

Planning for the Future

East Devon Local Development Framework

Core Strategy: Outcome of the Consultation Events



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Introduction

This report has been prepared following the public engagement that took place during Spring 2010 to inform the preparation of the Core Strategy for East Devon. The Core Strategy will be a key document within East Devon's Local Development Framework (a new type of development plan that will replace the Devon Structure Plan and the East Devon Local Plan). One of the main principles of the new planning system is that local communities and stakeholders should be involved from the outset in the preparation of planning policy documents. The Core Strategy will set out an overall vision for East Devon and the strategic elements in the planning framework for the District. It will not allocate specific sites for development, but it will identify which broad areas are suitable for new homes or jobs. The Core Strategy will look ahead to 2026, which is the same timescale as the emerging Regional Plan.

The purpose of this report is to outline the consultation which informed the production of the Core Strategy and to summarise the process and results of the consultation.

Consultation Process

In order to manage the consultation process effectively, and in accordance with the guidance of the Planning Advisory Service, the following process was undertaken:

Step 1- Set Objectives	Inform stakeholders about the LDF and the requirements of the RSS for growth Identify the community's key concerns and aspirations for the future- Parish Plans and Vision Statements will be used as the starting point for discussion Involve stakeholders (and the wider community) in prioritising options and shaping future policy
Step 2- Review Schedule	6 weeks to organise, book venue and prepare briefing papers- commence consultation w/c 8.3.10 Complete all events by mid-May Feedback over Summer
Step 3- Identify who to involve	Equalities Impact Assessment- identify minority groups Stakeholders Including statutory consultees Interest groups Elected representatives Wider Community
Step 4- Choose the right method	Method will depend on consultee group but it is envisaged that standard approaches will be tailored to meet the needs of the process and the attendees- Towns- Afternoon/evening workshops in each main town using RSS requirements and Parish Plan/Vision Statement as starting point, with stakeholders present to discuss constraints and issues pertinent to each settlement. Parishes- Evening meeting open to all PC's using Parish Plan/Vision Statement as basis for discussion. Parishes provided with clear and specific guidance on which to base discussion at their next meeting, following which they will be asked to provide a written report. Hard to reach/minority/interest groups will be consulted depending on their

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		individual needs. East Devon Talk, Forums, Local Press etc
Step 5- Deliver Activities		<p>Town meetings (at which there may be stakeholders with strongly opposing views/interests) will take form of workshops, with Officers present to answer questions and explain the process</p> <p>Officers will facilitate the Parish meetings as these will focus on explaining the process and enabling Parish Councils to produce the information required themselves</p> <p>Hard to reach/minority/interest groups consulted according to individual needs</p> <p>All representatives will be asked to provide copies of any credible, relevant evidence they may have to justify their opinions, ie survey results from Parish Plan production, so that they can be used to support the Council's position.</p>
Step 6- Collate, review and export		<p>As far as possible information will be quantitative to enable statistical analysis and collected through structured proformas or in a standardised format so that comparison is possible.</p> <p>Raw, qualitative data (ie from meetings, records of workshop discussions, questionnaire returns and notes) will be presented discursively to minimise subjectivity before interpretation. Everything will be retained to provide an auditable evidence base.</p> <p>Analysis will be carried out by Officers, assuming sufficient resources are available, then reported to the relevant Committee</p> <p>Outcomes will be assessed to identify key themes and areas of broad consensus, as well as other relevant points.</p> <p>Some issues, ie significant objections from key stakeholders, may require additional information and research.</p> <p>Attendees will be provided with notes of the meetings</p>
Step 7- Evaluate Effectiveness		<p>As part of the 'consultation statement' the methods of engagement, parties involved, key outcomes and their role in shaping the core strategy will need to be set out. The process will need to be shown to be effective and questionnaires to all attendees will inform this process and enable evaluation.</p>

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Meetings with Parish Councils in March 2010

A series of evening meetings were held in six village halls, spread across the District, in March 2010. All Parish Councils were invited (by post and through a follow up e.mail) to send two representatives to the venue most convenient to them. As well as being evenly distributed on a geographical basis, the venues were also locally owned and managed, the hubs of the communities within which they were located. The feedback on the quality and accessibility of the venues was generally very positive and the timing of the meetings, 6.30-8pm, was convenient to most attendees. Refreshments were available before and during the meetings.

The meetings included information packs specific to each Parish Council, containing statistics for each settlement taken from the most recent census, house building rates and numbers, Council house waiting list numbers, a map of facilities and services in the Parish (to be updated/corrected and returned to the District Council), a summary of Parish Plan/Village Design Statement information and a paper setting out some of the rural issues that the Core Strategy may address (to act as a catalyst for discussion at the Parish Councils own meeting). Two questionnaires (one relating to the attendees experience of the event and the other for completion at the subsequent Parish Council meeting) and pre-paid envelopes were also included.

An introduction to the meeting was given by Planning Officers. This set out the strategic context of the Core Strategy and explained the Government requirements for additional development in the District. A round table discussion then took place, during which Parish Councillors were asked to consider the issues of most concern to their community and discuss the future of their settlement, particularly whether additional development should be permitted and, if so, of what type and scale. Parish Councils were also asked to identify and provide copies of any recent local research that applies to their community, such as Parish Plans, Housing Needs Assessments, appraisals or similar to add to the LDF evidence base.

Following the meetings, Parish/Town Councils were asked to include an item on their April Agenda entitled "Informing the Local Development Framework" so that the issues raised in the meetings could be debated by the whole Parish/Town Council and the local community with a view to submitting a written response in a standardised format to the Policy Section by mid-May. A press release promoting these events was issued to numerous local newspapers and this informed the public that they could become involved through their subsequent Parish Council meeting if they wished to.

The meetings were well attended, with the majority of Parish Councils participating:-

Location	Date	Parish Council's which attended	
Awliscombe	2 March 2010	Coombe Raleigh PC Awliscombe PC Broadhembury PC	Talaton PC Payhembury PC Gittisham PC
East Budleigh	3 March 2010	Northleigh PC Budleigh Salterton PC East Budleigh & Bicton PC Newton Pop & Harpford PC	Lympstone PC Colaton Raleigh PC Otterton PC Woodbury PC
Musbury	9 March 2010	Kilminster PC Shute PC Musbury PC Colyton PC	Hawkchurch PC Axmouth PC Offwell PC

Broadclyst	10 March 2010	Clyst Hydon PC Poltimore PC Rockbeare PC Brampford Speke PC Rewe PC	Clyst Honiton PC Whimple PC Bishops Clyst PC Aylesbeare PC
Membury	16 March 2010	Membury PC Stockland PC Upottery PC All Saints PC	Yarcombe PC Dalwood PC Membury PC
Branscombe	17 March 2010	Uplyme PC Beer PC	Branscombe PC

These meetings resulted in wide ranging discussion about the matters important to the rural areas. A number of localised issues emerged and these were noted for consideration outside the LDF process. Interestingly, the majority of parishes shared the same concerns and several key 'themes' emerged strongly from the meetings:-

Rural Communities

Surprisingly, lack of rural facilities was not identified as an issue of huge concern, although there was a suggestion that so many facilities have already been lost, despite strong local feeling, that local Councils are resigned to it. It was acknowledged that older/younger residents tend to rely on these facilities to a far greater degree than the general population. Parish Councils referred to innovative schemes in some villages as examples of good practice and the possibility of sharing facilities in one building, for instance a shop being run from the village hall, or sharing facilities amongst several nearby villages.

There was strong support for the 'last shop in the village' retention policy and a consensus that the District Council should encourage the establishment of new facilities in villages (with low-rates incentives, enabling policies etc) and should prevent their future change of use.

Housing (particularly an aging rural population)

Whilst it had been anticipated that affordable housing would be the matter of predominant concern to the parishes, there were in fact differing views as to whether (or how much) affordable housing was needed. Concern was widely expressed that young people aspire to buy their own homes rather than rent through a Housing Association and that most people who work but are on low incomes are unlikely to qualify for RSL housing in any case. This is driving families to nearby towns. A need for 'below open market value' housing was identified by several parishes who asked whether it would be possible to cap prices or ensure that they are only available to local residents.

The aging structure of rural communities was considered to be an increasingly important issue and suggestions of 'life time homes' and sheltered accommodation were put forward at most meetings as ways to ensure that elderly people can continue to live locally. Lack of shopping and medical facilities (particularly for non-drivers) and lack of suitable housing were regularly cited as the main reason for older residents to move into urban areas, although it was suggested that care work could provide local employment.

Broadband

All the meetings expressed disquiet about the slowness of Broadband in their areas. The internet was considered to be an important means of reducing isolation, obtaining goods/services without reliance on the private car and enabling working from home. Poor broadband speeds (and lack of broadband in some areas) mean that some rural businesses can't effectively compete with their urban counterparts.

Rural Economies

There was considerable interest in the desirability of allowing small business premises in the villages, in particular storage or workshop buildings for one and two person enterprises to keep tools and equipment, rather than relying on domestic garages and the like. There was little or no support for larger enterprises which would generate 'in commuting', need premises which could be intrusive and generate noise, smell etc although there was some support for the conversion of existing rural buildings to meet this demand.

Agricultural decline was not identified as a major problem, although it was suggested that diversification into agriculture-related activity should be actively promoted.

There was almost universal support for technology based enterprise which could generate income with minimal intrusion and without detriment to the countryside (it was cited as reducing the need to commute as well as providing highly paid, quality employment opportunities). Broadband was considered the single biggest limiting factor

The attendees were asked to go back to their parish councils and discuss the matters of concern, and return a questionnaire to the District Council to assist in the preparation of a preferred position statement for the Local Development Framework.

Very few feedback forms were received following the meetings but the general thrust was that they were helpful- particularly the opportunity to discuss issues with other Parishes. The main criticisms were the need for material prior to the meetings and a greater degree of Chairmanship was required to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to become involved and to direct discussion. More positively, it was felt that the LDF could have filled a meeting on its own and more time is needed to allow ideas to develop.

Further village meetings

Following these meetings, several Parishes requested individual meetings with Officers. These were as follows:

Presentation to Coombe Raleigh Parish Council

On 21 April 2010 Matt Dickins attended the Annual Parish Meeting of Coombe Raleigh Parish Council in the village hall. Matt made an informal presentation on Core Strategy Work and current stages of engagement. 25 people attended the meeting and amongst issues raised were aspirations for modest development in the Parish over the next 20 years; potentially to include, around 10 dwellings (mostly to be affordable dwellings), small business units, a car park and childrens play area. The view was expressed that modest growth would help sustain the village and allow for younger people to live/stay in Coombe Raleigh.

Presentation to Membury Parish Council

On 27 April Matt Dickins gave a presentation to the Annual General Meeting of Membury Parish Council at Membury Parish Hall on current LDF and Core Strategy work. Matt outlined the current and future stages of Core Strategy production and discussed the current community engagement that is being undertaken. The Parish Council will be discussing their response to the questionnaire with local residents but agreed to base responses around the key themes/issues highlighted in the Parish Plan.

Meeting with several Councillors of Newton Poppleford with Harpford Parish Council

On 5 May Kate Little and Claire Rodway met several representatives (the Chairman, Clerk and 2 Councillors) of Newton Poppleford Parish Council at the District Council offices. Parish Councillors outlined their aspirations for the village which included an east-west southern bypass, cyclepath along the former railway and canoeing/kayaking launch point into the River Otter. The possibility of a new mixed-use development to the south of the village, incorporating a relocated school and employment facilities as well as housing, was also raised.

The Parish Council was advised to consider the mixed-use proposals as a phased development, prioritising pedestrian links, then considering community facilities (the possibility of school relocation and provision of a new community centre and playing field), then estimating the level of housing and employment growth which would be required and phasing this over a 20 year period. Kate outlined the current and future stages of Core Strategy production and discussed how the Parish Council could pursue their proposals as part of this process.

Parish Questionnaire Results

The questionnaire was returned by almost all Parishes. Those Parishes containing several villages or hamlets were asked to return one form per settlement and the different settlements are referred to under the Parish summaries below. The full text of the Parish responses is available from the Planning Policy Section of the District Council as the diversity of responses, particularly those with lengthy attachments, and size of the resultant spreadsheet makes it impracticable to reproduce here.

Key themes from the questionnaires

Some common themes have emerged, reflecting the concerns expressed during the meetings with Parish Council's:

Rural Communities

Contrary to the discussions with Parish Councils, lack of rural facilities was identified in the questionnaires as an issue of huge concern, and lack of a village shop or Post Office, a community hall, recreation space and play facilities occurred repeatedly as major constraints to village life. A range of ways to secure and retain provision were put forward including private funding, shared facilities, developer contributions, grants and local fundraising. Many communities were also concerned that facilities have a finite lifespan and would need expensive maintenance, often they already rely on voluntary labour and goodwill.

Housing (particularly an aging rural population)

Demand for affordable housing and the need for houses for local people to buy have occurred repeatedly throughout the responses. Some Parish Councils have responded pragmatically that, to achieve the levels of affordable housing they require, they are prepared to accept relatively large numbers of market houses whilst others have taken the stance that they are only prepared to accept the housing for which they have a proven need.

Again the aging structure of rural communities has emerged as an increasingly important issue and sheltered accommodation is required in almost every Parish to ensure that elderly people can continue to live locally.

Broadband and other Physical Infrastructure

The vast majority of Parishes identified slowness of Broadband in their areas as a major problem, particularly in rural areas where broadband is often completely unavailable. This was considered a major hindrance to local businesses and a cause of social isolation. Lack of mobile phone coverage and lack of or insufficient sewerage, drainage and mains gas were also cited as major problems.

Poor road maintenance, particularly rural lanes and infrequent or irregular bus services were frequently cited as impediments to accessing services.

Rural Economies

Opinions varied as to whether employment provision is necessary, with most larger settlements feeling that some employment should be provided whilst the majority of smaller

settlements felt that little or no employment was required. Many Parishes cited their considerable numbers of residents already working from home but poor broadband provision was repeatedly raised as an impediment to this.

Where employment provision was required, all settlements felt that it should take the form of small-scale business premises with nowhere identifying a need for anything larger. The feelings expressed at the Parish meetings were reinforced through the questionnaires- re-use of existing buildings is preferable and new development should only take place within or adjacent to existing settlements. Craft type uses and holiday/tourism accommodation and activities were preferred by most but, realistically, many recognised that the main need is for storage or workshop buildings for one and two person enterprises to keep tools and equipment, rather than relying on domestic garages and the like. Again, there was little or no support for larger enterprises which would generate 'in commuting', need premises which could be intrusive and generate noise, smell etc.

Agricultural decline was not identified as a major problem, although it was recognised as being a key industry in several of the rural parishes. There were suggestions that diversification into agriculture-related activity should be actively promoted, reflecting the feeling of the Parish meetings.

Again, there was a great deal of support for technology based enterprise which could generate income with minimal intrusion and without detriment to the countryside but broadband was considered the single biggest limiting factor.

Individual Parish Responses

The responses from each Parish are summarised below. A great deal of supporting information was submitted by some Councils and this, along with the full responses, is available to view at the District Council offices. Many respondents commented that it is difficult, if not impossible, to predict accurate housing requirements and requested a needs assessment to confirm their estimates.

Most Parishes now have some form of Parish Plan or Appraisal and considerable emphasis is placed upon the findings of these documents as they are representative of the community and are based on extensive research and consultation. It has not been possible to reproduce these documents as part of this report but a complete summary is available from the District Council, and they are available individually to download from the EDDC website and from the District Council offices.

Parish	Summary of the responses provided by each Parish Council to the questionnaire.
All Saints	<p>All Saints encompasses 5 hamlets. There is a need for up to twenty new dwellings, mainly to meet the needs of local families and flats and bungalows, constructed at a rate of 0-2 per year. There is limited demand for additional employment (Axminster is less than two miles away) and this should be small scale crafts, small units, agriculture, tourism and food producing industries-encourage 'Local food for local people'.</p> <p>Improved public transport, additional halls/meeting places, a pub, indoor and outdoor sports facilities and a play area are all identified as being needed. A Post Office/shop may be needed.</p> <p>In terms of physical infrastructure, faster broadband is required and a feasibility study for mains sewage.</p>
Awliscombe	<p>Up to 15 new houses will be needed in the village. Two of these will be open market houses, the remainder will be affordable, sheltered and local needs only, mostly 1-2 bedrooms.</p> <p>Employment would take the form of small scale crafts/services, probably within existing accommodation, diversified agricultural practice (change of use from existing grazing land), holiday lets(existing barn conversions). Ideally growth would be from local entrepreneurs using local labour to provide employment for residents.</p> <p>There is some interest in enlarging the Parish Hall and demand for green sports and play areas. This could be financed through development contributions.</p>
Axminster	<p>Raymond's Hill is located within Axminster Parish. Issues relating to the Parish were considered at a consultation event in the town.</p>
Axmouth	<p>Ten new houses are required (or 50 if a relief road is built), at least 4 of which should be affordable. Existing EDDC housing restrictions should be retained. The existing demographic split should be maintained.</p> <p>Small scale employment uses should include storage, offices, local produce retailing, tourism and tourist accommodation. Tourism and agricultural diversification (adding value to local produce) should be encouraged. This would be enhanced by additional footpaths and cyclepaths to improve access to the countryside.</p> <p>A Post Office and local shop are needed, as is a playing field for recreation and extensions to the existing burial ground and playground.</p> <p>In terms of physical infrastructure, a relief road which will also support the Seaton Regeneration programme, mains gas supply, improved broadband service and a Cycleway to Seaton are requested.</p>
Aylesbeare	<p>The Parish Council estimate that up to 30 open market, up to 30 local needs, up to 15 affordable, up to 5 sheltered and up to 5 other houses will be needed. (A total of 85 houses). The majority should be small or medium sized, aimed at young families and the elderly (to free up existing larger homes).</p> <p>Employment should take the form of small home based companies - agricultural and apprenticeships, cottage industries, light industry and workshops. Rental units - community run shop - careworking. Bed and breakfast to help people working at Exeter Airport. Local produce shop - swapshop for unwanted goods</p>

