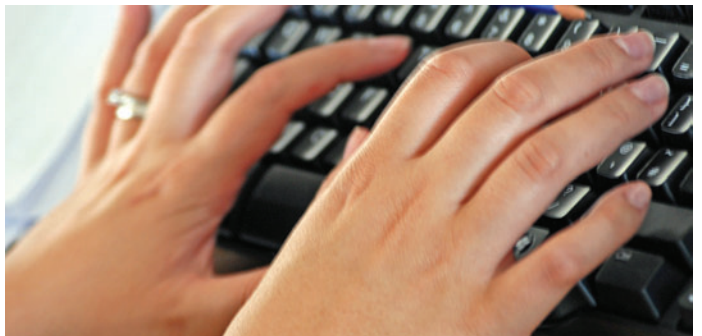
For events that need booking please contact Sharon Sheppard on 01752 307893

When...	Who for...	Why...	Where...
1 July 10.30am - 12noon	LSP Partners and Plymouth City Council Departments	How could you use all the information collected as part of this process in your work? Are there projects or work that you are planning in neighbourhoods that needs to be included in these plans?	Plymouth Guildhall
1 July 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Developers, landowners, architects and statutory consultees	Do you have sites or developments that you are planning that need to be included in this process? How do you influence what happens next?	Plymouth Guildhall
3 July 9.00am - 10.00am	Councillors	An opportunity for all ward councilors to view the results for their wards and find out what happens next	Plymouth Guildhall
3 July 12noon - 7.00pm	Everyone welcome!	Final opportunity to add your views to the Your Place, Your Future consultation and see all the comments so far and what happens next	Plymouth Guildhall

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

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.



If you would like this newsletter in an alternative format please call 01752 305477.

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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.

