APPENDIX XVI
Plymouth City Council: Consultation Materials
What's the Future?

Your chance to change the future of Plymouth

Something different to see and talk about from 10am to 5pm

71 NEW GEORGE STREET, PLYMOUTH
SATURDAY 8 JUNE TO SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2013

Plus... theatre performance from Pilot Thumb, music by Café Concrete, meet local architects, local community radio, photos, plans, walks, debates and a chance to meet groups and organisations helping to shape the future of the city.

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Add your comments to the Plymouth Plan here...

Your Post Code:

Circle the themes your comment relate to most...

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If you want to be kept in touch with the Plymouth Plan please add your contact details:
Name
E-mail
Address

Or follow @PlymouthPlan or Plymouth Plan on Facebook

All comments need to be in by 25 October 2014.

Hand this in at a sofa event, at your local library, the Civic Centre or post to: Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3AE
PLYMOUTH PLAN CONNECTIONS
How you can get involved...
The Plymouth Plan will be a single strategic plan for the city, looking ahead to 2031 and beyond.

It will bring together all of the city’s long term strategic plans into one place. It will deliver a full review of the current Local Development Framework Core Strategy and incorporate the strategic policy elements of the Local Transport Plan, the Local Economic Strategy, the Waste Strategy, Health and Wellbeing strategies, the Children and Young People’s Plan, the Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Visitor Plan, Vital Spark Cultural Strategy and a range of other longer term plans and planning processes that have previously been developed separately.

This more coordinated approach will enable the city to have a single voice on its strategic priorities whilst helping all of the key partners to pull in the same direction.

HOW IS THE PLYMOUTH PLAN BEING DEVELOPED?

The Plymouth Plan Connection time runs from July to October 2014.

The Plymouth Plan Connections stage follows on from the Plymouth Plan Sofa Conversations and Convention that took place during 2013. The next stage is about making connections to ensure we cover everything needed in the best way and we involve the right people.

All of this work will be used to draft the Plymouth Plan for people to comment on. This will then be published in two parts:

Part One sets what we want Plymouth to be like in 2031 and how we will get there. This draft strategic plan will be published before the end of 2014 for comments.

Part Two will look in more detail at where and how things will happen. This draft set of site specific policies and proposals will be published in draft in 2015.
Once the Plymouth Plan is finalised, it will be submitted to the Government for independent public examination. The Council’s intention is to formally adopt the Plan by February 2017.

You can view the Cabinet report about this process at [www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan)

As a Cooperative Council, the Council has adopted a range of people-centred values in its Corporate Plan that are being used to guide the development of the plan and how people are involved [http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/ourplan](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/ourplan)

The Council is also committed to a process of continual community engagement in all its local planning work as set out in its adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). [www.plymouth.gov.uk/sci](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sci)
WHAT CAN YOU MAKE COMMENTS ABOUT?

There’s a range of information to help people have meaningful discussions on the Plymouth Plan. The plan is looking at long term strategic issues that the city needs to address. By the end of this consultation we will have developed area visions and have a clearer idea about the most important things to include in the plan.

Assessments have been done on local areas, and topic papers that look at key issues will be published on the Council’s website every week up until 15 September.

These topic papers will relate to nine key themes that have been identified to provide an overall framework for the Plan, as shown below.
HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE PLYMOUTH PLAN?

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More dates will be added visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan for more details.
HOLD AN EVENT OR WORKSHOP IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

Free Plymouth Plan packs are available that are put together specifically for community groups who would like to run an event or discuss the Plymouth Plan as part of something they are already planning.

The packs will be put together specifically for your group and include everything you need to discuss the plan from maps to biscuits!

Plymouth Octopus Project is providing free training for groups that want to take part. If you apply for a pack, tell the Plymouth Plan Team about your event and return your comments by 25 October 2014, you will receive a £50 thank you for your group to use and be invited to special debate evenings that focus on some of the key issues the plan needs to deal with.

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Comment online
You can view all the Plymouth Plan information on our website at www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan where you can also make comments online. You can also comment on the Plymouth Plan Facebook page or on Twitter @PlymouthPlan

Post your comments
You can view paper copies of Plymouth Plan information at your local library and post your response to Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Service, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth PL1 3BJ

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
Following Plymouth Plan Connections, all the comments will be published and Part One of the Plymouth Plan will be drafted by December 2014, then everyone involved will have the opportunity to comment and see whether their views have been included.
PLYMOUTH PLAN CHECK-UP

Part One consultation
21 January to 4 March 2015

ARE WE ON THE RIGHT TRACK?