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	<p>plumbers - electricians. Training should be given and computers made available for public use.</p> <p>In terms of physical infrastructure, faster broadband is required, links to nearby mains gas and enlarged sewerage provision. Better road maintenance and speed humps are required.</p> <p>Community infrastructure should include a school, a new village hall on the village green, with solar panels for heating. Additional footpaths (with disabled access) and cycle paths. Flat recreational space for ball games, rollerskates, level football field, more open green space. Tennis court - bowling green - community orchard - allotments - disabled facilities in the form of benches etc.</p>
Beer	<p>40 new houses are suggested, equally split between affordable housing and housing to meet local needs. Small and medium sized houses are suggested to accommodate young families (to redress the current age imbalance) along with incentives for residents to downsize and freeing-up of holiday homes.</p> <p>Employment should take the form of small business units (encouraging local, year round work and crafts) and office space for high value professional jobs. Training for local people related: - Hotel catering -Peco -Tourist industry. Improved high speed broadband. "Incubation" units fully resourced with hot desk facilities in the village.</p> <p>More high quality, year round shops would extend tourist season and cater for local needs. Commercial units should not be permitted to change to dwellings. Lower parking charges 'off season'.</p> <p>Physical infrastructure should include increased toilets and beach shower, Tourist information point, high speed broadband. The sewer pipe on the beach doesn't meet legal requirements.</p> <p>Community infrastructure should include cycle ways and improved pathways and open space provisions for youths and tourists.</p> <p>The AONB boundaries should be reviewed and Beer should be wholly inside the AONB (not half and half as at present.)</p>
Bicton	<p>No development needs have been identified for Bicton.</p>
Brampford Speke	<p>A maximum four, two-bedroom houses are required. These should be restricted to affordable housing only.</p> <p>Better public transport provision and mains gas were the only infrastructure requirements identified.</p>
Branscombe	<p>5 open market houses will be needed, 5 local needs, 9 affordable and 4 sheltered. Scope to convert houses into multiple occupancy/flats and convert farm buildings to houses, but no need for 2nd homes.</p> <p>Local businesses eg PO, cafe's, provide employment and should be encouraged.</p> <p>Physical infrastructure requirements include mobile phone reception (could be placed on existing tv mast) and broadband improvements. These would need to be privately funded.</p> <p>Need to mark Parish status within AONB and WHS. Small park and walk facility on periphery of village and need for green parking. The National Trust</p>

	has an important role. Alternative technologies for energy could be exploited to a greater extent if proved to be economically viable ie solar
Broad Clyst	<p>100 houses are required, of which 30 would be open market, 30 affordable, 30 sheltered and 10 'other'. More than half of the required houses would be 1-2 bedrooms and there is scope for 'Grand Designs' type landmark buildings.</p> <p>Employment requirements are for small offices and workshops of up to 1000sq ft.</p> <p>No major commercial infrastructure is required but shops could be encouraged to sell local produce. A youth centre, sports centre and community building with outside space are other requirements. These could be funded privately or through developer contributions from East of Exeter development.</p> <p>Proposed development nearby is adding to inadequate physical infrastructure-roads at capacity, schools full.</p>
Broadhembury	<p>14 local needs, 11 affordable, 1 sheltered and 2 other houses (plus a residential home?) will be required in the village. All of these will be 1-2 or 3 bedrooms.</p> <p>Employment uses will consist of Craft workshops, light industrial units, leisure and tourism created through existing building re-use, no building in the countryside.</p> <p>No commercial infrastructure requirements but must retain PO/shop and other facilities and would like improved broadband.</p> <p>New village hall is required, and outdoor childrens play facilities in village and hamlets. Tennis courts, cricket pitch, football pitch, cycle track, hard sports area, skateboard area.Funded through precept, developer contributions and grants.</p>
Buckerell	No response was received from the Parish Council.
Budleigh Salterton	<p>A need for 100 houses was identified, 50 to meet local needs, 40 affordable and 10 sheltered of which 70 should be 3 bedroom and 30 1-2 bedroom.</p> <p>Most jobs will be in the service industry but there is a shortage of small business units for storage, parking and individual tradespeople.</p> <p>Existing facilities are highly valued and should be retained but no particular commercial infrastructure needs have been identified.</p> <p>A new primary school is needed urgently as the existing one is over capacity. Other community facilities should include a large hall and sports hall, a swimming pool and venue for cultural activities.</p> <p>Faster broadband is required to enable working from home and improvements to the sewerage system which has capacity problems.</p>
Chardstock	<p>5 each of 1-2 and 3 bedroom affordable and sheltered houses are needed along with very limited employment.</p> <p>Physical infrastructure requirements are as follows: 1. Children's Play Area needs to be reopened. 2. Refurbishment of Community Hall. 3. Assure the future of the Church building 4. Provide allotments 5. There is no public transport of any kind - this needs to be addressed 6. Broadband speeds need improving 7. Footpath maintenance, 8. Disabled access .</p>

<p>Clyst Honiton</p>	<p>A need for 4 affordable 1-2 bedroom houses was identified. Existing employment allocations in the area are sufficient but it is important to retain the rural and agricultural businesses/farms already operating, and to ensure Clyst Honiton does not become totally surrounded by industrial or commercial buildings.</p> <p>Footpaths and cyclepaths are needed from the village to the employment sites and a bridge over Clyst Honiton bypass for residents to access Skypark.</p> <p>A PO/shop, village hall, public car park, football pitch and clubhouse, faster broadband, better road drainage (old A30) and clearance of vegetation to prevent river flooding are all required.</p>
<p>Clyst Hydon</p>	<p>A mix of housing is requested at a similar rate to past growth but no figures are given. Employment uses should be judged on their merits- no specific requirements identified. The scale and rural nature of the village should be preserved.</p> <p>High quality broadband is essential. With the exception of the childrens playground and school, all the community and green infrastructure in the parish is provided and maintained by volunteers. Section 106 money generated by the parish must be made available for use by the Parish Council, to back up the various voluntary groups in the parish.</p>
<p>Clyst St. George</p>	<p>55 open market houses are required, 15 affordable and 5 sheltered, with the majority being 3 bedrooms in order to attract families and protect the school.</p> <p>Employment should be Light industrial, retail and offices. Contained within the existing industrial type areas i.e. Darts Farm, Clyst Works Odhams Wharf etc.</p> <p>A new PO/shop is required, a play area for children, Skateboard area, Tennis courts and a mains gas supply and improved bus service to the village.</p>
<p>Clyst St. Lawrence</p>	<p>5 medium sized houses are required. Additional employment is not needed as it already exists within the village.</p> <p>Broadband is required in the Parish.</p>
<p>Clyst St. Mary</p>	<p>No figures were provided but a mix of housing will be needed of which affordable should be 40%. No employment requirements were identified.</p> <p>A bus service to Topsham is needed. The village hall needs extending. (An additional room) Additional allotments, Additional play area, Larger school (to accommodate a future increased population in the village), Footpaths by the River Clyst Cycle/footpath to Topsham along the river valley (facilitates recreation, tourism and a local link).</p>
<p>Colaton Raleigh</p>	<p>5 open market and 15 affordable houses are required but no employment needs are identified.</p> <p>A Post Office is the only commercial need identified, however the need for highway works, pavements and bus timetable improvements was stated and local features and access to the countryside could also be improved.</p>
<p>Colyton</p>	<p>A need for 40 houses was identified, of these 10 should be open market (achieved through infills) and 30 should be affordable. The majority should be 3 bedroom family houses.</p>

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	<p>Additional small units are needed for services and crafts. Increased number of care homes to cater for ageing population. Recreation oriented hotel developments possible activity centres to focus on the environment and exploration of the area. Re-use of redundant buildings should be encouraged but not new building in the countryside. Existing businesses should be encouraged to stay and expand.</p> <p>Colyton and Colyford are well served by existing shops and facilities but there is a need to extend Colyton library to include a visitor centre and a site for a primary school in Colyton should be designated.</p> <p>Broadband, particularly to the rural areas, pavements in Colyford, road repairs and flood prevention measures are all required in the Parish. A safe footpath connection between Colyton and Colyford and Seaton is long overdue and is needed to reduce car use on short local journeys. A study of other appropriate footpath links needs to be made.</p>
Combe Raleigh	<p>10 new houses are desired in the village, 3 open market and 7 affordable in a mix of sizes.</p> <p>Employment should be small business units typically of the craft type catering for private enterprise with no heavy industrial.</p> <p>Physical infrastructure requirements include improved broadband access, improved sewerage facilities, installation of mains gas.</p> <p>Community infrastructure requirements include Car parking facilities. Children's play area. Community open space.</p>
Combpyne Rousdon	<p>5 possible houses, of a mix of sizes, were identified.</p> <p>There is possible scope for distance working and further development of the two hotels in the parish.</p> <p>Broadband improvements are essential and facilities to meet the requirements of an aging population.</p>
Cotleigh	<p>No response was received from the Parish Council.</p>
Dalwood	<p>20 houses are required, 4 open market, 4 sheltered, 6 local needs and 6 affordable.</p> <p>It is anticipated that more residents will work from the village, either from home or from a small mixed office/craft/light industrial complex.</p> <p>Better broadband, increased sewerage capacity, better road maintenance and a village car park are identified as physical infrastructure requirements.</p> <p>A small play area and disabled access to footpaths are identified as community infrastructure requirements.</p>
Dunkeswell	<p>50 houses are needed in total, 20 open market, 20 affordable and 10 sheltered, all small or medium size. No additional employment is required.</p> <p>New infrastructure which is required includes a primary school, mains gas, improvement to sewerage system which is overloaded, by-pass to remove HGVs from the village, broadband for all parts, footpath between the old and new parts of the village, new right of way to connect new estate to the existing network, traffic calming on main road and on the new estate, further development of the sports field, such as tennis courts, cricket nets or</p>

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	<p>football/rugby field new footpaths/bridleways It is envisaged that this would be paid for by developer contributions and by the appropriate local authority.</p>
East Budleigh	<p>20 houses to meet local needs and 20 affordable houses are required, in a mix of sizes. Smaller scale units to create sustainability / office / manual / craft type business are needed.</p> <p>Infrastructure which is lacking includes permanent premises for existing viable community shop, Post Office services, mains services, faster broadband,</p> <p>Extension to the village hall to provide a permanent venue for pre-school, change hall to a community centre, improvements to children's play area at village hall, footpath improvements to provide safer walking around village.</p>
Exmouth	<p>Issues relating to the Parish were considered at a consultation event in the town.</p>
Farringdon	<p>A need for 100 new houses, divided equally between Farringdon Cross and the village centre was identified, with an additional 15 eco houses in the village centre. No new development was required at the Drive, Farringdon. Of the 100 new houses that were identified, 40 would be open market, 40 local needs and 20 affordable. The majority of new houses should be 3 bedroom family homes.</p> <p>Given the rural nature of the parish agricultural and horticultural uses should be given priority. Leisure and tourism should be given preference well above general industry which is not suited to the local community/environment. It was stated that the area is already over provided with heavy industrial sites.</p> <p>A shop and a pub are required at both Farringdon Cross and in the village centre.</p> <p>Mains water, mains gas, mains sewage, broadband are required in the village centre as are cycle paths - one interconnecting Farringdon House to Village Church Centre/one from village hall to Hill Barton to Clyst St Mary and safe footpaths along Parsonage Lane to Sidmouth Road. Other improvements would include upgrading of the village hall, a local bus service into the village centre, recycling facilities and a recreation area.</p> <p>Mains gas, mains sewage and better telecommunications/broadband are required at Farringdon Cross as is a social club, recreation area and footpath links to Exeter.</p>
Farway	<p>No response was received from the Parish Council.</p>
Feniton	<p>No response was received from the Parish Council.</p>
Gittisham	<p>9 new houses may be needed in the village, 3 open market houses and up to 6 affordable/local needs houses. Employment should be provided through increased use of existing plots/vacancies at Heathpark. Small scale business use of redundant/lightly used buildings for artisan, IT etc. Businesses by local people to reduce commuting.</p> <p>A shop, PO, tea room and/or pub would all be desirable as would fibre optic high speed broadband (place unsightly cables underground). In terms of community infrastructure a social/meeting place and recreational/playspace are required.</p> <p>In Gittisham Vale no new houses are needed, however the aging population may require 2 sheltered homes in the future.</p>

Hawkchurch	<p>A need for 30 new homes was identified, 5 open market, 15 affordable and 10 sheltered the majority of which should be 1-2 bedroom.</p> <p>There is a need for some employment in small industrial units and possible small extensions to private homes to accommodate the expanding number of people able to work from home because of improvements to IT.</p> <p>In terms of infrastructure, a shop, increased sewerage capacity and a civil cemetery are needed. The village hall will need to be replaced in due course and there is demand for allotments, improved playing field facilities and disabled access to footpaths.</p>
Honiton	<p>Issues relating to the Parish were considered at a consultation event in the town.</p>
Huxham	<p>No development needs have been identified for Bicton.</p>
Kilmington	<p>Up to 26 houses may be needed in the village, of which 11 will be affordable. There is limited interest in new employment but small units will be needed, if any.</p> <p>The Post Office and shop, farm shop, petrol station, pubs and Bistro/motel are all important resources that must be retained.</p> <p>In terms of physical infrastructure, renewed water mains, improved broadband, flood relief measures, new road leading from the A35 to the Sewerage Works/Quarry/Industrial Units (close to the new Sustrans cycle path), speed limit on the A35 to be reduced further to 40 mph, speed limit area extended, and a controlled (traffic light) crossing to be installed. The bus service should be extended into the village centre to avoid crossing the trunk road to reach the bus stop.</p> <p>A new hall is required in addition to the existing hall. Loss of the Baptist Church to fire has shown that there is a shortage of space and some groups are having to go outside the Parish.</p>
Luppitt	<p>A need for 5 local needs houses was identified (these could be agriculturally tied). No employment needs.</p> <p>A shop/PO are needed and the children's play park could be improved. Broadband is the biggest concern as it is slow and lacking in the rural areas.</p>
Lympstone	<p>There is a need for 53 houses, a mixture of affordable, local needs and sheltered, predominantly small and medium sized.</p> <p>There is a need for small scale employment opportunities and low cost business units/ small workshops and storage units ie domestic garage sized premises at low rent and with occupancy restrictions.</p> <p>Broadband improvements are urgently required. Sewerage and drainage, highway maintenance and management and a major improvement scheme for the A376 are all needed.</p> <p>Local signage for local amenities and local interpretation along with footpath improvements and better children's play equipment are required. The primary School needs more land and more permanent buildings.</p>

Membury	<p>Up to 15 dwellings should be permitted in a range of housing types Affordable housing (to rent and buy) and sheltered housing are required, with a restriction to prevent sale on the open market.</p> <p>Employment should be encouraged in farming, tourism, sport and leisure industries. Home working and internet businesses are supported as are jobs caring for local residents ie helping elderly to remain in their homes.</p> <p>Strong desire to retain Post Office, shop, village hall, school and shop and support for new community facilities.</p> <p>Better transport links will improve access to services and facilities and consultation between settlements will ensure that towns really do meet the needs of rural communities.</p>
Monkton	<p>5 small and medium sized houses are required for local people.</p> <p>A parcel/post drop off box should be provided by the Post Office.</p>
Musbury	<p>15 new houses will be needed, 5 open market and 10 affordable, mostly medium sized.</p> <p>Apart from the potential for cottage industry/small craft units, most employment opportunities are likely to be in nearby towns. The local skills base could be improved.</p> <p>While the improved rail service to Exeter will make commuting more attractive, the Parish Plan notes "the lack of local public transport has been a recurring theme... The existing bus service fails to meet the requirements of the village... there is a need for improved availability, connectivity and frequency".</p> <p>A more efficient drainage system, improved mains gas connections, feasibility study into alternative energy source infrastructure and faster broadband connection to improve communication and maximise the potential for IT-based homeworking are identified as infrastructure needs.</p> <p>No commercial or community infrastructure requirements were identified but residents are very keen to retain existing provision.</p>
Nether Exe	<p>No response was received from the Parish Council.</p>
Newton Poppleford and Harpford	<p>A need for 400 new dwellings was identified, of these 200 would be open market, 100 local needs, 80 affordable and 20 sheltered, predominantly medium sized.</p> <p>There is a demand for additional shops,surgery,chemist,Public House,butchers, relocated Post Office-all satisfied by adequate parking/delivery provisions.</p> <p>Existing infrastructure, sewerage, drainage etc are inadequate. The school is at capacity and needs new buildings.</p> <p>A new by-pass and distributor road would improve the village centre and facilitate a new development site to include a relocated school, recreation/sports</p>

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	ground, community hall etc.All new dwellings should incorporate renewable energy measures.
Northleigh	5 local needs and 5 affordable houses are required. No additional employment will be needed. Faster broadband and wider mobile phone coverage are needed.
Offwell	3 open market, 10 local needs, 2-3 sheltered and less than 5 affordable houses are needed. Any new employment should be located in the existing Business Park, keeping traffic out of the centre of the village. A purpose built building is required for the shop and post point and better access to the Woodland Centre are the main community requirements. Increased sewerage capacity and mains gas connection are the main physical infrastructure requirements.
Otterton	A need for 13 small and medium sized new houses, 3 local needs, 5 affordable and 5 sheltered, has been identified. No additional employment will be needed. A shop/PO is required- the previous one closed due to lack of premises. Mains sewerage to Ladram Bay is needed.
Ottery St. Mary	Issues relating to the Parish were considered at a consultation event in the town.
Payhembury	6 open market houses and 10 affordable are needed, mainly medium size.No additional employment will be needed. A shop/PO and improved broadband are the main infrastructure requirements.
Plymtree	35 new houses are required. Of these, 20 will be open market, 8 local needs and 7 affordable. No employment will be required. Mains gas and broadband are the main physical infrastructure requirements. Community infrastructure needed includes offstreet parking, allotments, refurbishment/replacement of village hall, safeguarded land for future expansion of school, playpark.
Poltimore	3 small elderly persons houses will be needed in the Parish.A small amount of Office based jobs, Catering and Transport will be required and should be based at Poltimore House. Community requirements include a visiting GP Surgery, Post office, Play area for all age children and amenities for the elderly.

