

# PLYMSTOCK

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.

Ten representations were received from residents the majority of whom thought that the summary of the neighbourhood was a reasonable reflection of the situation.

### Shopping

Only one person thought that shopping at The Broadway was adequate. A range of short comings were identified including a shortage of a viable variety of shops. Too many banks, building societies, charity shops etc. In addition it was noted that the car park needs attention.

### Local Issues

The top issue identified by most people was traffic related problems. This included traffic speed and congestion, access to the A379 and city centre, and concerns about further increases in traffic when the developments at Sherford and Plymstock Quarry come on line.

Lacks of local facilities for all ages including a swimming pool were also common to most replies.

### Important Greenspaces

Most people thought that all greenspaces are important and should be retained. Those greenspaces which were specifically identified and which should be protected were Radford Park (where there was a request for more seats), Downhorn Park, and the Dissenters Cemetery

### Potential development sites

One suggestion was that the waterfront should be the subject of a study to identify future potential to prevent it all becoming residential. Downhorn Park was suggested as a potential site for a swimming pool.

### Other Comments

- The footbridge over the A379 is supported.
- Changes not required to Broadway car park.
- Public toilets needed at the Broadway.
- There was no consultation on closure of the police station, there should be no closure of the fire station.

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.
Mrs Lynda Buxton SNDPD5	Resident	Yes		Half of the Broadway is taken up by banks, building societies, estate agents, betting shops and 4 charity shops. The high rents mean that new retailers don't stay long.					
Mr John Miskelly SNDPD24	Resident	Yes		The Broadway sadly is in decline with several vacant premises. Food shopping is catered for well but as for hardware and men's clothing there is very little if any choice.	Traffic without a doubt is number one, particularly trying to get out of Plymstock toward Plymouth.  Lack of leisure facilities (dare I mention the swimming pool promised many decades ago and the fact that Sherford is not Plymstock).  Youth facilities	None	No	A swimming pool actually in Plymstock on any site would be a good start.	The file mentions a footbridge to the new development off the A379. This would be infinitely more preferable than a street level crossing of some description which would only seriously impeded traffic flow, which is going to be exacerbated exponentially by this development.  The file also mentions improvements to the Broadway car park, in particular reducing car v pedestrian issues. I have no faith that planners could achieve this and unless accident statistics suggest this is an issue I would urge the authorities to leave the car park alone. Money would be far better spent on improving the almost non-existent public toilet facilities on the Broadway and in particular recognising the toilet facility needs of the disabled and parents with young children.
Mr. Geoffrey Smith SNDPD41	long term resident	Yes		I redesigned the Broadway at the time a 20k sq ft supermarket was demanded. Now that Morrison's is operational, I guess the whole market has changed and the Broadway is a bit short of viable shopkeepers. I'm afraid the present layout/car parking was all I	After the traffic comments above, I sincerely believe there is little wrong in some demographic imbalance as you have taken figures as if Plymstock is an isolated village. It is only a part of Plymouth City and as you note there is a shortage of young people, why provide facilities?	I use most of them, so guess it's about right.	You use the word 'protection' and support the Government's change of heart re the privatisation of 'open space' or woodlands. I am most concerned	The waterfront should be subject to a planning study to identify future prospects bearing in mind its changing function. Otherwise any bit of land that	None, but appreciate the consultation.

				<p>could do at the time and it is obvious there are shortcomings in both the drab appearance, (any trees?) and pedestrian convenience, particularly bearing in mind the ageing populace!</p> <p>Yes, Plymstock might be a bit boring and not in line with national population statistics, but why must it be changed?</p> <p>I note the recent highway improvements are nearly complete (thank goodness), but I have absolutely no confidence they will in anyway cope with the traffic generated by further development at Sherford AND the quarry site. I recall how fussy your Highway Engineer was at Normandy Way when a mere four dwellings were proposed. He must be having nightmares now!! Thank you for the opportunity of making comment.</p>			<p>that the small coppice south of Hooe Road (by Reddicliff Road) has been sold off. It is an appalling state with some ill attended trees seemingly overhanging the highway and is clearly not intended to be used as open space.</p>	<p>comes up will be crammed with flats as you will have no policy to improve the contribution the area makes to the City.</p>	
<p>Mrs Diane Murton SNDPD86</p>	<p>Long term resident</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>adequate if all the shops were occupied</p>	<p>Traffic. When the new development at Plymstock Quarry is built and the new town at Sherford the traffic along Billacombe will be terrible. It is bad enough now at 8.00am. I think the footbridge will be necessary. What a pity the railway lines were taken up. Why can't we have a park and ride. What good is a swimming pool in the new town? We want one in Plymstock that people and children can walk to. Plympton's pool is central. I suspect the one at Sherford is "a sweetener" from the construction company.</p>	<p>All of them. It is important to have places to walk, to see wild life, for children to play and dogs exercised. Somewhere to sit and meditate and forget worries</p>			
<p>Mr Emery SNDPD113</p>	<p>Resident in the PL9 post code area of Plymstock</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Issues raised at previous consultation events are not included in the summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mix of shops on the Broadway should be extended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans to deal with increased traffic generated by the Morley Park and Sherford developments using the A379 and Laira Bridge are inadequate.</li> <li>• The High Quality Transport System planned to connect with the city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All existing green spaces are important to the local community and wild life. Any proposals to develop these areas would be</li> </ul>	<p>No</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Dissenters Cemetery, Howard Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cemetery is owned by Plymouth City Council who has an ethical and moral duty for its preservation. The cemetery is of historical importance and should be afforded the same protection as Church of England</li> </ul>