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PlymouthPlan
GET INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WHERE YOU LIVE

People across Plymouth are being asked about the land in the city as the next phase of the Plymouth Plan gets underway.

Residents are being asked to take a good look at their own neighbourhood, as well as the whole city, to give their views on what land should be set aside for homes, which land should be protected as green space and which infrastructure is needed to make this happen, including roads, schools and health services.

Plymouth Plan Part One has now been approved as the one strategic document for the city and sets out what Plymouth should be like by 2031. Plymouth Plan Part Two is asking the questions where and how this should be delivered.

To help make it easier for people to comment, the city has been divided into eight areas and the Council has put together Plymouth Plan toolkits to give people a breakdown of what they need to think about.

The Council is hoping community groups will have conversations across the city and use the toolkits for lively discussions about what is important to residents and what they would like to see in their area for the future.

The Plymouth Plan team is setting out its stall at Plymouth City Market every Friday morning to talk to local people about the toolkits.

Events are being planned around the city and the Plymouth Plan team wants to work with and hear from community groups willing to run an event or workshop.

Groups can apply to the Plymouth Octopus Project for free training and guidance on how to host an event and how to really understand the toolkits. On receipt of comments, the group will be entitled to receive £20.

All information about the Plymouth Plan and the toolkits covering each area is on www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan and comments can be made online.

Comments can also be made on the Plymouth Plan Facebook page or on Twitter @PlymouthPlan or email plymouthplan@plymouth.gov.uk

Paper copies of all the toolkits will be available to view in all our libraries as well as the 1st Stop Shop in New George Street.

Anyone interested in setting up a consultation should get in touch with portzfra.coop.

The consultation runs until 8 January 2016.

The Plymouth Plan: Out & About

WE WANT TO ENSURE PEOPLE LIVE WITHIN 400M OF A GREEN SPACE

WE WANT TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO MOVE AROUND THE CITY WITH EASE

WE NEED 22,700 NEW HOMES
What does the plan say about around here?

THE CENTRAL TOOLKIT COVERS:
Efford, Greenbank and University, Higher Compton, Lipson and Laira, Mannnamead, Mount Gould, and Peverell and Hartley

In this area:
- A new history centre is being planned on the current Central Library site.
- Nearly 50 sites have been identified for possible development in the future.
- There is a lack of accessible green space in the area which may not be protected.
- A lot of students live here.
- Nine per cent of residents provide unpaid care for either family or friends.
- 4,325 people who live in the area work in education.
- The amount of people with no qualifications is lower compared to the Plymouth average.
- A lot of crime is reported in Compton.
- A lot of householders in the area say they are likely to recycle.
- Unemployment is low.
- The amount of people who privately rent is higher than the Plymouth average.

THE SOUTH TOOLKIT COVERS:
Devonport, East End, Plymouth City Centre, Stonehouse

In this area:
- Over 56 sites have been identified for possible development in the future.
- There is a lack of accessible green space in the area which may not be protected.
- The population has no qualifications.
- The area includes key historical conservation areas.
- Half of the children in the area are classed as living in poverty.
- More people in the South have degrees than the Plymouth average.
- In the east, higher than average amount of people cycles to work.

THE WEST TOOLKIT COVERS:
Barne Barton, Beacon Park, Ham, Weston Mill and Penny Cross, North Prospect and St Budeaux and Kings Tamerton

In this area:
- A lot of crime is reported around Barne Barton, St Budeaux and Kings Tamerton.
- Over 15 sites have been identified for possible development in the future.
- Over 30 per cent of the population has no qualifications.
- These hills can make getting around sustainably a challenge.
- Deprivation is relatively high.
- There is a lack of accessible green space here.
- 11.6 per cent of the residents in the area provide unpaid care for either family or friends.

There's much more detail about all the areas in the toolkits and online. Get involved and #HaveYourSay on these statistics and the land in your local area!

GET INVOLVED!

www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan

Special Feature

LIVE HERE?
WORK HERE?
PLAY HERE?
CLICK HERE!

A new interactive Plymouth Plan website has been launched to help users get to the issues they are interested in just by clicking.

Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure, Councillor Mark Coker said: "We wanted the plan in one place that people can access from home and from work, but needed to make it easy to navigate as well as keeping it simple and informative."

"It works on many levels. Developers can click through to pages detailing policy that will be relevant to them. Investors can see how we plan to grow the city and key sport venues and women will be able to click onto policies which set out how we will support our champions as well as our grassroots teams and those who want to keep fit."