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	Physical infrastructure needed includes mains drainage, gas supply, broadband, mains water supply updated and a waste collection which covers the whole of the village rural areas.
Rewe	No development needs are identified.
Rockbeare	<p>110 additional houses could be accommodated at Rockbeare, including 60 open market houses, 20 local needs, 20 affordable and 10 sheltered. The majority would be large (4 or more bedrooms)</p> <p>A number of small commercial units should be provided in the village or on the old A30, not rely on Cranbrook/Skypark.</p> <p>A new PO and shop are required but nearby competition makes it economically unlikely.</p> <p>Flood prevention, drainage and traffic calming schemes are all required. Funding from developer contributions and grants were to pay for infrastructure. The Village Hall, Playing Field and school could combine in the long term.</p>
Seaton	Issues relating to the Parish were considered at a consultation event in the town.
Sheldon	No additional housing or employment needs are identified. Road strengthening and broadband improvements are identified as infrastructure requirements. A new pub and a windmill are identified as community requirements.
Shute	<p>A need for 50 new dwellings has been identified in the Parish, as follows:</p> <p>Umberne needs 4 houses, Shute needs 4 open market, 2 local needs, 4 affordable and 6 sheltered, Seaton Junction needs 6 open market, 4 local needs and 4 affordable and Whitford needs 4 open market, 4 local needs, 4 affordable and 4 sheltered. The need is for predominantly small and medium houses.</p> <p>Umberne doesn't need any employment, the other areas need small scale light industry/tourism and farm diversification.</p> <p>Umberne doesn't have any commercial infrastructure requirements, the other areas require a shop/PO and pub in each area.</p>
Sidmouth	Issues relating to the Parish were considered at a consultation event in the town.
Southleigh	<p>4 local needs and 4 affordable dwellings will be needed. Agricultural buildings could be converted to provide these. No employment is required.</p> <p>Mains water to all properties and mobile phone reception are the main physical infrastructure requirements, with a village green and playground needed by the community.</p>

Sowton	No development needs were identified for Sowton, however footpath links could be improved and increased.
Stockland	<p>22 houses will be required, they will consist of 6 open market houses, 6 local needs, 6 affordable and 4 sheltered, predominantly medium sized.</p> <p>Extension of light business/computer based tourism are suggested as possible employment types.</p> <p>Community infrastructure needs include a community shop, a new village hall roof and playing field provision/maintenance. The open space is maintained on a voluntary basis and disabled access to footpaths needs to be improved. The bus service currently operates on two days only, need a regular and frequent service.</p> <p>Physical infrastructure requirements include the need for investment in and maintenance of roads, a feasibility study into sewerage works, improved broadband and mains gas.</p>
Stoke Canon	No development needs were identified for Stoke Canon, however the sewerage system and children's play area could be improved and a pub should be provided.
Talaton	<p>A mix of affordable and market family housing is required but no numbers are given. Cottage industries are important to maintain the appearance of the village.</p> <p>Car parking, mains gas and broadband are the main physical infrastructure requirements, whilst the community needs an extension to the village hall and a play area.</p>
Uplyme	100 affordable houses and 30 sheltered houses are needed in the Parish. No specific employment or infrastructure needs are identified.
Upottery	<p>15 local needs and 15 affordable dwellings are needed across the Parish, including Upottery, Rawridge and Smeatharpe. No employment needs were identified.</p> <p>The only infrastructure requirements identified were sewer improvements and improved broadband.</p>
Upton Pyne	<p>There is a need for 10 affordable dwellings and 5 sheltered in Upton Pyne. No development needs have been identified for Cowley.</p> <p>There is a need for very small units and homeworking to meet employment requirements. A small shop and communal meeting place for residents and a</p>

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	<p>village green, footpaths upgraded to cycle/bridleway status and Disabled access to footpaths i.e. No artificial barriers would meet community infrastructure needs across the Parish.</p>
West Hill	<p>West Hill is situated within Ottery St Mary. The Residents Association responded to say that 50 houses would be appropriate, of which 25 open market, 10 social or affordable and 15 retirement dwellings to facilitate downsizing and free up market houses. 20 of the dwellings should be small, 10 medium and 20 large.</p> <p>There is a desire to retain the Post Office and shop and a need for a pub/restaurant and a medical centre.</p> <p>The sewage system is at capacity and there is a desire to expand existing community facilities.</p>
Whimble	<p>There is a need for 6 open market houses, 8 local needs, 8 affordable and 3 sheltered, predominantly small and medium sized. Employment needs in the Parish can be met through light industrial units, commercial greenhouses and by converted redundant farm buildings. These should be limited to local companies only.</p> <p>There is a need for a large shop selling local produce, a cemetery extension, connection to mains gas and mains sewerage. Other infrastructure should include a footpath link between the playing field and play area, public toilets and a changing room, muga and toilets at the field.</p>
Widworthy	<p>5 open market and 10 affordable houses are required. Employment should be provided through small scale light industrial, tourism and agricultural activity.</p> <p>A shop (possibly in conjunction with the pub), broadband, mains gas and an outdoor recreation area are the main infrastructure identified as lacking.</p>
Woodbury	<p>Woodbury Parish includes 3 settlements, each with different requirements. Woodbury Salterton has a need for 4 open market houses, 4 local needs, 8 affordable and 6 sheltered, all mainly small-sized. No employment needs are identified but there is a need for a shop/PO, an upgraded village hall, a village green, an extended play area and improved footpath/cyclepath links.</p> <p>Exton has a need for 15 open market houses and 5 sheltered ones. There is a need for employment which could be carried out from home or redundant buildings or as expansion of existing businesses. A better village hall with parking and toilets and a footpath/cycleway from Exton to Woodbury are desirable.</p> <p>Woodbury has identified a need for 170 houses, of these 100 would be open market, 10 local needs, 40 affordable and 20 sheltered. Employment requirements are for small units/offices, sensitive to nearby domestic property. An improved village hall, burial ground and allotments are needed as is a more</p>

	<p>frequent bus service.</p> <p>There is a Parish-wide need for mains sewerage/improved sewerage and broadband improvement.</p>
Yarcombe	<p>A need for 5 open market and 15 affordable small-medium sized homes has been identified. No employment uses are required.</p> <p>There is a strong will to retain existing facilities and a new village hall will be required in due course. This could be accompanied by a recreational area and a children's play area including bike racks.</p> <p>Broadband coverage is required throughout the Parish.</p>

Meetings with Town Councils and Local Organisations in Spring 2010

A series of 6 afternoon and early evening workshops were held, in Axminster, Exmouth, Honiton, Ottery St Mary, Seaton and Sidmouth. Each meeting consisted of two main facilitated exercises prepared and conducted by the planning policy team, together with an introductory overview explaining the role of the Core Strategy and the opportunities and constraints facing the town over the next 20 years. A District wide map was also available for people to comment on.

In the case of Exmouth, LDA Consultants were commissioned to produce a Development Brief for Exmouth Town Centre, and a visioning exercise formed a fundamental component of this. The timetable for this dovetailed with the LDF workshops and interested parties may also wish to view the LDA Brief for additional information on the town centre issues. The Exmouth workshop followed the same format as the other town workshops.

Attendance at the meetings

Attendance at the meetings was usually by postal invitation (followed up by an e.mail), and these were issued to the Town Council, Ward Members, local interest groups (including business, amenity, local interest, sports, elderly and young persons groups etc) and relevant statutory consultees (ie Environment Agency, Highway Authority). Details of the invitees are listed in the Appendix but the list for every town was extensive, with around 500 people asked to attend across the District. A press release informing the public that these meetings were taking place was issued to numerous local newspapers and this invited interested local organisations to put themselves forward if they had not been asked. It also informed the public that they could become involved through the subsequent Town Council meeting in their town if they wished to.

Thirty-five people attended the Local Development Framework workshop in Seaton on 23 March; around 18 people attended the workshop in Honiton on 24 March; 22 people attended the Axminster workshop on 29 March; and 21 people attended the Ottery St Mary workshop on 30 March. The Exmouth workshop, held on 11 May, was attended by 56 people.

A central venue was selected in each town, and these were all hubs of the communities within which they were located. The feedback on the quality and accessibility of the venues was generally positive and the timing of the meetings, 1.30-5.30pm, was considered appropriate by most attendees. It should be noted, however, that the timing may have been

a factor in preventing some bodies from being represented. Refreshments were available before and during the meetings.

Each attendee was provided with an information pack specific to their settlement, containing statistics taken from the most recent census, house building rates and numbers, Council house waiting list numbers, a synopsis of their Town Plan and a summary of the responses to the Issues and Options report relevant to their particular town. A questionnaire relating to the attendees experience of the event and a pre-paid envelope was also included.

Format of the meetings

An introduction to the meeting was given by Planning Officers. This set out the strategic context of the Core Strategy and explained the Government requirements for additional development in the District, stages of Core Strategy preparation, key-drivers for change, spatial issues and additional information about the consultation.

The first of the two workshops took a 'speed dating' format, with two Officers (one to facilitate discussion and one to note points made) addressing each of the following subjects:

- Economy
- Housing
- Environment
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Community
- Rural Issues

Attendees were allocated their first subject upon arrival; this determined the order in which the subjects were discussed by each group in rotation. Officers noted all the points made on their particular subject during a 15 minute period and then moved onto the next table to repeat the exercise. This session culminated in the identification of key themes by Officers, which were presented to the whole group as a basis for subsequent discussion. Summaries of the points are presented in the next Chapter, the full text is available in the Appendix.

This was followed by a 'fun' exercise where attendees were asked to write a postcard from the perspective of a visitor to the town in 2030. This was well received by most attendees and produced some thought-provoking results, available to read in the Appendix.

The second workshop was a map-based exercise, again led by Planning Officers. Attendees were asked to consider how their town might grow over a twenty year period and illustrate this on A1 maps. They were asked to identify areas for retention, areas of particular importance for sport/recreation, employment, housing, landscape character and other facilities/land uses. Again this was well received and, although many different opinions were expressed, there was a surprising degree of consensus. Results of this exercise are collated onto maps presented in the next Chapter.

All material produced at the meetings is available to view at the District Council offices.

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Seaton 'Speed Dating' Workshop

23 March 2010

Method

58 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Seaton were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Seaton up to the year 2030. 35 people attended the event, these were as follows:

- Various from Seaton Town Council
- Seaton & District Chamber of Commerce x2
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Sustainable Seaton
- Seaton Councillor (EDDC) x2
- Seaton Design Statement Working Party
- Seaton Design Statement Working Party/ Seaton Rotary Club
- Seaton Visitor Centre Trust x2
- Seaton's Voice
- Senior Council for Seaton
- Royal British Legion- Seaton
- Seaton Youth Service
- Seaton Phoenix
- Seaton Football Club
- Sense
- Seaton Library
- Seaton Garden Club
- Axe Yacht Club
- Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club
- Friends of the Axe Estuary Reserves
- Axe Bird Ringing Society
- Magna Housing Association
- Friends of the Axe Wetlands

The full list of invitees is provided in the Appendix.

The attendees were split into 6 different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport

The following are summaries of the results of those discussions.

Housing

- Doubt over the numbers of new homes needed in Seaton, and whether the numbers proposed were accurate.
- There is a need for more affordable homes- including mentions of between 140 and 250 new affordable homes. Community Land Trusts could become involved.
- There are lots of elderly people in Seaton and more moving in, this needs to be taken into account when planning new housing.
- Use of existing buildings should be improved first with re-occupation of empty homes and improvements to existing homes. This included utilising flats above shops and roof spaces.
- There are physical constraints within Seaton that limit the locations where new homes could be built. Maybe they could be built adjacent to existing boundaries.
- Concern about the new Common Housing Register and the way it works.

Community

- Seaton has a good primary school but it needs to expand, especially if extra homes are built. Also if extra homes are built a secondary school should be built.
- Seaton desperately needs a youth centre.
- If Seaton is to expand extra healthcare provision will be needed e.g. doctors, NHS dentists, expanding the hospital. The hospital needs to increase the services it offers.
- There is a need for more outdoor recreation/ open spaces. More football pitches are needed along with a ladies changing area and toilet facilities. A rugby pitch is needed. There is no focal point such as a civic park.
- There is a big need for mixed use indoor recreation/ sport buildings for all ages. There is no swimming pool, sports hall or gym in Seaton.
- Make more of the seafront by improving its appearance and usefulness e.g. watersports.
- There is a need for more multi-purpose community buildings.
- There is a fairly good sense of community spirit in Seaton but this could be improved by regenerating the town.

Environment Issues

- Green tourism is very important to Seaton. The existing natural environment needs to be capitalised upon especially the Wetlands.
- More green open spaces are needed maybe including beach gyms and sports fields.
- Improved walking access is needed to other areas e.g. Lyme Regis and Axmouth.
- There was concern about the environmental impact if the Tesco's development does or does not go ahead.
- The seafront area needs enhancement and investment.

Economy

- A lot of the jobs in Seaton are low wage. If new housing is to be built there needs to be greater variety of jobs at higher wages. There was some concern that Seaton may not be able to accommodate many new jobs and so people may need to travel out of Seaton.
- Small scale business development units are needed.
- High speed broadband is needed.

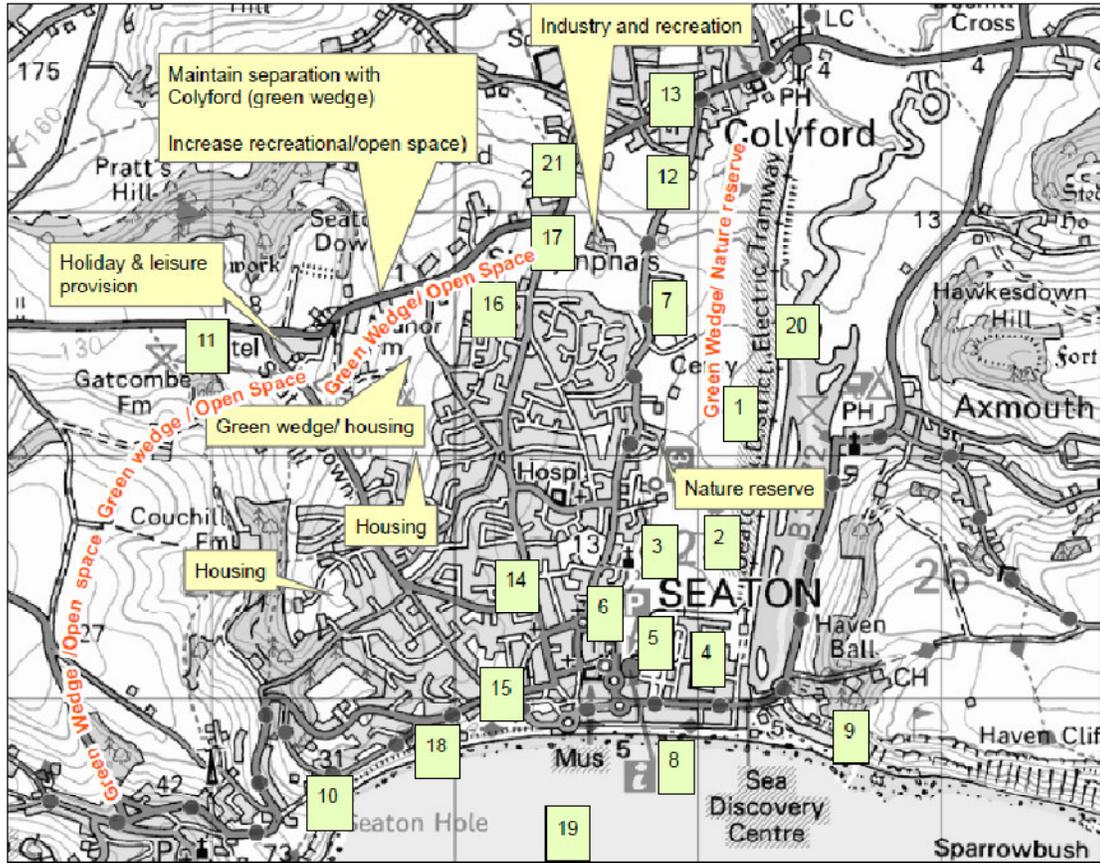
Transport and Infrastructure

- Cycling is important to Seaton, more cycling links are needed. Seaton needs to be more linked up with paths and cycle routes.
- More integrated public transport is needed.
- Could we make more use of the sea and estuary for transportation.
- The timetable of buses is poor and there is no rail link.

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- 20mph speed limits need enforcing.
- The road system needs upgrading- larger vehicles erode the road and cause traffic issues.
- Car parking charges are too high, Tesco's provide free parking spaces but too far from town.
- Access to the Yacht Club needs improving.
- There were mixed views about the Marina development- whether it is good or bad.
- More provision of green energy is needed in Seaton.
- Sewage capacity needs improving.
- Broadband needs improving.
- Green tourism needs protecting and enhancing and natural assets need to be realised.

Seaton



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- NO CONSENSUS**
- 1). Tourist accommodation/ eco lodges
 - 2). Tourist accommodation
 - 3). Housing
 - 4). Playing fields
 - 5). Secondary school
 - 6). Youth centre
 - 7). Relocate hospital/ health centre
 - 8). Pedestrianisation/ new tram line
 - 9). Improve access to undercliff
 - 10). Recreation area, shop, toilets
 - 11). Improve access to Holyford
 - 12). Make top of Colyford road cycling/ pedestrians only
 - 13). Coach park
 - 14). Traffic pinch point
 - 15). Traffic confusion
 - 16). & 17) Housing
 - 18). Saltwater allweather heated lido
 - 19). New harbour walls
 - 20). Bridge
 - 21). Housing

- NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED**
- Need New:**
- Buffer planting around the edges of the town
 - Need a high proportion of affordable housing
- Protect:**
- All existing public open spaces and sports provision
 - Scheduled ancient monument
 - Flood plain

Please note that this map is indicative of the views expressed at the consultation event and has not been endorsed by the District Council

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Honiton 'Speed Dating' Workshop

24 March 2010

Method

76 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Honiton as well as other organisations e.g. schools were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Honiton up to the year 2030. 18 people attended the event, these were as follows:

- Various members of Honiton Town Council
- Honiton St Michaels Councillor (EDDC)
- Honiton St Pauls Councillor (EDDC)
- Development Trust
- Honiton Primary School
- Honiton Youth Service
- TRIP Community Transport
- Honiton Senior Citizens
- Honiton Rugby Club
- Baha'i Community of Honiton
- St Pauls Church
- Honiton Methodist Church
- Honiton Crafts Club
- Highways Agency
- Environment Agency

The full list of invitees is provided in the Appendix.

The attendees were split into different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport

The following are summaries of the results of those discussions

Housing

- There is a need for new housing in Honiton. This housing should be affordable housing suitable for local young people, families and those with a disability.
- Good quality housing, e.g. sheltered & care homes, for the older population are also needed.
- Second homes were not considered to be an issue in Honiton.
- Suggestions of where homes could be built were; towards Monkton, Heathpark, Sidmouth Hill, West Honiton and either end of Honiton.

- Improvements need to be made to some private homes, people don't realise there are grants available for improvements and energy efficiency.
- Energy efficient homes should be built but they are not affordable to build.
- If there is extra housing there needs to be extra infrastructure to go with it.

Community

- The schools in Honiton at the moment are fine.
- Future housing should provide easy access to the schools.
- There is a lack of community buildings in Honiton but there are mixed feelings about the new Community Centre- too expensive, will it meet local needs? It should link with the College.
- More health care needs to be provided for mental health.
- There are concerns over closures of health facilities in the town.
- There is a shortage of sports pitches and recreational areas.
- Any future housing development needs to include spaces for recreation.
- The Glen is very good.
- There needs to be a central point for people to sit and socialise on the town.
- There needs to be more for young people to do e.g. cinema, more youth service provision.

Environment Issues

- There was a strong feeling that footway and cycle links need to be improved in Honiton particularly to surrounding Parishes and the River Otter. There was also a lack of knowledge about what footways/ cycle ways already exist.
- The AONB and rural views around Honiton must be protected from any development.