					<p>centre will not serve Plymstock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed pedestrian bridge over the A379 at Blackberry Lane will not connect with the centre of Plymstock.</li> <li>• The A379 will effectively prevent the new developments at Morley Park and Sherford from being integrated with Plymstock.</li> <li>• There is no Park and Ride in the Plymstock area.</li> <li>• Enforcement of no parking/waiting in the bus bay at Plymstock Broadway is not enforced causing difficulties for bus passengers.</li> </ul>	<p>resisted as it would detract from the amenity value and affect the well being of people already living in the area.</p>			<p>churchyards in Plymstock and Hooe. Any proposal to exhume the bodies for reburial in a secular cemetery for monetary gain cannot be justified. Dissenters were persecuted for their beliefs in their lifetime and refused burial in Church of England churchyards. Any proposal that perpetuates this schism is unacceptable.</p> <p>Eight people commented on the Dissenters Cemetery in the Community Planning Study to the 2006-2011 Local Plan. Plymstock elected councillors decided at the 9th November 2009 meeting of the Plymstock Area Committee that the cemetery should remain as it is.</p>
<p>Mr F.E Sharpe SNDPDI18</p>	<p>Resident</p>			<p>The Broadway is the largest group of shops to serve both Plymstock wards Dunstone and Radford but at the moment some units are empty. The shopping centre also is lacking certain types of shop like electrical and hardware.</p>	<p>Facilities lacking for all age groups, such as a swimming pool centrally situated for residents of both Plymstock wards, a facility required now not possibly in year to come.</p>	<p>Radford Park but more seats required. The large area of Downham Park should be used for a Plymstock swimming pool sited near the Broadway shopping centre and library etc with access via Memory Lane like council officers suggested in 2003. But the public should be consulted a facility needed here not in Sherford.</p>			<p>A speed limit in Broadway car park is required. Public toilets required on Broadway Shopping Centre. When was there any consultation before Plymstock Police Station, front office was closed. We need to keep Plymstock fire station open in the future. More seats required in Radford please. Plymstock so deprived of swimming facilities, recently Plymstock School had portable swimming pool in school hall for a number of weeks, a facility that only goes to deprived areas.</p>
<p>Elaine O'Flaherty SNDPDI80</p>	<p>Resident</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Urgent need for a park and ride</p>	<p>Broadway car park needs urgent attention</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State of the roads and pavement.</li> <li>2. Traffic, including access to A38 and city centre</li> </ol>	<p>Downham Park, PS06</p>		<p>None - Plymstock should be treated as a rural area</p>	<p>Please review decision to allow development in Hooe Quarry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access</li> <li>2. Wildlife</li> </ol>

									3. Facilities
R White SNDPD182	Resident	No	I am concerned about Hooe Quarry Development	Adequate	Traffic, Sewerage, Schools, Doctors, All services	Hooe Quarry	Hooe Quarry and Barton Road which is the coastal path	There are enough people and traffic in the Plymstock area, with not enough services in place	
Barbara Mickley SNDPD272	Shop at Broadway as resident of area.	Yes		Adequate for most necessities at Broadway and Morrison's, Pomphlett.  Speed of parking vehicles too high despite 10mph signs.	Traffic increase and speed.  Swimming pool promise for Plymstock not fulfilled.  Loss of police station.	All - including dissenter's cemetery which should be left as a wildflower site with no interference to burials.	PS numbers need identification  Protect footpaths		
Mrs J Bolingbroke SNDPD350	Resident	Yes		Fairly good.	Traffic.	PS05			