The interactive site has been developed by local gaming company Mutalit Labs.

Neighbourhood planning manager Hannah Slaggert added: "We wanted to make it funny and fun but also get some really important information across.

"We are keen to help people see the link between having a plan and seeing change on the ground. It is not always easy to see the connection but the major regeneration at Millbay for instance would not happen without having a plan in the first place. We want people to get involved right from the start."

The whole site is linked to Twitter and Facebook and people will be able to share and like information.

To visit the interactive plan visit: www.theplymouthplan.co.uk

PLYMOUTH PLAN

The Plymouth Shopper
visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan
email us plymouthplan@plymouth.gov.uk
use the interactive plan www.theplymouthplan.co.uk
follow us on twitter @plymouthplan @plymccplanning
find us on facebook PlymouthPlan

THE PLYMOUTH PLAN 2011-2031

Plymouth
Britain's Ocean City
the future plan for plymouth...
PLYMOUTH PLAN COLLECT:
LOCAL VIEWS ON LOCAL SPACES

COMMENT ON YOUR LOCAL TOOLKIT

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PLYMOUTH CITY MARKET MAP

THIS IS WHERE THE PLYMOUTH PLAN WILL BE IN PLYMOUTH CITY MARKET

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9:30AM - 12:30PM UNTIL FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2015

COME AND VIEW YOUR TOOLKIT

FIND US NEXT TO TIMEBANK SOUTH WEST

PLYMOUTH PLAN COLLECT: LOCAL VIEWS ON LOCAL SPACES

www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthplan
South Hams District Council: Consultation Materials
Shaping our communities to 2031
Our District
The area Our Plan will cover

- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- Dartmoor National Park
- South Hams District Boundary
- Neighbouring Local Authority Boundaries

- Major roads
- Main roads
- Railway
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Foreword

Welcome to the first formal stage of us working with you to shape ‘Our Plan’. I am assuming if you are reading this that you are interested in what we are doing and how you might be involved.

Our current Core Strategy runs from 2001-2016, and as we are fast approaching the end of that plan period there is a clear need to begin work on a new plan. Another reason for doing so is because central Government has significantly changed the planning system by introducing the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and we need to ensure our plans are fit for purpose and in conformity with this new national policy. Also, the new plan that we are required to produce has to cover a wider range of issues that go beyond traditional planning policy and it makes more sense to write a new plan rather than try and amend the existing ones. Therefore, ‘Our Plan’ will be an overarching strategic plan for the District of South Hams up to 2031.

Developing our plans is always challenging. It is always controversial and different sectors and individuals in our community understandably see things very differently. However, we need to hold on to the fact that we are planning for the communities of tomorrow not just for ourselves today. What we do now will have a significant impact on how people live their lives in South Hams in the future.
Our biggest challenge is enabling growth and providing much needed homes and jobs whilst, at the same time, protecting the beautiful place that is South Hams – no mean feat as I’m sure you can appreciate. To do this we need to gather evidence of local need and think about what we need to provide and where to meet those needs.

Your views are important to us as we shape our plans and I do hope you will work with us over the next few months to do so. Unfortunately most people only get involved at a much later stage in the process, normally when a planning application directly affects them. By then it’s normally too late as the principle of development has already been established and we are keen to try and engage more people much earlier in the process.

Again this is a challenge and engaging people isn’t easy. Some of our more traditional methods such as holding exhibitions in village halls have limited success and we struggle to attract new people to get involved at these events. Whilst we will continue to do this we will also be making better use of technology and social media to try and reach a wider audience.

As the first stage of engagement this document sets out the proposed scope of our plan. It reflects on how things have changed in the area in the last decade or so and shows the major challenges ahead as we see them. It also sets out our timetable and the various ways that you can be involved.

What do you think? Are we focussing on the right things or do you feel we are missing something? Do please let us know.

Cllr John Tucker, Leader,
South Hams District Council
About the Plan

This is a high level, strategic plan for South Hams which will set out how the needs and aspirations of our communities will be met up to 2031.

The high level plan applies to the entire District. The planning policies set out in the plan will cover the area of the South Hams outside of the Dartmoor National Park who have their own plans and policies for their area.

