



Launch of e-newsletter about **Our Plan**

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of Our Plan Latest News.

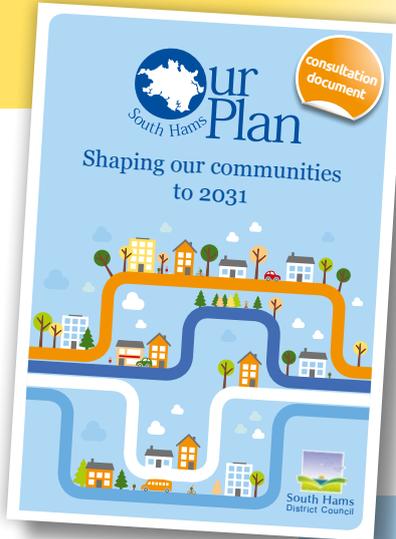
Hopefully you will by now have seen the consultation document on Our Plan which marks the first stage in its preparation. This document sets the scene including what we believe are the main challenges and the topics the plan should cover. If you haven't already had a chance to have a look then please do. You can comment until Friday 20th June – take a look at our website (www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan) or pop in to our offices in Totnes.

We're continuing to work on Our Plan and over the summer months there will be lots of different opportunities for you to get involved in helping us shape the detail of the plan. As part of this consultation, we'll be publishing regular e-newsletters, like this one, through which we'll share with you the latest news on various topics in Our Plan.

This first edition gives you a quick overview of Our Plan and why we're preparing it, provides more information about the events we'll be attending over the summer and lets you know what's coming up in future newsletters.

If you aren't already signed up to receive these e-newsletter updates then contact the strategic planning team with your email address and we'll get you added to our mailing list.

Finally, we hope that you find these e-newsletters interesting and informative. They're designed for you to get the information you need to be able to get as involved as you want to be in shaping Our Plan for the future. So, if there's anything you think we could do to make them better then let us know.



What next?

Topics coming up in future e-newsletters...

- Considering sites for development
- Renewable energy
- Development strategy
- Neighbourhood Planning

What is Our Plan?

Our Plan will be an overarching strategic plan for the whole of the District to 2031. It will cover a wide range of topics, from issues such as community wellbeing, energy needs and landscape protection through to employment growth, housing and infrastructure. Our Plan will include planning policies for the part of the District outside of the Dartmoor National Park who have their own plans and policies for their area.

Our current Core Strategy only takes us to 2016, so it is important that we begin work on preparing a new plan for the District. There have also been changes introduced by central government to the national planning system which means that we need to update our plans and cover a wider range of issues than before. It makes more sense to write one new plan covering all the issues than amend the ones we already have.

By preparing a new plan in this way, we can make sure that future Council services are commissioned in the most effective way that meets local needs and supports communities. Having an up to date plan also means that we are less at risk from unplanned development in inappropriate areas and at the same time means that we can support development opportunities which help our local businesses and communities to thrive.



Reminder.....

The first consultation on the topics the plan should cover and the challenges that need to be addressed is already underway. To give us your views, please visit our website and complete the short form. We need your comments by the **20th June** please.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the strategic planning team who will be more than happy to help you. Telephone 01803 861234 or email strategic.planning@southhams.gov.uk.

We look forward to working with you to prepare this new plan.

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Have your say!

The views of local residents, businesses, organisations and other public agencies are important to the success of the plan. There will be lots of opportunity for you to put forward your ideas on what the plan should contain, as well as having the opportunity to comment on the draft plan. As well as these e-newsletters, we will be attending lots of local events over the summer where you will be able to talk to us about your ideas and concerns. We have an event timetable which sets out how we will be working with the community and interested parties to prepare the plan. Here are the dates for the local community events that we will be at. We look forward to seeing you!

18th June 9.30am – 12 noon
Dartmouth Connect, Sainsburys

27th July – all day
Totnes Show

28th June 10am – 1pm
Kingsbridge Community Day, the Quay

30th July – all day
Yealmpton Show

5th July 12 noon – 6pm
Ivybridge Lions Funday, Ivybridge Rugby Club

6th September – all day
Kingsbridge Show

If you are a developer or planning agent, we will be arranging specific events to talk with you about our plan.

Please contact us to register your interest to attend.

For more information

Follow us on Twitter and find us on Facebook to keep up to date with progress being made on Our Plan and to find out about events near you.

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