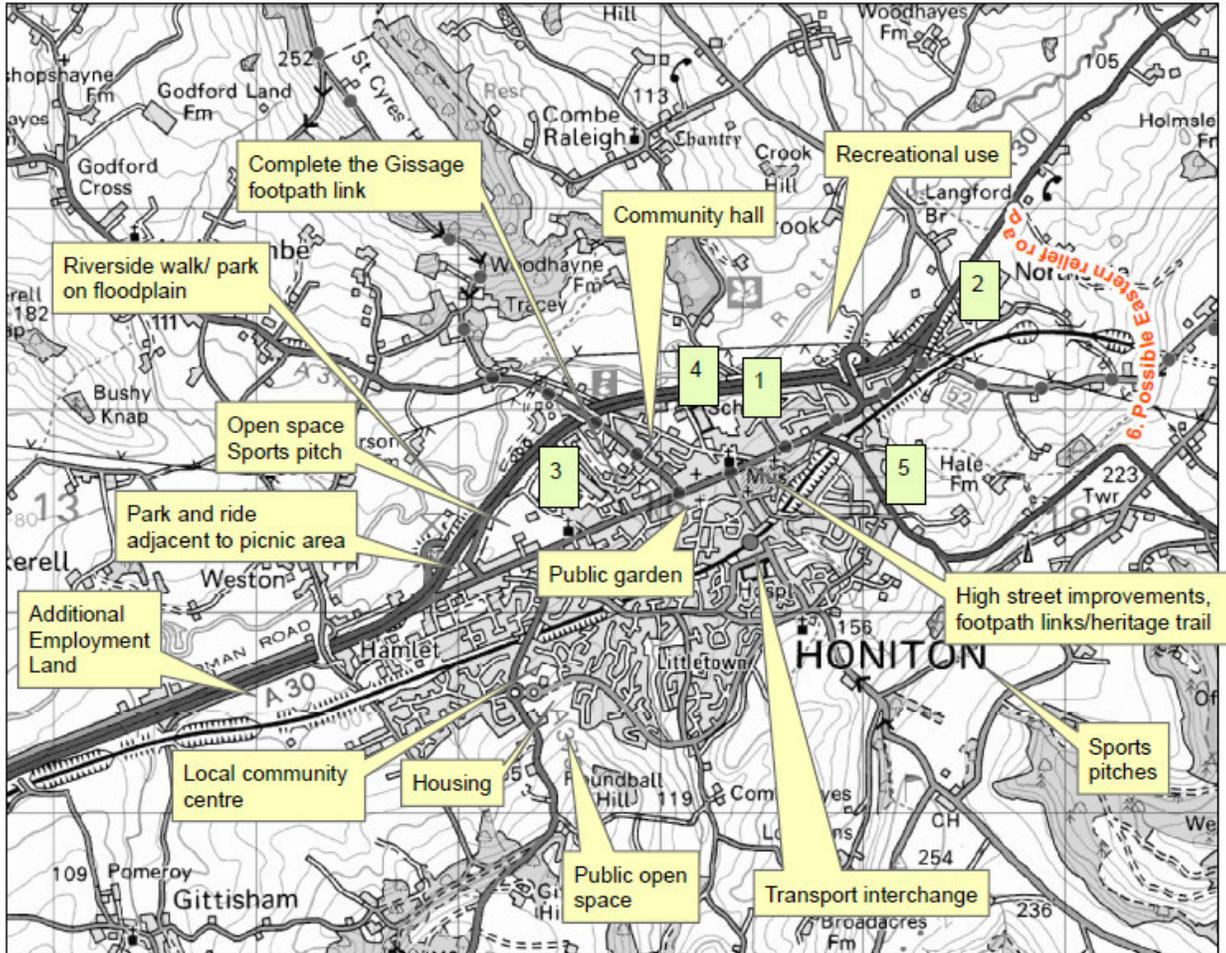
Economy

- More specialist/ graduate jobs are needed.
- Young people can't get suitable jobs in the town so move away.
- Apprenticeships need to be offered more widely.
- A good hotel/ tourist accommodation is needed in Honiton town centre.
- More employment land is needed. Suggestions included: campsite, big office premises, Heathpark, more large retail premises.
- The High Street is unique with its shops and market, it needs keeping that way.
- Small businesses need encouragement.

Transport and Infrastructure

- Need more footways and cyclepaths, including more signage and a map showing locations.
- Car parking charges are too expensive.
- There are some issues with traffic: New Street/ High Street junction, Kings Road congestion, Dualling of A303/ A30, One way system for Clapper Lane and Dowell Street.
- Inconvenient times of buses and trains. There are no buses in the evenings and few in the afternoons. Direct bus links to Exeter are needed. Re-open the train line to Ottery St Mary.

Honiton



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NO CONSENSUS

- 1). Langford Avenue flats should be affordable housing. No encroachment on AONB's future reopening of disused railway lines
- 2). New campsite at Otter Valley Park
- 3). Community use/ housing on business park
- 4). Park and walk north of college
- 5). Housing/ protection of land rear of kings road
- 6). Bypass from A30 to A35

NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED

Need New:
 Allotment sites
 Visitor facilities & accommodation
 Sports/ playing fields
 Public toilets

Protect:
 All existing public open spaces,
 schools and pitches

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Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

Ottery St Mary 'Speed Dating' Workshop

30 March 2010

Method

46 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Ottery St Mary as well as other organisations e.g. schools were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Ottery St Mary up to the year 2030. 19 people attended the event, these were as follows:

- Various members of Ottery St Mary Town Council
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Sustainable Ottery
- Ottery St Mary Rural Councillor (EDDC)
- Ottery St Mary Town Councillor (EDDC)
- The Institute
- Later Life Forum
- Otter Vale Arts Society
- Devon Youth Service- Ottery St Mary
- West Hill Residents Association
- West Hill Primary School/ Sing for Your Life
- Sustainable Ottery
- Western Power Distribution
- Devon County Council
- Tipton Residents Association

The full list of invitees is provided in the Appendix.

The attendees were split into different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport

The following are summaries of the results of those discussions

Housing

- Does Ottery St Mary really need any more housing? A Housing Needs Assessment is warranted.
- Affordable housing is not really affordable. If it is to be built it needs to be affordable and for local people.
- There was a wide range of views about what sort of housing could possibly be needed; family homes, homes for single people, sheltered accommodation, retirement flats, specialised housing.

- The buildings, housing and brownfield sites already in Ottery St Mary should be used more effectively.
- Higher levels of energy efficient housing is needed.

Community

- Kings Secondary School needs room for expansion.
- West Hill, Tipton and other Ottery primary schools are good but need room for expansion.
- The Ottery St Mary Institute needs refurbishment and other community buildings are needed as it is always fully booked.
- There is an increasing population of elderly people- health care needs to be provided
- More health care needs to be provided in the community e.g. maternity, nursing care, day care, home visits. Could a surgery be developed in West Hill?
- The community hospital is good but will need to expand if more houses are built.
- There are not enough play and recreation spaces in Ottery St Mary. Alfington and West Hill don't even have playparks. The promised skate park in Ottery needs to happen.
- There is a need for an arts facility in Ottery St Mary e.g. theatre, heritage centre.
- Young people have to travel out of Ottery for things to do but there is little public transport.
- There needs to be more youth provision from the Youth Service.

Environment Issues

- There need to be more cycle routes and walks around town and to surrounding areas- it is too dangerous to walk or cycle on the road.
- The natural environment needs protecting.
- Not enough recreation/ open spaces within the town.
- Consideration needs to be given to flooding of open spaces/ recreation/ play areas.

Economy

- There were mixed views on employment in Ottery St Mary with some people feeling that there needs to be more casual work in particular for young people.
- More promotion of Ottery St Mary as a tourist destination.
- Some regeneration of the town is needed including filling empty shops, a hotel, development of niche and independent shops to attract people to Ottery as a shopping destination.
- There was concern that car parking costs stopped people shopping in the town.

Transport and Infrastructure

- There need to be more cycle routes and walks around town and to surrounding areas- it is too dangerous to walk or cycle on the road. In particular a footpath to Otter Nurseries.
- Road safety was seen as an issue. There should be enforced speed limits.
- Poor provision of public transport. More availability of train travel and buses.
- Better broadband is needed.
- Green energy production should be considered for Ottery.

Rural Issues

- Housing need varies from village to village with some need for starter homes and housing for an ageing population.
- Small shops are struggling- could community shops be the way forwards?
- Encourage small businesses into the rural areas.
- Local food production is increasing in importance and need to be encouraged.

- Improved public transport is required.

Ottery St. Mary



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NO CONSENSUS

Town centre pedestrianisation.
 Reopen railway line for recreation.

- 1). Affordable housing
- 2). Sustainable power generation
- 3). (Town Council offices) library
- 4). Park and ride to Exeter
- 5). Arts centre/ library/ community centre/ heritage society

NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED

Need New:
 School site
 Flood defences
 Library
 Improved bus links
 Coleridge study centre
 Town centre improvements
 Improved broadband in Tipton & West Hill
 Sports/ playing fields
 Public toilets

Protect:
 Flood defences
 Open spaces
 Gerway Nursery

Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

Axminster 'Speed Dating' Workshop

29 March 2010

Method

53 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Axminster as well as other organisations e.g. schools were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Axminster up to the year 2030. This was part of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation. 22 people attended the event, these were as follows:

- Various members of Axminster Town Council
- Axminster Town Councillors (EDDC)
- The Rotary Club of Axminster
- Axminster and District Horticultural Society
- Axminster Senior Forum
- Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre
- Carers Support Group- Axminster
- Axminster Town Cricket Club
- Axminster Area Youth Worker
- Axe Valley Sports Centre- Axminster
- Monday Monkeys
- Churches Together in East Devon and the Diocese of Exeter
- Axminster Guide Dogs
- Axminster Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
- Devon County Council Traffic Management
- Axminster United Reformed Church

The full list of invitees is provided in the Appendix.

The attendees were split into different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport

The following are summaries of the results of those discussions

Summary

Housing

- Axminster needs to grow in a controlled way.

- A mix of housing is needed there was mention of a variety of housing including; singles accomodation, family homes, disabled/ elderly, affordable, market, lifetime homes, warden assisted, self build. However, the biggest need was seen to be for affordable housing.
- Second homes are not an issue.
- Housing should be on brownfield land where possible.
- It is important for all new homes to be energy efficient.
- If there is to be more housing the road infrastructure needs to be improved.

Community

- If new homes are to be built in either Axminster or Seaton the schools need to be able to expand to cope with the increase in pupils- Axe Valley is already full.
- Schools should link up better with local clubs and activities.
- There is a big need for more community buildings that are fit for purpose. There was mention of a community building being needed at Millwey Rise.
- Doctors surgeries need room to expand. The hospital is good but not enough services are offered.
- Publicise the sports facilities and make them more accessible to the local community.
- Not enough playing fields, open spaces or parks.
- Extend the opening times of the Youth Club.
- Improve maintenance of the skate park.

Environment Issues

- Publicise footpaths and cycle paths. Better links to the surrounding countryside, particularly the river.
- Flooding is getting worse.
- Not enough open spaces, recreation areas.
- Food production is important to Axminster (River Cottage and Market).

Economy

- Axminster Power Tools and Axminster Carpets are the biggest local employers and need to be retained.
- There is a lack of a Jobentre.
- Need more jobs that will retain Axminsters young people.
- There were mixed opinions about employment land, including that land could be an issue.
- Independent shops are important to Axminster. They need retaining and improving.
- A hotel is needed.

Transport and Infrastructure

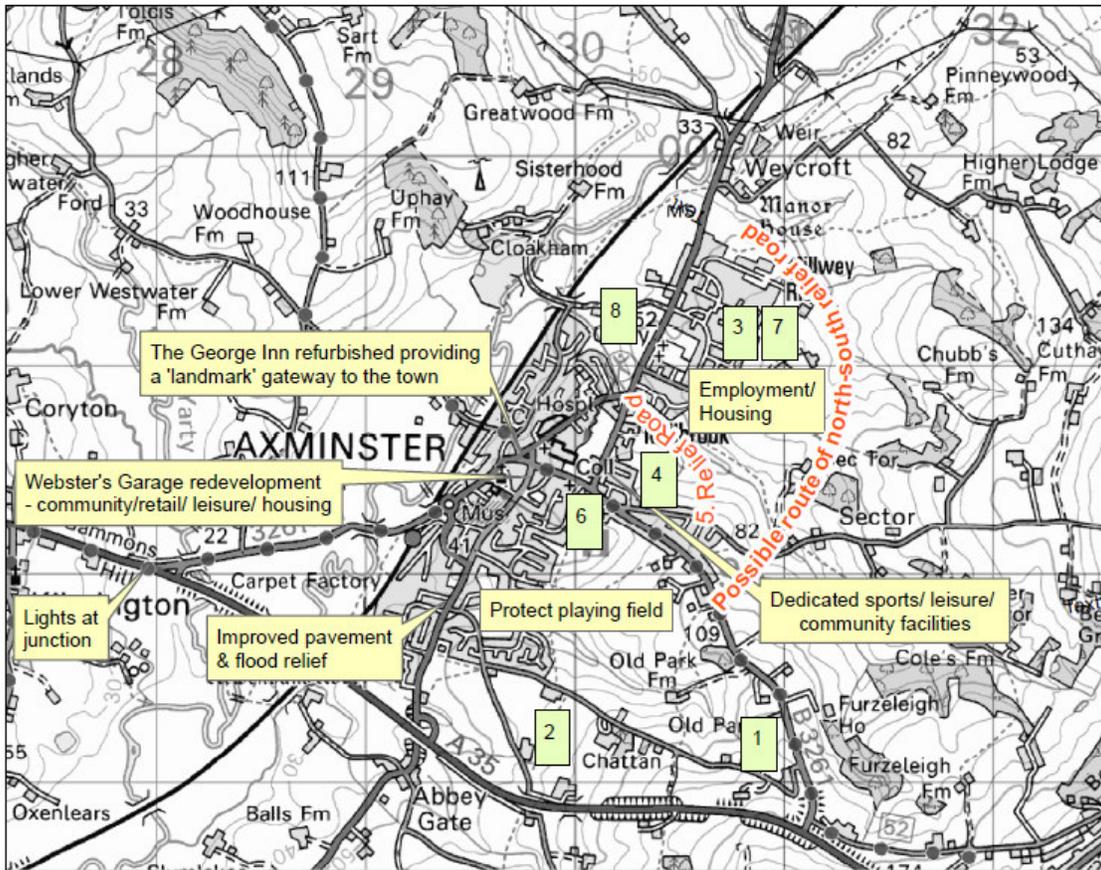
- A north/ south relief road is needed. The train services are good, but more buses are needed that take people into Axminster town from surrounding areas.
- Broadband needs improving.
- Surface water drainage and the sewerage system need upgrading.

Rural Issues

- More affordable housing is needed.
- Rural areas need their own youth provision or good transport into Axminster.
- Farm vehicles damage roads.
- Farms should diversify.
- An into town bus service is needed.

There are issues with people speeding down rural lanes.

Axminster



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- NO CONSENSUS**
- 1). Hotel at Woodbury Lane/ B3261 junction
 - 2). Belt of leisure/ green tourism
 - 3). Medical provision as part of development
 - 4). Relocate primary school & expand secondary school onto primary site
 - 5). Shorter alternative relief road
 - 6). Housing, new schools & allotments
 - 7). Community centre
 - 8). Housing/ employment/ recreation

- NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED**
- Need New:**
 Allotments
- Protect:**
 Open Space
 Floodplain

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Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

Sidmouth 'Speed Dating' Workshop

12 April 2010

Method

94 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Sidmouth as well as other organisations e.g. schools were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Sidmouth up to the year 2030. This was part of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation. 37 people attended the event, they were as follows:

- Various from Sidmouth Town Council
- Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Vision for Sidmouth
- 3 Sidmouth Councillors (EDDC)
- Speak Now Panel
- Sidmouth Sports Centre
- Lions Club of Sidmouth
- Sidmouth Rugby Football Club
- Sidmouth and District Hospitality Association
- St Francis Church Hall Woolbrook
- Sidmouth Junior Badminton Club
- Sidmouth Youth Centre
- Sidmouth Help Link
- Sidmouth Cricket Club
- Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet & Hockey Club
- Sidmouth Amateur Dramatic Society
- Sidmouth Reablement Service
- Cornerstone Housing
- Spectrum Housing Association
- Sidmouth Parish Church
- Leisure East Devon
- Strategic Planning- DCC
- East Devon District Councillor
- East Devon Churches Together and the Diocese of Exeter
- Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary
- Port Royal Steering Group
- Sidmouth Amateur Dramatic Society
- Environment Agency
- Catholic Church
- Devon and Cornwall Housing Association

The full list of invitees is provided in the Appendix.

The attendees were split into different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport

The following is a summary of the results of those discussions.

Summary

Housing

- There needs to be a mix of housing- but mainly for young people and the elderly.
- There needs to be a limit on the number of second homes
- Homes need to be more energy efficient, particularly new homes, but care need to be taken with the aesthetic impact of this upon Sidmouth.
- Existing housing needs to be fully utilised.

Community

- There needs to be greater support for special needs children, Sidmouth has a high proportion.
- There are good links between all the schools in Sidmouth
- There needs to be provision of lifelong education.
- Bicton College needs to stay open.
- Sidmouth College will need to expand but where it is now it can't.
- There are no major employers once young people are educated.
- The Drill Hall needs to be removed or used and be put to community use.
- There are enough community buildings.
- The health centre and library need to be relocated, current buildings/ parking is not fit for purpose, but still need to be central.
- More provision for the care of the elderly is needed e.g. care homes. Care services need to be able to meet the increased need of the elderly population of Sidmouth.
- Sidmouth is well served for sports and sports facilities. There were mixed strong views about the moving of the Rugby/ Cricket Clubs to the North East of the town.
- More youth provision is required.
- More should be made of the seafront- more sea based activities.
- Protect the appearance of Sidmouth.
- Concern about Pennington Point cliff erosion.

Environment Issues

- More cycle routes are needed to link to surrounding areas.
- Footpaths need to be promoted.
- There could be a shuttle bus that takes people to destinations such as Peak Hill, Connaught Gardens.
- Pennington Point cliff erosion needs to be tackled.
- Flooding needs to be borne in mind.
- Sidmouths open spaces are very important and need to be retained. More trees are needed.

Economy

- People that work in Sidmouth cannot afford to live there.

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- Local food production is an important aspect to Sidmouth.
- Alexandria Road Industrial Site does not have adequate access routes. There were mixed views about whether it should remain as an industrial site.
- Mixed use redevelopment is needed.
- It is important to keep independent shops. Make it easier for more independent shops to exist.
- Tourism is an important industry in Sidmouth- this needs to be maintained/ improved.

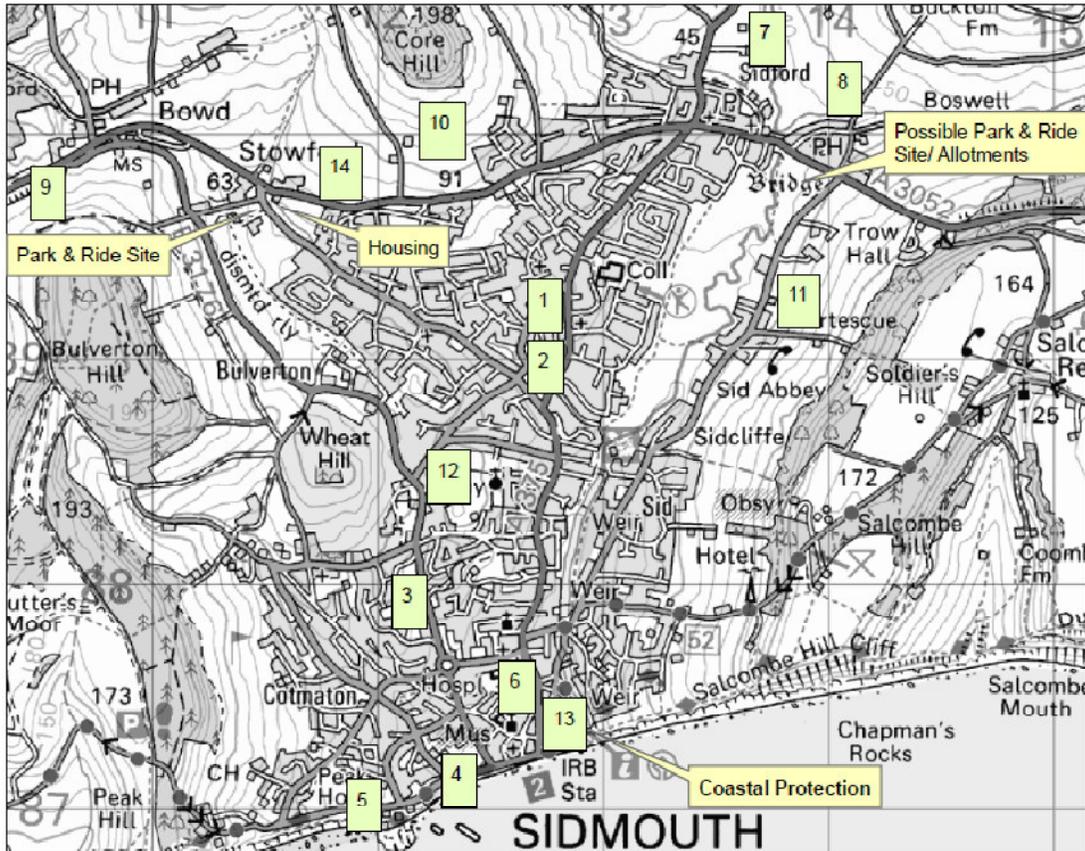
Transport and Infrastructure

- Pedestrianise Fore Street.
- More car parking, a better use of what car parking there already is, or a park and ride needs to be provided.
- More smaller shuttle buses around the town are needed.
- A direct link to a railway station is required.
- Broadband is not a real issue in Sidmouth.
- Could wind or tidal energy be provided?