To produce the plan we gather a significant amount of local evidence of need and put this alongside national guidance and policy. We also work with neighbouring areas and other public authorities, to ensure we plan effectively for the wider region as well as working with our local community and stakeholders to understand local needs and aspirations. The information we have gathered so far suggests that the plan should cover the following areas:

Our Vision
- Aims and framework for future growth
- Our priorities and challenges

Our Communities
- The development strategy
- Role for neighbourhood planning
- Defining ‘sustainable development’
- Infrastructure
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Community empowerment and enabling
Our Homes
- Future housing numbers
- Affordable housing
- Self-build
- Gypsy and traveller provision
- Housing mix and type
- Design standards

Our Economy
- Employment strategy
- Employment policies
- Town centre and retail policies
- Tourism
- Regeneration
- Diversification
- Enabling flexibility and supporting change

Our Heritage
- Conservation areas
- Listed buildings
- Heritage assets
- Reuse of land and buildings
- Archaeology

Our Nature
- Designated and protected landscapes
- Green infrastructure
- Trees and hedges
- Coastal change

Our Resources
- Renewable energy
- Zero carbon
- Climate change
- Energy hierarchy
- Sustainable construction
- Flood risk

Our Wellbeing
- Social inclusion
- Public safety
- Open space and sport
- Community assets
- Health infrastructure

Shaping our communities to 2031
Our Plan – how will it be prepared?

The diagram shows the plan preparation stages. In particular it shows when we will engage and consult with others.

- **Collect evidence and review existing plans**
- **Consultation**
  - Consult on the scope of the plan and gather local knowledge
  - **Regulation 18**
- **Work with local communities, stakeholders and partners to explore options for responding to local challenges and generate proposed actions for the plan**

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We are required to undertake two formal consultations and this is the first of them. This first stage is quite broad and sets out what the plan will cover. Over the summer months there will be much informal engagement with individuals, communities and stakeholders to discuss various topics which will help us shape the detail of the plan. In the winter we will undertake the second formal consultation which will consult on the draft plan.
Before we can start planning for the future we need to fully understand the big challenges we face as a District.

Our District - what are the big challenges we need to address?

- Population up 1.57% to 83,140
- Population aged 65 and above up 16%
- Number of dwellings up 6.64% to 43,238
- Average weekly wage up 25.5%
- Average house prices up 91.6% to £230,000 between 2001-2009
- Number of cars and vans up 146% to 1,959
- Average employment up 8%
- Number of people in employment up 8%
- Fuel poverty up by 1.3% between 2010 and 2011
- Households on the Local Authority Housing Register up 146% to 1,959

30-44 age group down 22%
People with no formal qualifications down 4.76%
Number of full-time workers down 4.5%
Carbon emissions per person down 21% to 8.2 tonnes between 2005 - 2011
Households with dependent children down 6.8% to 8,686
Our population is changing with an **increasing older age** population

We have a sustained need for more **market and affordable housing**

There is an **out migration of young and working age people**

Energy security is a growing issue. We need to find ways to **increase renewable energy** generation and reduce fuel poverty

We need to empower our communities to **produce Neighbourhood Plans** and take ownership of local planning matters

We need to **improve the health and wellbeing** of our communities

Climate change means we need to respond and **adapt to changing weather patterns** and reduce carbon emissions

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The evidence we have gathered thus far has given us a fairly clear picture of what these challenges are but we would be keen to know whether you agree with us.

These challenges are not new to us and our previous plans have made significant inroads into addressing these issues.

However, there is still much to do. We still have many people in need of homes and jobs and we need to meet these needs whilst at the same time protecting the very special place that is the South Hams. We need to do all we can to ensure a good quality of life for our communities now and in the future.

The diagrams on the following pages set out the challenges as we see them. **What do you think?** Have we missed anything? Is there something you would like us to consider?
Enabling healthy and active lifestyles

Responding positively to climate change

Retaining young people and families

Finding innovative and flexible housing solutions

Increasing self-reliance for individuals and communities

Attracting a range of jobs

Improving access to services

Supporting an increasing older age population

Supporting and retaining existing jobs and local businesses

Building a mix of housing to meet market and local needs

Encouraging community planning and ownership

Improving the overall health, wellbeing and resilience of our communities
Recognising and promoting what makes the area ‘special’
Enabling the right amount of development in the right places
Protecting and enhancing our natural landscapes
Adapting to changing weather patterns

Enabling more affordable housing options
Improving transport links
Enhancing the role of town centres
Ensuring adequate access to recreation and open spaces

Making the most of new technologies
Making the most of our historic environment and heritage assets
Encouraging sustainable construction methods
Maintaining services with less public funding

Enabling effective waste management
Enabling renewable energy
Maintaining and enhancing infrastructure (e.g. Schools, roads, healthcare etc.)
Our Plan – what happens next and how can you be involved?