Rural Issues

- Make sure affordable housing is affordable and remains affordable.
- Community pubs and shops need to be encouraged and supported.
- Local food initiatives need to be encouraged and supported.

Sidmouth



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NO CONSENSUS

- 1). Youth centre
- 2). Health centre/ Swimming pool
- 3). Housing/ medical centre/ District heat and power plant / park & ride
- 4). Car free with jetty for boat access
- 5). Bridge/ 2storey carpark/ park & ride
- 6).Town centre pedestrianisation/ LEV/ electric car parking only
- 7). 8). 9). Light industrial
- 10). Relocate school
- 11). 12). Housing
- 13). Market with canopy on Ham carpark/ community facilities
- 14). Replace civic amenity site

NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED

Bike storage lockers tracks along seafront
 Move lifeboat station to western town
 seafront toilets
 use boats to reduce car use

RURAL SIDMOUTH

Wind turbines
 More cycle paths
 Tidal energy

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Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

Exmouth 'Speed Dating' Workshop

11 May 2010

Method

215 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Sidmouth as well as other organisations e.g. schools were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Sidmouth up to the year 2030. This was part of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation. 56 people attended the event, they were as follows:

- Transition Town Exmouth x 2
- Exmouth Halsdon Councillors x 2
- Clerk- Exmouth Town Council
- Office Manager- Exmouth Town Council
- Exmouth Town Council x 2
- Exmouth Archers
- Leonard Cheshire
- Brixington Community Church
- Littlemead Residents Association
- Age Concern Exmouth
- Royal British Legion Women's Section - Littleham Division
- Community Enabling Support Service
- Royal British Legion
- Tower Street Methodist Church
- St John the Evangelist Parish Church
- Third Age Project
- Exmouth Community Car Service
- Exmouth Rugby Club
- St John in the Wilderness Church
- Devon County Council Youth Service
- Exmouth Council of Voluntary Service
- Exmouth Britain In Bloom
- Royal Air Force Association
- Exmouth Chamber of Trade and Commerce Water Users Group
- Exmouth Swimming and Life Saving Society
- Exmouth and District Community Transport Group
- LARF
- Exmouth Residents Association x 2
- League of Friends
- Exmouth Quay Residents Association
- Link-Up
- Littleham Residents Association
- Cycle Path Exmouth

- Exmouth Community Association
- Exmouth Rowing Club
- Exmouth Tidy Group
- Clinton Devon Estates
- The Beacon Church of England Primary School
- Brixington Primary School
- Exmouth & District Children's Centre
- The Normanlea Society
- Pulse Project
- Exmouth Civic Society
- Exmouth Health and Care Team
- Exmouth Citizens Forum
- Mary Parminter Charity Trust
- Exmouth Business Centre Trust
- Leisure East Devon
- Lympstone Town Council
- Exmouth Resident x 3

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The attendees were split into different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport
- Rural Issues

These are the results of those discussions.

Summary

Housing

- There were mixed views as to whether Exmouth needs more housing or not
- More affordable housing is needed
- More housing for young people
- No more retirement homes- there are too many
- More social housing
- Housing should be mixed
- There are some second homes but it was unclear whether these were a problem
- Improve energy efficiency in new housing
- Empty properties should be brought back into use
- There is under-occupation of a lot of housing, Council and private
- The infrastructure e.g. schools is needed to support the housing

Community

- Provision of vocational training and apprenticeships are needed
- Use schools to provide more places for the community to meet
- Expand Exmouth Community College

- Use the Rolle College site to provide extra learning facilities/ community facilities
- There is a lack of affordable, good quality community meeting buildings/ rooms
- The health centre is too overcrowded, needs expansion or new GP surgeries
- Parking is not good enough at the health centre site
- Finish off the bowling alley or get rid of it
- Swimming pool and sports centre prices are so expensive people don't use them
- Better use of the parks and gardens for recreation and activities
- Free/ grant assisted recreational space and activities e.g. arts centre, circus skills, rehearsal space for musicians, sailing
- An arts/ performance space for artists and musicians
- More joined up activities
- Increased Youth Service provision
- Not enough for children and young people to do outside of school
- Need water sports sites/ provision
- Make more of the seafront
- The seafront is precious don't develop it with flats/ housing
- Use Rolle College as a community resource e.g. arts space, education pre and post 16
- There are no community facilities in Brixington

Environment Issues

- Develop/ promote cycle ways
- Protect the open spaces
- Any development on the seafront should be sensitive
- More green open space required in the outlying areas of the town
- Climate change is an important issue with Exmouth's shoreline

Economy

- Vocational training provision is needed in Exmouth
- More jobs are needed to prevent outmigration
- More variety of jobs is needed
- Improve the quality of jobs available and make them higher paid
- Small scale business start up units are needed
- High density employment sites are required
- The Strand should have a weekly market
- There should be a better range of shops, less charity shops, cafes and fast food
- Additional parking is required in the town centre
- There was mixed opinion about whether another supermarket was needed in the town
- The Magnolia Centre needs re-vamping
- Tourism is vital to the economy. Make more of the seafront and Exmouth's natural assets and market it to increase tourism. The town does not promote itself enough.
- Watersports could increase the economy

Transport and Infrastructure

- The shared cycle/ walking pavements are not working
- Cycle hire along the cycleways would be a good idea
- There are not enough car parking spaces in Exmouth for residents and visitors
- Improve the A376 to and from Exeter
- Stop Summer Lane being used as a rat run
- More people should be able to get free bus travel
- The railway station needs investment, its very run down

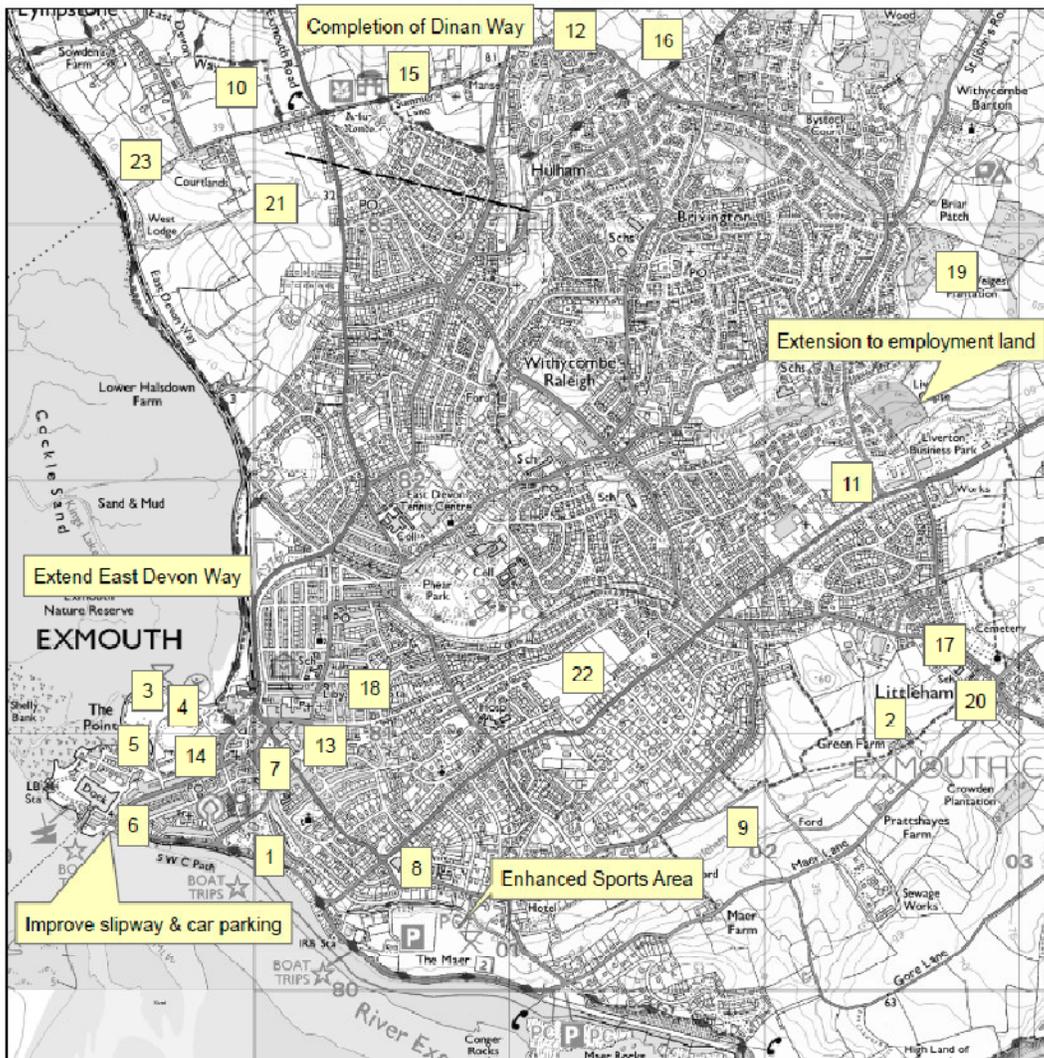
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- Buses and trains should all be co-ordinated
- Have more regular trains to and from Exeter by creating a passing loop
- Areas around Exmouth need better broadband
- Encourage green energy production- maybe through tidal flow

Rural Issues

- Second home ownership and the cost of land prices out locals in the rural areas- there is not enough affordable housing in the villages for local people
- Need additional facilities e.g. shopping centre on the periphery of Exmouth and surrounding villages
- It is important to retain what is already available in villages with one facility e.g. shop, pub, Post Office, school, village hall being a community hub
- Farming and rural jobs are in decline
- Farms should be allowed to diversify e.g. conversion of farm buildings into farm shops, small business units
- Farm land should not be lost
- Encourage the development of farming and rural industries/ crafts and local sourcing of foods in supermarkets
- Public transport is important. There should be a better service to more destinations
- Retain the character of villages

Exmouth



NO CONSENSUS

1. Elizabeth Hall - Watersports centre/Retain as community hall
2. Family Social Housing
3. Campsite/Visitor Centre
4. Supermarket/Park & Ride
5. Locks/Watersports/Boating
6. Watersports Centre
7. L.I.C
8. Rolle Centre - Arts/ Environmental interpretation/Hospital
9. Sports/Housing
10. Housing/ Retail Park
11. Park & Ride
12. Park & Ride/ Supermarket
13. Supermarket/Multistorey car park/Redevelop Magnolia Centre
14. Iconic building, library, cafe, interpretation/ no supermarket/ supermarket/ improved public transport interchange
15. 16, 19 & 21 Housing
17. Relocate Businesses to Liverton and replace with affordable housing
18. Replace Police Station with affordable housing
- 20 & 22 Allotments
23. New Railway Station & Park and Ride

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NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED

- Need public toilets
- Need Hotels/ Campsites
- Facilities needed in existing housing
- Improve gateways to town
- Protect & retain open spaces

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East Devon Business Forum

29 April 2010

A meeting of the East Devon Business Forum was held on Thursday 29th April 2010 at the Business Centre in Honiton. It was intended that the session would follow the same 'speed dating' format that was used to consult in the towns. Due to a lower than anticipated attendance (16 excluding EDDC staff) the format was amended so that, instead of splitting into individual workshop groups, the whole group discussed the (slightly abbreviated) programmed subjects in turn.

The principal points made were as follows:

In Response to the Introduction by Karime Hassan, Corporate Director, East Devon District Council

- Supply employment first and provide housing to follow it, rather than the other way around
- Business community needs to be ready when the economy picks up – firms tend to want things (e.g. accommodation) practically overnight
- The importance to the local economy of tourist spending is not fully appreciated

Housing and Community

- Serious shortage of low cost housing for workforces
- Wealthy big businesses used to build houses for their workers but now can't get planning permission, increasing commuting
- Pent up anger amongst young people- can't afford housing so move out, resulting in skill shortages
- Second homes a problem, often empty for months on end
- (Chairman) EDDC used to look for reasons to turn proposals down, but attitudes are changing: innovative for Council staff to visit business
- Karime Hassan threw out some possible housing figures for the towns and rural communities. It's difficult to obtain 40% affordable housing
- New developments on the coast often advertised as ideal second homes: should Council Tax vary with their occupancy times?
- Registered Social Landlords say banks won't lend to them because they cannot charge enough rent to cover the repayments
- EDDC reluctant to permit houses for workers (e.g. agricultural dwellings)
- Planning is always an obstacle: local authorities don't agree on affordable housing percentages and there are excessive costs in respect of supplying additional reports, supporting statements etc with applications, increasing delay
- Regional Spatial Strategy housing requirements are a floor, not a ceiling – if the community wants more, it should ask for it
- (Councillor) Planners are so awkward, people don't do anything, or move away; the law of supply and demand would resolve the situation
- Renting housing should be treated as more of an option
- Business community is frustrated that policies are inflexible: if they are a barrier to progress, they should be reshaped

Environment and Rural Issues

- Policies re Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty too restrictive; countryside jobs & houses needed
- Should help farmers'custodians of the countryside', who have shaped it over centuries of cultivation
- Government allows cheap food to be imported from thousands of miles away. Recent air traffic disruption as a result of the Icelandic volcanic eruption shows how important home-grown food is
- Question is whether workshops are needed in rural areas, farm shops and storage in barns – it's not open season on the countryside
- Vibrant economy is via homes, jobs and agriculture, but tourism is a major provider; we should work around the environment
- Farm cottages with protected tenancies can prevent new ones being permitted
- Tourists want attractive countryside, not expensive measures such as surfaced paths and cycleways
- Holiday offer needs to be increased; research needed as to what visitors want and where they spend money; most firms spend a lot on market research. This would benefit day visitors and local people

Transport and Infrastructure

- The South West and East Devon don't punch their weight
- Big problem getting Exmouth workers into Exeter by bus or train: to get the rail service down from 1 per 30 minutes to 1 per 15 would require passing loops and more rolling stock.
- Devon Cliffs has to cope with 700 visitors per week
- Dowell Street/High Street junction in Honiton and junction with A35 problems and an eastern by-pass is needed - it's not all about the motorway
- Criticism of highway authorities for not implementing the many plans for by-passes etc but spending money on things like cycling lanes that hold up the traffic
- Bus lane proposed at Clyst St Mary – no good unless an extra lane is provided
- In future, electric vehicles will require charging points at garages
- Difficult to get Network Rail to provide new stations and rolling stock.
- Business community must carry the campaign, press MPs for progress and so on
- Department of Transport funding likely to be cut by 30+%
- Park and Ride schemes – if the service was improved somewhat, they'd be used a lot more

Economy

- Politicians are not being very clear about the problems; small businesses are key and should be encouraged, not hammered on all sides
- Most jobs can't be worked flexibly
- If people are willing to invest, EDDC should be helping them, without requiring peripheral reports etc
- Small business rates a problem
- 54% of the economy is now public sector, up 20% on 20 years ago; officials are telling us what to do
- EDDC need to be told if, e.g. small work units are required
- 6,000 small/medium businesses will help to revive the economy and EDDC support and policy should put the emphasis on that sector (Agreed by the meeting)
- The Federation of Small Businesses have an event in October and it would be useful if EDDC staff could be represented

The meeting commenced at 6.05pm and closed at 7.55pm.

Meetings with Young People through the Youth Clubs

To provide a wider range of opinions as to how the District should develop in the future, a number of consultations were carried out with young people during Spring 2010. These followed a set format- young people attending youth clubs/groups in each town were asked to photograph the features they liked, disliked and would like to see in the place where they lived using disposable cameras. They were then asked to return the cameras for processing and were invited to an informal discussion with Council Officers during a youth club session. Questionnaires were distributed during these sessions and there was an opportunity for a young person from each group to win a £25 music voucher as a questionnaire was drawn at random at the end of each session.

Axminster Youth Club

Photo Project

27 April 2010

Summary

The young people like the youth services and sports facilities provided in Axminster. They did not like the empty shops, run down un-used buildings and spaces and scruffy unkempt areas of the town.

Method

Members of Axminster Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:

- They don't like about Axminster
- They do like about Axminster
- What they would like to see in Axminster

4 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 7 photos of what they did like about Axminster and 28 photos of what they didn't like

Results

What did they like about Axminster?

Of the 7 photos of what they did like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
The Youth Centre	2
The Youth Service van	2
The swimming pool	1
Tennis courts	1
Gym	1

What didn't they like about Axminster?

Of the 28 photos of what they didn't like the results are shown below

Photo	Number
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	of photos
The George Hotel	4
Unkempt verges, scruffy roadside areas, fallen down walls	4
Empty shops	3
Fenced off areas that could be made better use of	3
A run down bus shelter not providing shelter	2
Webster's Garage	2
Roads	2
Public toilets being closed/ scruffy	2
Car park near tennis court	2
Older people being disrespectful sitting on the war memorial	1
Graffiti	1
Closed off empty building	1

Summary of Discussion

Young people in Axminster like:

- The Youth Club
- Football provision
- The cricket club
- The schools
- Nothing

Young people in Axminster don't like:

- Everyone knowing your business
- It's too small and boring
- We go to Seaton as there's a beach there and more young people

Improvements young people would make to Axminster:

- Clothes shops for young people
- Have a cinema
- A fast food chain restaurant
- More part time and weekend jobs for young people
- More things for young people to do if you don't do sports
- Make the sports activities cheaper
- Make public transport cheaper and run later
- Make Webster's Garage into some sort of entertainment e.g. bowling, cinema
- Do up and re-open the George Hotel
- Have the youth club open more hours and more days
- More open, green spaces
- Be allowed into pubs later for pool etc

Will you live in Axminster in 10 years time?

- No
- No- I will be going to University
- No- there are no suitable jobs

Results

What do you like about Axminster?

Nothing X 3

The football pitch

The secondary school has a newly kitted-out 6th form facility

Generally, it's a good school

Football clubs (there are two)

Cricket club

What don't you like about Axminster?

There are no shops

No clothes shops for young people

We need a KFC or a McDonalds

It's boring

It's too small

No jobs for younger people, particularly part time jobs X 4

Tesco needs to be bigger- may create more jobs

Needs better public transport

Needs a driving test centre- have to travel to Dorchester or Exeter

There are too many nose people

Everyone knows your business

Is there enough for young people to do?

There are not enough young people

Public transport is too expensive and doesn't run late enough

Better shops- more young peoples clothes shops

Need a cinema (the nearest one is Lyme)

After the youth club we go home

There's nothing to do for people that aren't into sports

I spent all day sitting in my house as there's nothing to do

Some pubs let you in but only until 9pm

Gym isn't open very late

Amateur dramatics and bowling clubs aren't really attractive to young people, although they would probably allow you to join if you wanted to.....

Websters Garage could be a bowling alley, or a laser quest/indoor paintball and would draw people in to Axminster, to use other places like the pubs.

The George should be done up and re-opened – right opposite Websters, so they would both be good for each other.

Youth Club is great – shame it's not open more days and later.

Internet access at Youth Club is good.

Will you be living in Axminster in ten years time?

No X 4

I'm going to Uni X 2

It's boring

Probably – no desire to leave really

Going to Uni – the best course will dictate which one, rather than whether it is close to home

No good jobs for school leavers, so would need to leave to get well paid work

Other general discussions

Is there enough for young people to do?

There is nothing to do in Axminster, we go to Seaton

The football pitch and the youth club are good- otherwise there's nothing

There is nothing to do if you don't do sports

Sports centres and swimming cost too much money so we can't use them

We need part time jobs for people our age

We love the youth club but it's not open enough
Theres nothing- we travel to Seaton to the beach
There are more young people in Seaton so we go there
There are not enough green open spaces

What do you think about Axminster?

There are too many empty shops and derelict buildings- fill them with something useful, why couldn't Websters Garage be a cinema.
There are too many empty shops that have been empty for years- it's not good enough
Like living here – family's been here for ages
There are about enough part time or school leaver jobs – you just have to look for them.
Don't feel particularly proud of Axminster, but it's ok.

Other points

Most of the people at the youth club are from Axminster itself, but most students at the secondary school are from surrounding villages. They either don't know about the youth club, or can't get to it.

Not a wide enough range of sports clubs at the sports centre or in the town
The school is ok, but not many students go on to Uni from there

Summary of the Questionnaire

- All the young people, apart from one, felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Axminster.
- The most popular suggestions for things they would like to happen in Axminster (in order of popularity) were a cinema, bowling alley, clothes shops for young people, somewhere to just hang out, paintball, a nightclub and more sports facilities.
- 43% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to. The most popular reason for this was that public transport is too expensive, along with the buses not being frequent enough and a moped being a viable alternative.
- 32% will still live in Axminster in ten years time, 68% will not. Half of the young people that stated they would leave would be leaving to find a job, or for more job opportunities. Some would also be leaving because there is nothing to do and some because they want to go to University.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Axminster most felt that it needed more for young people to do- this included more clothes shops for younger people, better football provision and a bowling alley amongst others.

Method

Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Axminster Youth Club on 27 April 2010. 23 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.

Results

Q1. Is there enough for young people to do in Axminster?

23 respondents answered this question:

4%- there is enough for young people to do in Axminster

96%- there is not enough for young people to do in Axminster

Q2. Is there enough for you to do, what else would you like to be able to do?

21 of the young people commented:

- Bowling alley. Cinema
- More clubs to get people together.

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- Go carts. Swimming. Bowling. Paintballing.
- Bowling. Go karts. Paintballing. Skydiving. Bungee jumping.
- Night clubs for 16+. Alcohol served all night. Subway (sandwich shop). More pubs.
- Having an area where teenagers 15- 19 can talk and have fun where we can't be accused of doing something wrong.
- Rollercoasters/ theme park.
- Clothes shops. Fast food. Cinema.
- More city life e.g. clothes shops and nightclubs.
- More shops. More activities.
- More clubs. More activities for young people to do. More places for young people to hang around.
- Cinema or bowling.
- More shops. Clothes shops. Somewhere to hang out when we have nothing to do.
- Party!
- A better skate park.
- Paintball place. Crealy. Woodlands. Buy clothes- not old peoples shops. Buy alcohol. Buy cigarettes. Nightclub. Cinema.
- Entertainment e.g. cinema and bowling.
- Better outside sports facilities. More pool/ snooker clubs that young people can go to.
- Have a cinema or bowling.
- Go to an internet cafe.
- More sports clubs.

Q3. Can you easily get to the places you want to go to?

23 respondents answered this question:

57% can easily get to the places they want to go to

43% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to

Q4. If you can't get to the places you want to go to, please tell us why:

10 respondents commented:

- I need a moped. Long time on the bus.
- Because transport is too expensive.
- There is public transport to get to places the cost is too expensive but it goes to places I like to go to like Exeter.
- Buy me a moped.
- The trains are always compact and the station is dirty.
- More trains. More buses running regularly.
- Buses are expensive and don't run very often.
- Public transport is too expensive. Everything decent is too far away. Public transport is rubbish at times.
- Yeah but the buses are late or drive past.
- Because Spain is too far away and I got no money. So is Australia.

Q5. Do you think you will live in Axminster in ten years time?

22 respondents answered this question:

32% will still live in Axminster

68% will not live in Axminster

Q6. If you think you will leave, please tell us why:

16 respondents commented:

- Good choice of jobs. More things to do.
- Because I will be living with a mate or boyfriend. Too small.
- I would leave for a better job.
- Get more jobs.
- To go to University and live my life!
- More building jobs.
- I want to travel the world and see new things.
- More potential in other places.
- Because I will be going to Uni and hopefully get a house up there.
- Nothing to keep me here. Nothing to do.
- Too small. No job opportunities. Boring. Would like to live closer to a city.
- Planning to go to University.
- When I finish college in a year or two I'm moving to France.
- Job.
- University opportunities- move away to be closer to University.
- Nothing to do. No shops for young people. No places I want to work.

Q7. If you could improve one thing about Axminster what would it be?

All 23 respondents commented:

- Make the river a nicer place.
- Make it more of a better place for teenagers.
- A proper full pitch for football...
- Get goals with nets on every pitch.
- The whole thing.
- More sport clubs. Rugby club.
- I think Axminster should stay the same.
- Bowling alley.
- Make it modern and bring it into the 20th Century.
- Transport
- Everything!
- Change Trinity House into a clothes shop for all ages.
- More to do! e.g. young (under 17) disco or live bands. Cinema. Bowling.
- More clothes shops. More bars for younger people.
- Places to go.
- Everything. Facilities.
- Everything. Facilities.
- More green spaces.
- Entertainment industry for example cinema and bowling.
- Clothes shops. Town Centre re-vamp
- More things to do e.g. youth club open more regularly. Different activities to go to.
- To help young people have something to do.
- One way streets.

Ottery St Mary Youth Club

15 July 2010

Overall Summary of Consultation

- Young people really value the countryside, parks and open spaces in Ottery St Mary.
- More things are needed for young people over the age of 14 to do, up to 19. Extra things for young people to do that were mentioned- shops for young people, a cinema, a bowling alley, a youth cafe, swimming pool, sports field, community centre, skate park, play areas for older teenagers, arts and music classes, a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut and historical buildings.
- The old factory site needs regenerating, maybe into a cinema or skate park.
- The bad things about Ottery St Mary are the litter, dog fouling, the empty and derelict buildings and the drug problem.
- More jobs are needed in Ottery St Mary, most would leave to find appropriate graduate employment.
- The buses need to be later and more frequent, and a train station would be good.
- Ottery St Mary needs to be more environmentally friendly.
- The independent shops are important to Ottery. Although sainsburys will bring in more jobs there was concern it would affect local traders.
- There is nothing in West Hill for young people to do at all.
- East Hill could be made more of as a tourist destination.

Methods

1. Members of Ottery St Mary Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:
 - They don't like about Ottery St Mary
 - They do like about Ottery St Mary
 - What they would like to see in Ottery St Mary4 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 21 photos of what they did like about Honiton and 25 photos of what they didn't like.
2. Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Ottery St Mary Youth Club on 15 July 2010. 20 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.
3. A small discussion group was held with 4 young people from Ottery St Mary Youth Club for about 20 minutes.

Results Summaries for each method

Discussions

- There was mixed opinion about a supermarket in Ottery St Mary. Some were supportive due to the employment it would bring, some were unsupportive as they felt it would badly affect local traders.
- A cafe suitable for young people would be good.
- More things are needed for young people over the age of 14 to do, up to 19 or early 20's. There was mention of a swimming pool, sports fields, a community centre, a skate park, seating near the river, play areas for older teenagers, arts and music classes.
- The young people really value the parks and open spaces in Ottery St Mary.
- The buses are not frequent enough. Also need later buses, the last bus back from Exeter leaves at 6.30pm.

- Several of the young people thought the worst thing about Ottery St Mary is the drug problem.
- Some young people would like to come back to Ottery after University, but only if there is more of a range of jobs available.
- There is nothing in West Hill.
- Could more be made of East Hill as a tourist destination.

Questionnaires

- Over three quarters of the young people felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary.
- The most popular suggestions for things they would like to happen in Ottery St Mary (in order of popularity) more shops for young people, a cinema, more jobs, a bowling alley, more sports provision, a skate park or a swimming pool.
- 50% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to. The most popular reason for this was that a train station is needed.
- 32% will still live in Ottery St Mary in ten years time, 68% will not. Most would leave to find employment or because they would prefer to live in a place where there's more people and more to do.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Axminster most felt that the old factory site needed regenerating, most probably into a cinema. Quite a few of the young people were also saying Ottery St Mary needs to be more environmentally friendly, including making sure there is less litter. A couple also felt that there should be more shops for young people.

Photo Project

- The young people really liked the countryside and open spaces in and around Ottery St Mary.
- The young people did not like the empty and derelict buildings, particularly the old factory. They also didn't like the litter on pavements and river banks or the dog fouling that can be found throughout Ottery.
- Young people would like to see a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut, skate park and historical buildings.

Summary of Photographic Exercise

- The young people really liked the countryside and open spaces in and around Ottery St Mary.
- The young people did not like the empty and derelict buildings, particularly the old factory. They also didn't like the litter on pavements and river banks or the dog fouling that can be found throughout Ottery.
- Young people would like to see a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut, skate park and historical buildings.

Method

Members of Ottery St Mary Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:

- They don't like about Ottery St Mary
- They do like about Ottery St Mary
- What they would like to see in Ottery St Mary

4 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 21 photos of what they did like about Honiton, 25 photos of what they didn't like and 4 photos of what they would like to see in Ottery St Mary.

Results

What did they like about Ottery St Mary?

Of the 21 photos of what they did like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Parks and open spaces/ countryside	8
Countryside views	5
Riverside walk	3
Multi Use Games Area	1
Litter bin	1
Shop in West Hill	1
Recycling art sculpture outside the school	1
Seating area	1

What didn't they like about Ottery St Mary?

Of the 25 photos of what they didn't like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Empty/ derelict buildings (particularly the old factory)	8
Litter on pavements and on river banks	6
Dog fouling	5
Potholes in the road	2
Overgrown shrubs	1
Graffiti	1
Muddy paths	1

When asked to take photos of what they would like to see in Ottery St Mary young people would like to see a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut, skate park and historical buildings.

Summary of Discussion

- There was mixed opinion about a supermarket in Ottery St Mary. Some were supportive due to the employment it would bring, some were unsupportive as they felt it would badly affect local traders.
- A cafe suitable for young people would be good.
- More things are needed for young people over the age of 14 to do, up to 19 or early 20's. There was mention of a swimming pool, sports fields, a community centre, a skate park, seating near the river, play areas for older teenagers, arts and music classes.
- The young people really value the parks and open spaces in Ottery St Mary.
- The buses are not frequent enough. Also need later buses, the last bus back from Exeter leaves at 6.30pm.
- Several of the young people thought the worst thing about Ottery St Mary is the drug problem.
- Some young people would like to come back to Ottery after University, but only if there is more of a range of jobs available.
- There is nothing in West Hill.
- Could more be made of East Hill as a tourist destination.

Method

A small discussion group was held with 4 young people from Ottery St Mary Youth Club for about 20 minutes.

Results

Shopping/ Town Centre

Like the fact that Ottery is community based with grocers and locally sourced produce. Sainsburys will create jobs but will mean independent shops will close. We need a cafe/ healthy eating place for young people e.g. Smoothie bar. An internet cafe is needed- there was one but it shut down. Why is Tescos trying to get back in? Apparently they have found a loophole. It is unnecessary to have a supermarket- we will lose the community feel of Ottery. We sell more locally sourced produce in Ottery, now we will be going back on it. Sainsburys will be good for jobs for young people.

Things to do

There is not alot for young men to do- we want a skate park.
Most young people spend their time walking round the parks- nothing else to do.
Make a youth club for older young people (17- 24) as they tend to drift off and have nothing to do.
More things to do could include arts classes, music classes.
We need a sports area and community centre.
The gym is too expensive to use and we can't use it until we are 16 anyway.
We need somewhere to play football.
Really like Ottery- the parks are good- don't build on any of the open spaces.
We are not allowed in the play areas if we are under 14, what else are we supposed to do- need play areas for older teenagers aged 14- 19.
Develop something by the river for young people to hang out in e.g. seating area and path like the Quay in Exeter.
A swimming pool would be good.
We like the Youth Club- have been coming here since year 7. I go to a different school and it's nice to mix with others and have two groups of friends.
The factory is a massive space that could be used, it has a big flat concrete floor that could be used as a skate park.

Public transport

Not enough frequent buses.
Need more frequent buses to other areas. More often and quicker buses.
Need later buses- the last bus back from Exeter leaves at 6.30pm and the nearest train station is Feniton. A taxi is £30 from Exeter to Ottery.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Druggies hang out near Canaan. Police check our bags randomly for drugs. Police know drugs go on here but pick on all the kids.
It's nice and safe- you can go through at 10- 11pm and feel safe.
It is a nice community other than the drugs.
People all know each other.

Where will you be in ten years time?

There is not much to aim for. Not a wide and diverse range of jobs.
No diversity in culture.
Would move to Sidmouth or Exmouth.
I see myself hopping between living in a city like Bristol and Ottery.
It would be a nice place to bring up kids.

I would come back after University if the jobs were better and there was an arts/ media scene here.

Other areas of the Parish

West Hill is bad, there is nothing at all to do. We are getting a play area there but only under 14s will be allowed in it.

East Hill view is great and nice for barbeques. Could we have a viewing tower on East Hill? Would attract people and be good for tourism.

Summary of Questionnaire Responses

- Over three quarters of the young people felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary.
- The most popular suggestions for things they would like to happen in Ottery St Mary (in order of popularity) more shops for young people, a cinema, more jobs, a bowling alley, more sports provision, a skate park or a swimming pool.
- 50% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to. The most popular reason for this was that a train station is needed.
- 32% will still live in Ottery St Mary in ten years time, 68% will not. Most would leave to find employment or because they would prefer to live in a place where there's more people and more to do.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Axminster most felt that the old factory site needed regenerating, most probably into a cinema. Quite a few of the young people were also saying Ottery St Mary needs to be more environmentally friendly, including making sure there is less litter. A couple also felt that there should be more shops for young people.

Method

Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Ottery St Mary Youth Club on 15 July 2010. 20 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.

Results

Q1. Is there enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary?

Out of the 20 young people, 16 of them felt there was not enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary.

Q2. Is there enough for you to do, what else would you like to be able to do?

14 of the young people commented:

- More shops. Local music festivals.
- More shops and more active areas.
- Skate, music and arts
- Swimming pool
- Cinema, bowling, theme parks, poker tables, music shops.
- I would like there to be facilities for young people when there is nothing to do, as an alternative to sitting in the park.
- There are not many things to do in Ottery. Need something to do after school such as a skate park and somewhere to get food/ drink such as Shake Awash in Exeter. Swimming available in river or pool.
- More jobs- can't find a job. More youth councils.
- More sports clubs and opportunities to meet new peeps.
- More jobs. More driving schools.

- Possible more High Street shops.
- Cinema. Sheltered things to do/ go.
- Swimming as it is good for all of your body. Better hearts and lower obesity rates.
- Bowling and cinema.

Q3. Can you easily get to the places you want to go to?

20 respondents answered this question:

50% can easily get to the places they want to go to

50% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to

Q4. If you can't get to the places you want to go to, please tell us why:

11 respondents commented:

- Infrequent bus services
- Train station
- Train station needed. Crap public transport and timings. Need free transport for adolescents.
- There is not enough public transport going through Ottery as the buses aren't varied enough and only go to the same places.
- I live in Talaton and bus routes are limited. To get here I would have to cycle which gets harder when it's dark then I have to rely on lifts from parents.
- Public transport is bad. Need a train station. Cheaper transport please!
- Too expensive- not enough buses from Feniton to Ottery. Trains are often expensive as well.
- Public transport is bad. Get a train station. Cheaper transport!
- Transport is bad!!! Get a train station!!! Chaeep transport.
- Not enough public transport to my house/ area.
- Need a train station

Q5. Do you think you will live in Ottery St Mary in ten years time?

19 respondents answered this question:

32% will still live in Ottery St Mary

68% will not live in Ottery St Mary

Q6. If you think you will leave, please tell us why:

11 respondents commented:

- You only live in Ottery because your parents force you to.
- There needs to be more to do in Ottery, jobs and housing. Also I don't want my children to grow up in the same boredom that I do.
- I live in a village outside of Ottery and I think there are better places to go such as Sidmouth or Exeter as there are things to do all the time.
- There are not enough jobs or shops.
- Like the area. Nice places and jobs but probably move away from family.
- Not enough jobs- housing too expensive.
- Cheap housing, more stuff to do.
- Because there is not many people or many things to do.
- Moving out in summer holidays.
- Nothing will make me want to stay personally as I would like to live somewhere else. I would consider moving back if there were more activities or public transport. I like that Ottery has a community spirit and locally sourced stores.

Q7. If you could improve one thing about Ottery St Mary what would it be?

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18 respondents commented:

- Public transport
- Less drugs
- Change the factory to something awesome like a Toys'R'Us with an underground pool.
- I would like there to be more jobs in Ottery as then I could get the bus and go further afield.
- The Mill- regeneration into something nice.
- Turn the old factory into a cinema. More environmentally friendly. Less tramps.
- Litter and pollution. I would love to see Ottery being more environmentally friendly.
- Turn old factory into a cinema. Be more environmentally friendly.
- Turn the old factory into a cinema. More environmentally friendly. Litter picking punishments for criminals through community service.
- Different opening times for a young peoples social club i.e. Open more times a week plus more events to do.
- More things to do undercover.
- More places to go/ more things to do.
- Factory into cinema and bowling.
- Get a skate park. Cinema or ten pin bowling.
- The amount of broken things in Ottery.
- Clean up the rubbish.
- More shops.
- More shops like New Look (clothes shops).