We will review all of the comments that you make and use these to help shape Our Plan.

We are also required to prepare other supporting documents such as a Sustainability Appraisal which allows us to understand the social, environmental and economic effects of our plans and policies. Your comments will help inform these documents as well.

We would like to know whether we have identified the right challenges and topics that Our Plan will cover or whether there are things missing. We have prepared a short response form which you can complete online.

www.southhams.gov.uk/response

You can make your comments between Friday 9th May and Friday 20th June 2014. We would like to encourage you to send us your views electronically wherever possible.
However, should you wish to read a hard copy, you can find one at:

- South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE

Your comments can be sent to the Strategic Planning Team at the same address.

We will add as much information as we can about Our Plan on the Council’s website at [www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan)

This will include consultation events that we plan to attend, with an Event Timetable explaining where we will be over the summer months. This will be regularly updated over the coming weeks as we confirm our attendance at more events. This can be found on our website.

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.

[www.facebook.com/OurPlanSH](http://www.facebook.com/OurPlanSH)  
[@OurPlanSH](https://twitter.com/OurPlanSH)
For more information please contact

The Strategic Planning Team, South Hams District Council, Follaton House, Totnes, Devon TQ9 5NE

e Strategic.Planning@southhams.gov.uk
w www.southhams.gov.uk/ourplan

This document can be made available in large print, Braille or tape format on request.

This document meets the requirements of Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (2012) and incorporates the Local Plan as required by the National Planning Policy Framework.
Planning for the future!

How many new homes do we need to plan for?
Where will new development go?
What should our local renewable energy strategy be?
How are we going to boost our local economy?
How can we improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities?

These are just some of the big challenges that we need to tackle over the next year as we develop “Our Plan” for the District.

Come along to a Town and Parish Workshop to find out more....
Location: Council Chamber, Follaton House, Totnes | Date: Friday 2nd May 2014 | Time: 10am – 1pm

Places limited to two per parish so book early by contacting Debbie Bird: debbie.bird@swdevon.gov.uk or 01822 813515.
Our Plan
Shaping our communities to 2031

Have your say
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South Hams District Council is preparing a new strategic plan, *what are the big challenges we need to address?*

- Will there be enough homes for you, your children and grandchildren in the future?
- Where should our new homes be built?
- What jobs will we have?
- How will we get from place to place?
- How can we encourage our young people and families to stay in the South Hams?
- Where will our energy come from?
What are the big challenges for the South Hams in the next 20 years?

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Where will our energy come from?

How can we encourage our young people and families to stay in the South Hams?

Talk to us today about what’s important to you

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West Devon Borough Council: Consultation Materials
Have your say

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@OurPlanWD
Consultation
Friday 9th May - Friday 20th June

The Council is preparing a new strategic plan for West Devon which will set out a vision, long term priorities and planning policies for the area to 2031.

We have prepared a consultation document which sets out:

- what we think the challenges are for the future; and
- what topics we think the new plan might cover.

We would really like to know

- whether you think we have identified the right topics and challenges for Our Plan; and
- whether there is anything else Our Plan should contain.

The consultation document is available to view on our website or at the Council offices at Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE

To view and comment on the plan please visit www.westdevon.gov.uk/ourplan

For more information, please contact the Strategic Planning Team on 01822 813600 or email strategic.planning@westdevon.gov.uk

This consultation is in accordance with regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2012
Planning for the future!
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**Consultation Events**

*What are the big challenges facing West Devon in the next 20 years? Will there be enough homes for you and your family? What job opportunities will there be in the area?*

Come and talk to Officers from West Devon Borough Council about a new plan – Our Plan – which will shape development in West Devon between now and 2031. These events are being held for all the communities in West Devon, so come along to your local venue to find out more.

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Our Plan is a long term strategic plan for the Borough which covers the period from 2011 to 2031. It sets out a vision, aims and objectives to manage future development across West Devon. The development strategy and planning policies cover the area of West Devon outside the Dartmoor National Park.

We are consulting on the Publication version of Our Plan West Devon. This is the document that we hope to submit for independent examination. Depending on the feedback we receive from this consultation, we may choose to make changes to the plan and re-consult with the community on an amended version later in the year.

The plan has a number of key themes, each of which are covered in separate chapters. The main themes are each shown on the exhibition boards. You can view the full plan or individual chapters here today or on our website—www.westdevon.gov.uk/ourplan.