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Honiton Youth Club

20 July 2010

Overall Summary of Consultation

- There is a lot of anti-social behaviour at the skate park- move it to somewhere it's more visible or add lights/ CCTV to allow it to be used.
- Most young people would leave Honiton mainly to go to University or to travel. A couple of people also mentioned they would leave to find employment.
- Too many antique and charity shops in Honiton. Need more suitable for teenagers e.g clothes shops for young people. The other suggestions for things they would like to happen in Honiton (in order of popularity) were a cinema, more interesting/ bigger shops for young people (CD shop, Game, books, clothes), a safe skate park, motorbike trail.
- There is nothing to do between the ages of 12 and 16. Could school facilities be more available out of school time. Some did not know what a Community Centre was, but most would like one in Honiton. Cinema facilities provided at a Community Centre would be good. Provide more for all ages on new housing developments- not just under 14s.
- The trains are not bad but could do with running later. The buses take too long and are unreliable.
- The young people did not like Honiton Community College. They did not like the empty shops, graffiti, litter, scaffolding works and scruffy unkempt areas of the town.
- The young people really liked the facilities there are in Honiton already such as the youth club, recreation fields, skate park etc.

Methods

1. Members of Honiton Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:
 - They don't like about Honiton
 - They do like about Honiton
 - What they would like to see in Honiton3 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 11 photos of what they did like about Honiton and 28 photos of what they didn't like
2. Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Honiton Youth Club on 20 July 2010. 12 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.
3. Whilst at the Honiton Youth Club we discussed some of the issues with the 16 young people in attendance.

Results Summaries for each method

Discussions

- There is a lot of anti-social behaviour at the skate park- move it to somewhere it's more visible or add lights/ CCTV to allow it to be used.
- The trains are not bad but could do with running later.
- The buses take too long and are unreliable.
- Most young people will leave Honiton to travel or find the right job. Most are going into the sixth form.

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- There's not a lot to do if you're between 12 and 16 in Honiton.
- Could school facilities be more available out of school time.
- Too many antique and charity shops in Honiton. Need more suitable for teenagers e.g. clothes shops for young people.
- Some did not know what a Community Centre was, but most would like one in Honiton. Cinema facilities provided at a Community Centre would be good.
- Provide more for all ages on new housing developments- not just under 14s.

Questionnaires

- All the young people felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Honiton.
- The most popular suggestions for things they would like to happen in Honiton (in order of popularity) were a cinema, more interesting/ bigger shops for young people (CD shop, Game, books, clothes), a safe skate park, motorbike trail.
- 33% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to. The most popular reason for this was that later trains are needed.
- 20% will still live in Axminster in ten years time, 80% will not. Most would leave to go to University or to travel. A couple of people also mentioned they would leave to find employment.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Axminster most felt that it needed more for young people to do- this included more shops for younger people. Less anti-social behaviour was mentioned by two young people.

Photo Project

- The young people really liked the facilities there are in Honiton already such as the youth club, recreation fields, skate park etc.
- The young people did not like Honiton Community College. They did not like the empty shops, graffiti, litter, scaffolding works and scruffy unkempt areas of the town. They also did not like the charity shops and felt there should be more clothes shops for younger people.

Summary of the Photographic Exercise

- The young people really liked the facilities there are in Honiton already such as the youth club, recreation fields, skate park etc.
- The young people did not like Honiton Community College. They did not like the empty shops, graffiti, litter, scaffolding works and scruffy unkempt areas of the town. They also did not like the charity shops and felt there should be more clothes shops for younger people.

Method

Members of Honiton Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:

- They don't like about Honiton
- They do like about Honiton
- What they would like to see in Honiton

3 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 11 photos of what they did like about Honiton and 28 photos of what they didn't like

Results

What did they like about Honiton?

Of the 11 photos of what they did like the results are shown below

Photo	Number
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	of photos
Recreation Fields	3
Honiton Youth Club	2
Honiton Community Hospital	1
The Pit Club	1
Honiton Community College	1
Honiton Skate Park	1
Leos (young persons clothes shop)	1
Basketball ring	1

What didn't they like about Honiton?

Of the 28 photos of what they didn't like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Honiton Community College	4
Overgrown weeds/ weeds in the pavements	4
Litter/ chewing gum on the ground	3
Graffiti	3
Scaffolding on shops	3
Charity shops/ clothes shops for older people	3
Broken litter bin	1
Empty shop	1
Cigarette end bin	1

Summary of Discussion

- There is a lot of anti-social behaviour at the skate park- move it to somewhere it's more visible or add lights/ CCTV to allow it to be used.
- The trains are not bad but could do with running later.
- The buses take too long and are unreliable.
- Most young people will leave Honiton to travel or find the right job. Most are going into the sixth form.
- There's not a lot to do if you're between 12 and 16 in Honiton.
- Could school facilities be more available out of school time.
- Too many antique and charity shops in Honiton. Need more suitable for teenagers e.g clothes shops for young people.
- Some did not know what a Community Centre was, but most would like one in Honiton. Cinema facilities provided at a Community Centre would be good.
- Provide more for all ages on new housing developments- not just under 14s.

Results

What do you like about Honiton?

Surfers Paradise- the only place to get good clothes.
The basketball court is very useful.

What don't you like about Honiton?

There are too many antique shops, charity shops and old people.
Too many teenagers that misbehave.

QS is full of old people's clothes and the smallest they do is a size 12.

There are not a lot of sports to do if you're between 12 and 16. If activities are on after school then it's only for one hour one day a week.

Can't use any of the school facilities outside of school hours due to vandalism.

Will you be living in Honiton in ten years time?

No, I will leave to find a job in science/ biology

I will leave as I want to travel.

I will leave as I want to go to America

Leave as I want to tour the world.

Public Transport

The trains are not bad but the buses are fairly awful.

Buses not reliable- got stranded in Sidmouth.

There is nothing to travel to in Axminster/ Seaton.

The latest train is 11pm and we sometimes miss it.

We've not got mopeds, we get trains into Exeter to go shopping.

The buses are awful and take far too long.

Jobs

Not worried really about housing- we are only 15.

Most are going onto sixth form courses in September. One is an Apprentice Chef.

No part time jobs, we need more, but not in farming.

Some work in retail jobs but you need to be 16 to do this.

Skate Park

The skate park is on the sports centre field but there's a lot of Anti-social behaviour there.

There are really aggressive people, usually in the evenings.

The skate park is tucked away so no-one is looking at it and overseeing what goes on.

There is too much glass and needles on the floor to use a BMX on the skate park.

Skate park is too out of the way.

Could really do with CCTV or even a light for the skate park so people know they are being watched.

Lights are essential- could put up on existing leisure centre lights.

Community Centre

What is a community centre?

There should be a community centre in Honiton.

Cinema facilities at a community centre would be good.

The Tesco's community centre site would be too far out of town, but ideal for the new estates round there. Depends where you live.

Housing and new housing provision

Provide stuff on new housing developments for people of all ages not just under 14's!

Teenage shelters would get covered in graffiti, drugs and litter.

If new housing developments are being built near the Peugeot garage or at Heathpark they would use the facilities in town, people like to walk into town.

Other general discussions

Misuse of Honiton toilets for using drugs.

We go to Exmouth to the beach.

We go to the cinema, guitar shopping and clothes shopping in Exeter.

Summary of Questionnaire

- All the young people felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Honiton.
- The most popular suggestions for things they would like to happen in Honiton (in order of popularity) were a cinema, more interesting/ bigger shops for young people (CD shop, Game, books, clothes), a safe skate park, motorbike trail.

- 33% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to. The most popular reason for this was that later trains are needed.
- 20% will still live in Axminster in ten years time, 80% will not. Most would leave to go to University or to travel. A couple of people also mentioned they would leave to find employment.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Axminster most felt that it needed more for young people to do- this included more shops for younger people. Less anti-social behaviour was mentioned by two young people.

Method

Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Honiton Youth Club on 20 July 2010. 12 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.

Results

Q1. Is there enough for young people to do in Honiton?

All of the 12 young people felt there was not enough for young people to do in Honiton.

Q2. Is there enough for you to do, what else would you like to be able to do?

12 of the young people commented:

- More places to buy things. No more charity shops or antique shops
- Things such as safe places to go at night e.g. Youth clubs open more often. A skate park which is safe for young people to use without people drinking/ drugs taking place.
- CD shop. Cool book shop.
- Motorcross. New skate park.
- Cinema. More shops.
- More organised fun and activities.
- Cinema. More interesting shops like HMV/ Game.
- Have a cinema or an ice rink. Bigger better shops.
- I reckon they could put in cinemas and games thing (bowling)
- Better clothes shops. Shops in general. Cinema.
- Ride motorbikes.
- Have a beach. More spaces to hang out.

Q3. Can you easily get to the places you want to go to?

12 respondents answered this question:

67% can easily get to the places they want to go to

33% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to

Q4. If you can't get to the places you want to go to, please tell us why:

3 respondents commented:

- Because some people want later trains that what is given.
- Last train is too early. Depends on the place.
- Live in Awliscombe- no near train station, very few buses. Stayed after school to come to youth club.

Q5. Do you think you will live in Honiton in ten years time?

12 respondents answered this question:

20% will still live in Honiton

80% will not live in Honiton

Q6. If you think you will leave, please tell us why:

10 respondents commented:

- Because I want to get a decent job. I want to travel.
- My job will take me around the world hopefully and to see new places. I don't think I would stay as I would like to see other places.
- Preferably my job will be in Honiton so I want to separate my job from where I live.
- There's not many job opportunities
- Honiton is too quiet- there's nothing to do.
- Because if there is nothing to do and if I have children I don't want them to be as bored as I am now!
- Because I want to see the world and experience new things.
- I don't like Devon.
- Because it's crap. I want to explore new places and go in the Army.
- Have jobs. Better shops. Housing. Cinema. Better facilities to do stuff. A group to get young people into business.

Q7. If you could improve one thing about Honiton what would it be?

All 12 respondents commented:

- Less anti-social people. Better shops. Funnier places to go.
- Facilities for other young people and better public transport.
- Add a KFC
- More things for under 18s
- More stuff to do and better jobs.
- More interesting things for young people e.g. Cinema/ shops.
- More interesting/ better shops.
- More fun.
- More things for young people.
- More things to do.
- Skate park in Awliscombe.
- More spaces to go. Less litter. Less anti-social behaviour.

Sidmouth Youth Club

21 July 2010

Summary

- There is not really enough for young people to do in Sidmouth but they like the skate park, beach, open spaces and countryside.
- The skate park is very good but could do with less litter, more ramps and floodlights.
- More shops for young people especially clothes, sports and food shops.
- Most young people can easily get to where they want to go, but the buses are too expensive.
- More frequent organised activities that are cheap for young people e.g. open up the Youth Club more often. Special places to go to practice arts and sport are needed and play areas/ parks suitable for all ages up to 18.
- Most will be in Sidmouth in ten years time. Of those that wouldn't stay there were a variety of reasons such as wanting to travel or live somewhere bigger.
- The young people want the town to be cleaner and tidier and the cliffs to stop falling down.
- There should be more jobs suitable for young people, and businesses need to take young people seriously.

Methods

1. Members of Sidmouth Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:
 - They don't like about Sidmouth
 - They do like about Sidmouth
 - What they would like to see in Sidmouth3 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 10 photos of what they did like about Sidmouth and 5 photos of what they didn't like and 2 photos of what they would like to see.
2. Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Sidmouth Youth Club on 21 July 2010. 19 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.
3. A discussion group was held with 4 young people from Sidmouth Youth Club for about 20 minutes.

Results Summaries for each method

Discussions

- The young people generally like Sidmouth as a place to live. They like the beach.
- There needs to be cheaper clothes shops for young people.
- More jobs suitable for young people, and businesses need to take younger people seriously when they apply for jobs.
- The sports centre, buses and cinema are too expensive to use.
- More cheap things to do e.g. The Arches- but there needs to be more activities there. The Youth Club should be open all Summer.
- The skate park has too much litter in it.
- There was a general feeling that they would live with their parents for several years.
- A light is needed on The Byes at night.

Questionnaires

- 26% of young people felt there was enough to do in Sidmouth.
- The young people would like special places for them to go and hang out and maybe practice arts or sports. Some also felt the youth club should be available more often or other grouped activities. There was also a need for clothes shops for younger people.
- 67% can easily get to the places they want to go to. Of those that couldn't get to places they wanted to go to most said it was because the buses are too expensive.
- In ten years time 63% of the 19 respondents said they would still live in Sidmouth. Of those that said they wouldn't stay they had a variety of reasons such as wanting to travel and live somewhere bigger.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Sidmouth the most popular suggestions were shops for young people, particularly sports and food shops, an improved skate park with more ramps and floodlights, less elderly people, a water park, more/ better sports areas and parks for all ages (0-18 years old).

Photo Project

- The young people really like Sidmouth Skate Park, and the gardens/ open spaces/ countryside.
- They didn't like the falling down cliffs, chewing gum on pavements or rubbish in the streets.
- They would like to see an Odeon cinema and a HM Forces recruitment centre in Sidmouth.

Sidmouth Youth Club Photo Project

21 July 2010

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Results

What did they like about Sidmouth?

Of the 10 photos of what they did like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Sidmouth Skate Park	4

The gardens at Lymebourne Elderly Persons Home	2
New clothes shop	1
Open space	1
South West Coast Path	1

What didn't they like about Sidmouth?

Of the 28 photos of what they didn't like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Falling down cliffs	3
Chewing gum on the pavement	1
Buckets of building rubbish in the street	1

What would they like to see in Sidmouth?

There were two photos, one of an Armed Forces Careers Centre and one of an Odeon cinema.

Summary of Discussion

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Method

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Results

What do you like about Sidmouth?

It's nice and quiet- better than cities.

The beach is close.

You can sunbathe, BBQ and swim at the beach.

We have a cinema but it's quite expensive at £4.30 each.

What don't you like about Sidmouth?

M and Co is too expensive and posh for clothes.

QS has changed and now only stocks clothes for older people.

When you ask for jobs in the town employers don't take you seriously. They say they'll get back to you but they never do.

The sports centre is too expensive- we can't use it.

There is too much rubbish in the skate park.

Will you be living in Sidmouth in ten years time?

Won't have enough money to move away so will stay in Sidmouth with parents.

Want to get own houses- don't want to stay with parents forever.

What one improvement would you make to Sidmouth?

We need a Primark- clothes for 14/ 15 year olds.

More jobs.

More part-time jobs.

More jobs suitable for younger people.

Get rid of the old people- they push us out into the road.

The Youth Club to run all Summer.

A games area at the Arches. Want to go down there but there's nothing to do.

Need lights at the Byses at night so we feel safe- lots of people drink down there.

Clean up the skate park.

What do you want to do for work?

Want to work with children

Want a more active job like gardening.

Want to work for a radio station.

Want to go to University

Public Transport

There are buses to Exeter but it's too expensive to travel.

Summary of Questionnaire

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Method

Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Sidmouth Youth Club on 21 July 2010. 19 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.

Results

Q1. Is there enough for young people to do in Sidmouth?

Of the 19 young people that answered this question 26% (5) felt there was enough to do, 74% (14) felt there was not enough to do.

Q2. Is there enough for you to do, what else would you like to be able to do?

12 of the young people commented:

- Younger age shops. Free paintball. A free running course.
- More activities. More jobs.
- I would like to be able to have a special place where really talented artists can go and

graffiti

- Have more things that are fun.
- Carp ponds/ fishing. More mens/ boys shops.
- More younger people shops like Cult and Republic.
- Just more stuff for teenagers like during the week at nights- youth club open more often.
- There could be more grouped activities and places for us to go and enjoy ourselves.
- Careers advice.
- Make a park or area for people to practice.
- Something fun
- Dirt track for motorbikes. Youth Club open more often.
- More areas for teenagers to go at night instead of hanging around the streets. Better sports areas.

Q3. Can you easily get to the places you want to go to?

18 respondents answered this question:

67% can easily get to the places they want to go to

33% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to

Q4. If you can't get to the places you want to go to, please tell us why:

6 respondents commented:

- The buses need to be cheaper.
- Money. Buses are too expensive.
- None of my family drives and I live too far away from some of the places I would like to go.
- Can't get to Exeter if you don't have enough money for the bus.
- Exeter- can't get there as buses too expensive.
- Times are bad. Don't go to the right places.

Q5. Do you think you will live in Sidmouth in ten years time?

19 respondents answered this question:

63% will still live in Sidmouth

37% will not live in Sidmouth

Q6. If you think you will leave, please tell us why:

7 respondents commented:

- I want to emigrate to America
- My family lives very far away from me and I would probably live with my mum.
- Because it is too small and I want to go somewhere different.
- Better job prospects away. Will be travelling in the next 10 years.
- It's boring and full of old people.
- Needs cheaper prices for everything. Food and drink is too expensive.
- Nothing to make me stay- I want to explore bigger cities.

Q7. If you could improve one thing about Sidmouth what would it be?

All respondents commented:

- Less old people. More facilities for teenagers- clothes and sports shops.
- Get rid of old people. Get more young people to live here.
- Have more jobs.
- A water park
- Parks for little children because there isn't enough space for the little toddlers to explore.

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- The skate park and making it bigger- more ramps and bigger ramps.
- Get rid of the old people.
- Water park. In the summer have a BBQ shop on the seafront that sells disposable BBQs etc.
- More things for teenagers and for older people to not think they are 'thugs'.
- It would be better if we improved the lack of food and sports shops and also fishing shops. I also think there is a lack of football pitches for young children.
- More stores like sports shops, KFC. More kid stuff and more 0- 18 year old play areas.
- Housing for young/ homeless people.
- The skate park- bigger and more high ramps.
- More fun stuff- free athletics/ running course.
- The skate park- more ramps and floodlights.
- Not to have to have a license to go fishing in the river.
- Cleanliness or better area for teenagers.
- Better young people shops.
- Better shops for young people.

External Equalities Forum

May and July 2010

The topics that were discussed at each of the Local Development Framework (LDF) town events were put forward to East Devon District Council's External Equalities Forum at their first meeting on 25 May 2010. These were the points raised at the meeting:

- Most travellers want to be left alone and want the law changed to stop their lifestyle being illegal. Stop evicting travellers and make more permanent traveller sites within East Devon.
- The Housing Needs Assessment stated that there had to be a number of new traveller sites. These have not yet happened and there's only 7 months to go. Communities are worried this will not now happen, particularly due to the change of Government. Need more authorised sites for gypsies and travellers.
- The 3% of the population of East Devon that is not christian/ non-practising has to travel into Exeter for their faith needs.
- There needs to be more housing options for homeless people and those with chaotic lifestyles e.g. drink/ drug abuse. More emergency access for housing and 'hostel' type accommodation allowed. Getting the brick buildings is not so much of a problem but setting up and running the 'hostel' is.

After the meeting, as requested, an e-mail was sent out to the group detailing the topics further and asking for their comments by 18 June. However, no extra comments were received.

Due to a lack of additional comments from the group by e-mail the same information was taken back to the second External Equalities Forum meeting held on 13 July to check whether any further discussion could be had. The following points were raised by the group:

- There is a national issue of housing for migrant workers who do not qualify for housing benefit. It is currently only their children that will be re-housed which costs more money to Social Services.
- Funding has been withdrawn for Gypsy Traveller site provision. If any affordable housing goes ahead as part of developments in the future could a pro-rata provision of Gypsy Traveller sites also be a planning condition. There could be affordable rural housing exceptions. Need to provide housing of all forms not just bricks and mortar.
- There needs to be more of a variety of sheltered accommodation e.g. Stallcombe house for adults with learning disabilities.