Our Homes

Our Plan supports:

- an average rate of new housing development of 216 homes a year;
- accommodation suitable for an ageing population;
- 1, 2 and 3 bedroom houses to provide more opportunities for entry-level households;
- opportunities for people to live and work in the same unit;
- self-build, custom-build and self-finish schemes; and
- homes which are affordable to people on low incomes by asking for up to 30% affordable housing on sites of 10 or more homes.

Our Infrastructure

Our Plan supports:

- development which can be supported by existing infrastructure or which makes provision for new services and facilities to support it;
- development which contributes to the delivery of high speed broadband services, mobile broadband, Wi-Fi and mobile signal;
- new initiatives to improve community transport, public transport, walking and cycling links and local highways;
- the safeguarding of the former railway line between Okehampton and Bere Alston to support longer term ambitions for the reintroduction of regular passenger railway services; and
- the provision of public open spaces, allotments, sport and recreation facilities, leisure spaces, cultural experiences, health and education services.

* as shown on the Proposals Maps
Our Plan supports:

- development which meets the needs of all our local communities;
- development in our main towns, local centres and main villages where there are a range of services and facilities;
- small scale development to meet identified local housing and business needs in our smaller villages, hamlets and countryside;
- opportunities for communities to make their own decisions about the local delivery of services and where and how development takes place; and
- the need to explore the potential for a new community to meet the longer term development needs of West Devon to avoid overburdening existing towns and infrastructure.

Where will new homes and other large scale developments be located?

In all of our **Main Towns, Local Centres and Main Villages** (see below) we are proposing that some new housing and employment development takes place. These are considered to be the most suitable and sustainable settlements for accommodating new development. However, levels of development will vary between communities based on local circumstances, site availability, infrastructure capacity outstanding development sites and how much development has been accommodated within the settlement in recent years. The map shows the different settlement classifications, the location of employment sites, existing strategic housing allocations and how many new homes are proposed in each settlement.

Our Plan does not propose to make any site allocations to accommodate these new homes (with the exception of Tavistock). Instead, there is the opportunity for communities to take the lead in identifying where and how the new development takes place, through the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans.

If communities do not wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, the Borough Council will do this through preparing a separate Allocations Development Plan Document to identify and allocate appropriate sites.
Neighbourhood Plans allow local communities to develop their own plans for growth in their area. These plans, once adopted, carry legal weight when making planning decisions. Even emerging plans can be taken into consideration. Neighbourhood plans are about planning for growth not stifling it.

The Council is seeking to encourage communities to take a lead role in identifying where new homes and other development opportunities should be located within individual towns and villages through neighbourhood planning projects.

What about small scale developments, e.g. 1 or 2 houses or a live-work unit in main towns, local centres and main villages??

We are proposing removing artificially created settlement boundaries to provide opportunities for proposals of up to 2 dwellings or small scale employment opportunities. Such proposals would have to demonstrate that they were sustainable and were contributing towards meeting local needs. This is a more flexible and positive strategy that will help to deliver housing, including more affordable homes, to meet local community needs. This doesn’t mean that there will be a free for all; instead, we will use a set of robust criteria to assess whether proposals contribute to sustainable development for the community.

What about development elsewhere in West Devon?

Under normal circumstances we would not support development taking place in our smaller villages, hamlets and the countryside because of their lack of services and facilities, the potential for more people to rely on the private car and a risk of increasing rural social isolation. However, where there is an evidenced and overriding need for a particular type of development to take place, we would not wish to prevent this from happening. For example, we may wish to permit the development of an affordable housing exception site which has been evidenced through a Parish Housing Needs Survey, support the provision of elderly or ancillary accommodation for local needs, or allow development where it would reduce use of the private car for care or business purposes and where it can be demonstrated that the need can most appropriately be accommodated there. As per national policy, we would also support isolated homes in the countryside where:

- there is the essential need for a rural worker or family member to live permanently at or near their place of work or family unit in the countryside;
- such development would represent the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would secure the future of heritage assets in the most appropriate way;
- the development would re-use redundant or disused buildings and lead to an enhancement to the immediate setting;
- the proposal is of an exceptional quality or innovative nature; or
- there is an identified need for a Gypsy or Traveller site in that location.

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If you’re interested in finding out more about Neighbourhood Planning for YOUR community, come along to a Neighbourhood Planning event in xxx on xxx
Our Heritage

Our Plan supports:

- the conservation, enhancement and promotion of the historic environment of West Devon, including designated conservation areas and national and local heritage assets; and
- the designation of the West Devon and Cornwall Mining Landscape World Heritage Site.

Our Wellbeing

Our Plan supports:

- a reduction in health inequalities and social isolation;
- positive health and wellbeing outcomes for communities; and
- access for everyone to housing, employment services, facilities and activities that promote healthy lifestyles.

Our Environment

Our Plan supports:

- the special high quality landscapes of West Devon, particularly the Dartmoor National Park and the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- the conservation and enhancement of all local landscape characters;
- development which enhances green infrastructure, such as corridors for wildlife, places for recreation and play and spaces for local food production;
- the conservation, enhancement and restoration of habitats and biodiversity features affected by development, with special protection for internationally, nationally and locally designated sites; and
- the location of development in areas at the lowest risk of flooding.

Our Resources

Our Plan supports:

- a low carbon future by:
  - locating most new development alongside services and facilities;
  - promoting sustainable travel;
  - improving the energy efficiency of existing buildings;
  - requiring new development to have a lower environmental impact;
- a positive approach to supporting renewable and low carbon energy sources whilst ensuring that such proposals are fully assessed and that any impacts can be made acceptable; and
- new development which responds to the ‘energy hierarchy’ (see below) by promoting energy conservation first, followed by energy efficiency, then renewable energy.
Future Development in Tavistock

Our Plan Supports:

- the continued allocation of land at Callington Road (OP9) for approximately 635 homes, alongside the reinstatement of the railway line to Bere Alston;
- the continued allocation of land at Plymouth Road (OP8) for employment uses, alongside the development of approximately 115 homes;
- the continued allocation of land at Pixon Lane (OP10) for market and community-related uses;
- new allocations at Mount Kelly (OP15), Brook Farm (OP16) and New Launceston Road (OP17) for the development of approximately 155 homes;
- the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Tavistock to plan for an additional 45 homes to be delivered post 2026; and
- new and improved infrastructure to support new development, including a primary school, road improvements along Plymouth Road, playing pitch and open space enhancements, play facilities and a railway service to Bere Alston.
Tavistock Town Centre

Our Plan Supports:

- the identification and redevelopment of appropriate town centre sites;
- initiatives such as Business Improvement Districts and Heritage Based Schemes;
- provision of visitor attractions, events, festivals, weekly and permanent markets;
- proposals which create larger floorspaces for shopping in the town centre, particularly for a DIY store and garden centre;
- uses which increase variety and choice in shopping provision;
- business, social and residential uses above ground floor retailing, commercial and eating premises;
- improved walking and cycling links around the town centre;
- uses which boost the evening economy of the town;
- the retention of retail units in our Primary Shopping Frontages (see map below); and
- more flexibility around different uses in our Secondary Shopping Frontages (see map below).
Future Development in Okehampton

Our Plan Supports:

- the continued allocation of land to the east of Okehampton for new housing and employment development, including:
  - a strategic employment site and approximately 150 homes on land at Opportunity Okehampton (OP6);
  - approximately 600 homes at OP7;
  - a link road connecting Exeter Road and Crediton Road;
  - a railway station and associated car parking for 60-70 vehicles;
  - coach parking facilities; and
  - a Stockley Valley Park.
- redistributing 150 homes from land allocated to the east of the Stockley Valley as part of the existing allocation to alternative sites in the town.
- the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Okehampton and Okehampton Hamlets to plan for at the redistribution of 150 homes to be delivered post 2026; and
- new and improved infrastructure to support new development, including a primary school, a town centre access road, open space enhancements, play facilities and a passenger railway service to Exeter.
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Have your say... like Nathan!

Nathan Newton from Bere Alston is just one of the many local residents getting involved with Our Plan.

He has a busy life working in the construction industry and is also setting up his own business as a sports physiotherapist.

His local community is important to him so when a neighbour told him how Our Plan would help shape his area for years to come, he was happy to get involved.

“Our Plan looks at all sorts of things over the next 15 years, and lots of these will affect me and my young family.

“I would like to see more done to help people who grew up in the area stay here, with more housing and jobs for local people.

“Working people with one or even two jobs and young families don’t always have time to get involved in things like council plans but it’s important to have your say on what you think is important for the future.”

You can see Nathan and a short film about Our Plan at www.westdevon.gov.uk/ourplan

Our Plan
for the future

An innovative approach to planning for the future is capturing the views and ideas of people from all walks of life to help shape West Devon for the next decade and beyond.

It’s called Our Plan and will be an overarching strategic plan for development, community needs and council services between now and 2031.

How does it affect me?

Our Plan will affect everyone living and working in West Devon because it will cover major topics including housing, jobs, economic growth, infrastructure, energy and community needs.

It will help the borough meet some of the big challenges such as enabling growth and providing much needed homes and jobs while also protecting the local landscape and environment.

A different way to have your say

At the heart of Our Plan is a commitment to finding different ways to get all sorts of people involved.

The Our Plan team has been speaking to residents, businesses and local organisations at major community events, by e-newsletter and through social media such as Twitter, Facebook and Youtube.

The next step

We are now bringing together all the ideas and comments together with information and evidence to draft a plan which will be consulted on in due course.

Visit www.westdevon.gov.uk/ourplan to find out more.
Your feedback

The first phase of consultation on Our Plan earlier this year has already thrown up some useful comments and helped us to develop the plan further to reflect the views of residents.

You Said
Some important topics should be included in Our Plan including transport and infrastructure, biodiversity and fuel poverty.

We Say
We will change the Our Plan topic areas to reflect your suggestions.

You Said
A strategy is needed to look at opportunities for suitable homes for older people.

We Say
We will look at putting specific policies in Our Plan to encourage the development of this type of housing.

You Said
Our Economy should include reference to supporting agriculture and land-based businesses.

We Say
We have commissioned research to identify sectors with growth potential and will be considering further whether we should single out specific sectors of the economy.

www.westdevon.gov.uk/ourplan
Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan: Consultation Materials
CRUNCH TIME!

Let us know what you think about the land which is being suggested for development and protection.

Consultation ends on 12 August 2016

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CONSIDERATIONS

Engagement on additional sites and growth distribution

Consultation ends 21 December 2016

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Comment on the **Joint Local Plan**

Comments can be made between **15 March and 26 April**

The best way to make your comments is online:

[www.plymswdevonplan.co.uk](http://www.plymswdevonplan.co.uk)

If you do not have access to the internet you can post your comments to:

**Joint Local Plan Team, Floor 2, Ballard House West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ**

All comments will be published online. They will then be passed onto the Planning Inspector who will decide which representations need addressing and who needs to participate in the Public Examination. Late comments will be marked and may not be taken into account.
Guidelines for making your comments

The Planning Inspector will be interested in views on whether the Plan:

- will meet housing, employment and infrastructure needs;
- is based on sound evidence;
- can be delivered by 2034; and
- is consistent with national policy.

To have the greatest influence at this stage try and relate your comments to what we are calling the soundness of the plan, or to its compliance with legal requirements.

Soundness means the Plan is:
- based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities;
- is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- is the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence;
- effective and deliverable;
- based on effective joint working on crossboundary strategic priorities; and
- consistent with national policy (NPPF).

Legal requirements
- Local Development Scheme: has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement and the Council’s Statement of Consultation and have the appropriate bodies been consulted?
- Duty to Cooperate: has the Plan been prepared in cooperation with other local planning authorities and prescribed bodies, such as the Environment Agency and the Local Enterprise Partnership?
- Sustainability Appraisal: has a Sustainability Appraisal been carried out in accordance with the appropriate Regulations?
- Appropriate Assessment: has an Appropriate Assessment (Habitats Regulations Assessment) been carried out?
- National Policy and Legislation: does the Plan comply with national policy and legislation?
Comment on the Joint Local Plan

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Come and talk to us about the Joint Local Plan and how to make your comments

Open drop-in session,
2pm - 6pm, Wednesday 15 March
Dartington Village Hall

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ACCOMPANYING MAPS

IS THIS PLAN RIGHT FOR YOU?

Your chance to let the Planning Inspector know your thoughts on the Joint Local Plan before the Public Examination in Autumn.

Within your pack you will find maps. If you see a reference number on one of the maps, (for example PLY53) these refer to policies in the main Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan document which will give more detail on what is proposed for that area. To view the document and to read more detail on what concerns you most, the easiest way is through the interactive plan: www.plymswdevonplan.co.uk.

Through this website you will find links to our consultation portal where you can comment on the Plan. Whilst this is the best way for us to receive comments, we will also accept comments via e-mail: plymouthplan@plymouth.gov.uk, strategic.planning@swdevon.gov.uk or via post: Joint Local Plan Team, Floor 2, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ.

Comments need to be made by midnight on the 26 April 2017. Late comments will be marked and may not be taken into account.

If you have any questions please email or ring 01752 305477.

What happens next?
All comments will be published online and a response report will be written. They will then be passed onto the Planning Inspector and it is him/her who will decide which representations need addressing and who needs to participate in the Public Examination.
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