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- More needs to happen about emergency accommodation, there is currently a shortfall. In Cornwall local youth hostels offer a certain number of nights accommodation to the local authority for emergency purposes. Could local hotels, bed and breakfasts or caravan parks in East Devon do the same?
- More supported housing is needed for people with mental health issues. Their mental health issues would not be so acute if they could live in supported housing.

Representatives of the group were from:

- Open Door Centre, Exmouth (Nightstop)- people with housing issues
- Local Strategic Partnership Faith Representative
- Stallcombe House- residential centre for adults with learning disabilities
- CARA Travellers
- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Officer
- East Devon Voluntary Services Authority
- Community Safety Mapping Project
- Exeter Community Initiatives (Planet Rainbow)
- Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council
- Primary Care Trust Mental Health
- East Devon Community Safety Partnership

APPENDIX

	Seaton LDF Consultation Event 23rd March 2010	Full list of invitees
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	Seaton LDF Consultation Event 23rd March 2010	Postcard Exercise results
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	Sidmouth LDF Consultation Event 12th April 2010	Full list of points made in workshop 1
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	Feedback from those who attended the town events	

Seaton LDF Consultation Event

23rd March 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
e-mail	Seaton Town Council	Yes (6+)
e-mail and phone	Seaton & District Chamber of Commerce (x2)	Yes (x2)
e-mail and reminder e-mail	Devon and Cornwall Police	Yes (x2)
e-mail and phone and letter	Sustainable Seaton	Yes
e-mail	Seaton District Councillor (x2 – 1 current vacancy)	Yes (x2)
e-mail	Seaton Hospital	
e-mail	Seaton Design Statement Working Party	Yes
e-mail	Seaton Design Statement Working Party/ Seaton Rotary Club	Yes
e-mail	Seaton Visitor Centre Trust	Yes
e-mail	Seaton Visitor Centre Trust	Yes
letter	Seaton and District Hospital League of Friends	
letter	Seaton Primary School	
EDVSA	Seaton's Voice	Yes
EDVSA	Senior Council for Seaton	Yes
call and e-mail	Royal British Legion- Seaton	Yes
call and e-mail	Seaton Youth Service	Yes
call and e-mail	Seaton Bay Accommodation Providers	
call and e-mail	Seaton Tramway	
call and e-mail	Seaton Phoenix	Yes
call and e-mail	Seaton Football Club	Yes
STC- call and e-mail	Seaton Guides	
STC- call	Seaton Martial Arts	
STC- call and letter	Seaton Lions	
STC- call	Seaton Scouts	
Letter	Seaton and District Lions Club	
Letter	Seaton Mothers Union	
Letter	Age Concern Devon- Seaton	
Letter	Seaton Adult and Community Learning	
Letter	Axe Valley Heritage Museum- Seaton	
Letter	Seaton over 50's activities club	
Letter	Sense	Yes
Letter	St John Ambulance- Seaton	
Letter	Seaton Music	
Letter	Seaton Library	Yes
Letter	Seaton Womens Institute	

Letter	Seaton Methodist Church	
Letter	Seaton Garden Club	Yes
Letter	Seaton and District Probus Club	
Letter	Axe Yacht Club	Yes
Letter	St Gregorys Parish Church- Seaton	
Letter	Seaton Allotments	
Letter	Seaton Bowling Club	
Letter	Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club	Yes
Letter	Crossroad Christian Fellowship- Seaton	
Letter	Seaton Drama Group	
Letter	Seaton Carnival Committee	
Letter	Speak Now Panel (x6)	
Gen letter	Churches Together in East Devon and the Diocese of Exeter	
Kate Tobin	Friends of the Axe Estuary Reserves	Yes
Kate Tobin	Axe Bird Ringing Society	Yes
E-mail and letter	Magna Housing Association	Yes
Kate Tobin	Friends of the Axe Wetlands	Yes

Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- Numbers – difficult to know – statistics – what do you believe
- Does Seaton's census statistics require new housing.
- Need may be exaggerated.
- 150 affordable houses.
- 240 affordable homes.
- 500 people have noted that Seaton would be their preferred area.
- Inadequate housing.
- Do we need that many more new houses?

Affordable Homes:

- More rented (100%) – In affordable housing rather than other mechanisms.
- More affordable – but what scale
- Piggy back onto open market housing
- 'Council' built housing
- Money from selling historic Council houses – what happened to it.
- Community land trusts as facilitators.
- More – affordable
- Affordable housing for Community not just young people
- Housing trusts.
- Balance affordable and open market.
- Community land trust.
- Who is affordable housing for?
- Problem of affordability of housing.
- Affordable must be for Seaton.
- Regeneration area different than rest of Seaton? Should have required more affordable housing.

Housing for the disabled/ elderly:

- Care Homes needed/elderly – there is enough already.
- Can carers for elderly afford to live in Seaton.
- Lots of elderly incomers!
- Housing issue of newly retired moving to Seaton
- Elderly population
- Sheltered – more – very popular?

Energy Efficient Housing:

- Does it save money – fitting solar panels.
- Quality of homes – Energy efficiency important
- Elderly/disabled (Energy Efficient) – there is a need

Improving/ Use of Existing Homes:

- Why are flats and houses empty? What can be done?
- Repairs and help or maintenance
- Improve existing, stock, grants, investment. Contributions as opposed to open market.
- Empty homes need using. Need legislation before development.
- Better usage.
- Use of roof space.
- Private sector under occupation.
- Use of first floor above shops.

Second Homes:

- Second Homes (Existing Homes) – too many
- Second homes then turn into retirement homes.
- Second – restrictions?
- Second homes – 200% Council tax.
- It is a problem.
- It is not a problem. (Difference of opinion).
- 20% second homes in Seaton?
- Boundaries.
- Exception sites v. Boundary.

Where to Locate Homes:

- Adjacent to existing boundaries?
- Open space in the town has already been built on.
- Estuary site 36 elsewhere within Seaton would be good.
- Exception sites adjacent to the boundaries.
- Land at Seaton Down Hill (EDDC).
- Is this a good site? (not keen)
- Topography?
- Physical constraints.
- Physical space – sea/hills/valley
- Housing growth physical constraints.

Housing Register:

- Website not working
- Couldn't up date old entries – site not working
- Not familiar with system

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- Help from Knowle – none
- Entry at local library – lack of time
- Has everyone re-registered? On housing list.

What Type of Housing:

- Who will move into these homes.
- Other open market houses needed.
- Tesco development controlling residential development.
- Private housing very open market
- For young people
- Integrated development.
- Integrated development – socially balanced.

Other- Housing:

- Houses are not supported by community facilities – employment opportunities.
- Commercial development stopping housing
- Growth linked to employment opportunity.
- Wider family connection
- Infrastructure first – jobs, community, facilities, transport links. (Lifetime homes).
- Quality of housing – private.
- Capacity of private sector housing.
- No recreation.
- Employment lacking in Seaton to provide jobs for young people
- Link to place of employment (transport)

Community Issues

Better School facilities:

- Secondary school needed
- Primary School bursting at the seams
- Killed off adult education (St Claire's) by government policy.
- Secondary School (Axminster or Sidmouth) cost of travel – issue of size of town stress on parents.
- Good primary school but not big enough especially if population increases.

Youth club/ young people:

- co-ordinate issues & facilities/activities
- Building as well as management/running of facilities.
- All enthusiastic about youth facilities
- Seaton had a youth club built by builders but finance raised by car boot sales to meet Health and Safety requirements
- Membership was 350 young people.
- £20,000 to fix youth centre. Could we re-do old one rather than have a brand new centre.
- Tesco need to give more than 80,000 if they are demolishing the youth centre because it would cost much more to provide a youth provision
- A youth steering group for Seaton – to action plans for youth
- Need to get the views of young people

Healthcare facilities:

- One of doctors surgeries only has 5 car parking spaces, will need an extra doctors and dentists for extra people.

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- Healthcare – needs to be allowed to expand.
- Make hospital into more of a community hospital – its too limited (Seaton Community hospital). No x-ray facilities/mammogram facilities
- A&E & Ambulance Station – emergency medical facilities not available.
- NHS dentists.
- No preventative health activity

Leisure / Recreation Facilities:

- Need: Swimming pool, Sports hall, Youth Centre, Adult Recreation, Gym (Honiton/Axminster)
- Need to provide for both sides of population – not build facilities which separate youth and senior (mixed used –multi-purpose buildings).
- Football pitches – teams travel out to other areas to play as only 1 pitch available for multiple teams.
- Can't have a ladies football team – no changing space
- Football pitches, not adequate land. 1 adult pitch and 1 youth pitch- 13 teams. Would love to see a second pitch.
- Rugby pitch needed.
- Basket ball facilities
- Young people not been given access to facilities to enable us to encourage them to take part in sport.
- Football – need two pitches close together Elizabeth Road, no changing facilities or toilet facilities
- Harepath Road – community made their own football pitch but got told by Seaton Town Council to take it down.
- Lack facilities for all sorts of sport/recreation and open space.
- Outdoor activities for teen group – skate park, biking – expanding to other activities – bigger space.
- Walking/cycling facilities.
- Only facilities for individual sports
- Not enough playing space proportionally
- Have a cricket, football, tennis and canoe club. These facilities/groups need funding and support.
- No indoor sports facilities, could combine provision for indoor and outdoor facilities
- Reinstate Lido on the seafront (sea pool).
- Bandstand would be appealing for young and old.
- Getting S106 money but cannot get hold of it to spend it (play and recreation audit needed).
- Playing fields/skate park available/beach.
- Community safety good nightclub (1) busiest in area – attracts visitors from outside town.
- No outdoor focal point like a civic park, nowhere people feel is a community space
- Better theatre facilities – more effort, Put into Seaton Town Hall as a theatre
- No cinema
- More recreation spaces
- Make Seaton Reg. Site into an open space
- For everything we have to travel
- Need community food growing.
- Community gardens – existing not much used
- Putting green/bowling club high use – better promotion

Seafront:

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- Could do a lot with seafront
- One of most lovely beaches ever – need to make more of it.
- Remove sea wall (enhancement, improvement of its appearance)
- Watersports – Windsurfing, Parasending
- Better use of beach (jet skies, boats)
- Pedestrianise part of sea front – raised road/walk to front of pub.
- Can't put a boat on the beach anymore, can't launch from it

Community Buildings:

- Loss of community buildings – Jubilee Youth and Community Centre, TIC Building, adult facilities St Claire's, (Scout Hall?).
- Only one community building – this one
- Library and town hall available.
- Potentially have regeneration area which could have been used.

Community Spirit:

- Community spirit not strong but being worked on.
- Experience of caring community but been 'battered' by recent events – feeling being ignored/not listened to – Sidmouth gets attention not Seaton.
- Building in back gardens is spoiling the community of Seaton. Apply Seaton Design Statement to planning applications.
- Give the people power and land to do things about their community.
- People live here because they love it.
- People of Seaton love Seaton
- Filling empty homes would improve community
- No community infrastructure
- Would be lovely to have all community facilities together.

Community- Other:

- Cemetery/crematorium facilities
- Need more facilities if more houses are built.
- Make things happen, stop just talking about it.
- No person within Council to do funding bids and advise in funding bids.
- Improved signage for facilities to tourists

Environment Issues

The Natural Environment:

- Green tourism – unlock potential of Jurassic Coast, Wetlands.
- Expansion of Axe Wetlands and associated facilities.
- Landscape protection of whole wetlands.
- Management of water-based activities, etc. on estuary.
- Excellent access to natural environment – maintain and enhance.
- Capitalise on natural environment – invest in tourism, transport facilities.
- Better publicity and communication of existing environment and associated issues.
- Retention of agricultural land.
- Retention of views to draw visitors to services and assets.
- Capitalise of Seaton's heritage.
- Trees on reclaimed land at Harbour Road are unhealthy.
- Trees – more planting, less being lost to development. Woodland not street trees.

Climate Change:

- Climate change – good or bad?
- Access to information on local climate change. Cliff surveys, beach management etc.

Recreational Environment:

- Green open spaces – parks, gardens, recreation areas, places to sit, gather, enjoy, maintain and enhance existing spaces.
- Lack of sports fields.
- Green gyms. Beach gyms.
- Investment in youth facilities and overnight accommodation.
- Seaton flood plain development. Recreational and tourism activities not development.

Access to Nature:

- Improve access to Undercliffs/Lyme Regis footpath.
- Improved links with Axmouth – pedestrian/cycle.
- Ability to take bikes on buses.

Tescos:

- Absolutely crucial to make Tesco development successful.
- What happens if Tesco development does not go ahead?
- Long term environmental issues posed by infill for Tesco.

Improvement of seafront and esplanade:

- Enhancement/decoration of deteriorating buildings, sea wall.
- Flower beds – community/private involvement in environment/services.
- Investment in seafront/flood defences.
- Pedestrianise the Esplanade and develop shops, facilities along there.

Other- Environment:

- Light pollution.
- Cohesive community input needed in pushing forward plans/services.

Transport and Infrastructure Issues

Walking and cycling:

- Walking – ideally sited for tourism (travel lodge market – not luxury).
- Walking, tourism, birds – critical.
- Round Britain Cycle races – Seaton could host national events.
- Cycling and walking – don't want cars to impact on quality experience.
- Continuation cycle route Colyford – Axminster vital – Sustrans goes to Axminster.
- Parts of Seaton cycle friendly – some dangerous roads, however.
- Wide road in with cycleways needed
- Get on with cycling – Sustrans link.
- 2,300 grizzly runners – where is accommodation?
- Walking country can be inaccessible – out of town it is rugged – 'Walk this Way Programme' levels/surfaces of variable quality – 'rugged' is an attraction to some people.
- Cycle links – CPO required to complete links.
- Project needed - % for links – children's walks, kids walks, blue plaque walk.
- Lovely parts of Seaton but not linked beach, harbour, Wetlands – how do we join them.
- On your bike.

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- Visual queues to link – fishes or birds – to stimulate and for use by everyone.

Public Transport:

- Buses need to be integrated with cycle routes/carrying bikes.
- Buses designed for leisure not work – no leisure facilities in town so people go out.
- More integrated public transport – all forms bus/train/tram – make it possible to not use public transport.
- Public transport needed on Sunday.
- Hail and bus – bus stops required.
- Buses should wait in beach park not seafront.
- Transport required into cemetery.
- Pretty good bus service in town but not at weekends.
- Youngsters should have half price transport – like old people.
- Links to Science Park and Skypark required.
- Very poor public transport.
- Can't get to 'anywhere'.
- Can't go to cinema, youth club – Axminster.
- Bus stop at 7.00 p.m.
- Tram – green transport link to Colyton – green energy bus to Axminster station.
- Water transport – Bay of Naples model – every 4/5 miles – jetty – small boats can stop – water taxis.
- Water taxis Poole – Seaton – Torquay.
- X53 not answer to all transport problems. Great for tourists – but funnels people along southern route.
- Buses to the north – links airport/Science Park.
- Buses very poor – don't get you there at 9 a.m.
- More transport into Seaton.
- Railway link – line still there at Shute.
- Light rail.
- Transport links Exeter public transport.
- Train – tourism.
- Seaton to Axe Valley by bus.
- But public transport to Exeter college.
- (Post 16 not good).
- Need to carry bikes on train.
- Use existing infrastructure for rails.
- Taxi ranks not used – where do taxis exist.
- No co-ordinated and integrated bus services.
- Buses do not link to trains.
- Young people need to leave town to access facilities.
- Those without cars are isolated – facilities lost in Seaton so people have to leave town.
- Small transport up Axe – boats up river? (could go up to Whitford by small boat).
- Tesco development – short of small units – public transport required to business units.

Policing of roads:

- Policing Seaford Road required – 20 mph.
- Limit needed – elderly residents, young (20 mph on Fore Street).
- Police may not enforce 20 mph limit. Can be self enforcing but not always.
- Pedestrianisation is not working more policing required.

Roads:

- Large vehicles cannot pass at pinch points.
- Traffic routes – vehicle directions need looking at.
- Upgrade roads?
- Roads into Seaton are torturous.
- Roads converge into narrow lanes.
- Tesco lorries – Tesco generate need!
- Tesco – 600 car spaces – roads will not bring people in – vehicles damaging roads.
- Roads very poor – roads worn out down to base.
- No real congestion – comments from Devon County Council not accurate.

Car Parking:

- Harbour car park waste of land as it is rarely full – is it the best use of land? But, in summer it is quite full!
- Visitors like parking on sea-front – but can't look over wall.
- Roads and parking – concern of parking meters in town – street furniture overbearing too much signing.
- Walking town centre to Tesco car park is going to be very challenging.
- People will not bother to park at Tesco and walk into town.
- Why does EDDC have drop barriers to ensure parking is charged for amount of time used.
- Car parks – too expensive, no winter charge and no parking meter.
- Car park – Tesco will give 600 free short stay car park spaces. Unknown if you need to shop to get free parking. Free Tesco parking will impact on people using seafront and town centre.
- Cars and car parking – potentially high.
- Lost factual high cost disincentive to visitors – parking charges will kill shops.
- Tesco shopping will free for shoppers.

Marina/ Yachts:

- Marina development – sea borne up and down coast. Pier/landing stage required.
- Marine could encourage long-distance commuting – big energy use.
- Marina development not appropriate/technically credible – no access to Seaton Hole.
- Moorings at Yacht Club very good but difficult to do much more – bridge is a major constraint.
- Access for disable to seafront/yacht club is very poor – need access through yacht club.

Green Energy Production:

- Sea power green energy and wind power and tidal surge – photo voltaic.
- Seaton green hub – exemplar town.
- Green energy – potentially high-tec.
- Need to be concerned about green energy being 'dumped' in Seaton.
- Green trees wanted to 'eat' carbon.
- Solar energy up to individuals.
- Green energy production – Seaton ideal location.
- Green Energy
- Green energy led.
- Wind turbines not needed/but so say yes to it.
- Energy from sewage.

Gas, water and sewage etc provision:

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- Sewage will be an issue – capacity limits at present.
- Under-ground electricity lines need – particularly across marshes and in the town. (Cables have adverse impacts).
- Water saving. (See River Dart corkscrew example).
- Sewage capacity is inadequate and should be improved.

Broadband:

- 50 mega bytes Broadband required.
- 50 mega bytes is achievable to serve collection of units.
- Electronic links need Broadband – 50 mega bytes required.
- Business units need Broadband.

Other- Transport and Infrastructure:

- Limited infrastructure on sea front.
- Transport out of our hands it's Devon County Council.
- Carbon neutral housing – core 5/6 required.
- Fuel club required in rural areas – where big oil deliveries required.
- Big lorries can cause big problems.
- Seaton should accommodate city workers and other workers.
- Promotion of car share scheme – incentive it.
- Broadband probably ok but not very good in Axmouth and no gas. Villages – poor mobile.

Economy Issues

Jobs:

- Accept that Seaton can't accommodation jobs requirement.
- Low wage 'care' industry.
- Axminster should be employment provider for Seaton.
- Tesco – part-time/low wage.
- Care industry.
- Don't want to be a 'dorm'.
- Buses to employment – Seaton – Axminster – Honiton – Airport – Exeter.
- Jobs necessary to 'serve' new housing.

Employment land, buildings and infrastructure:

- Limited economic base for Seaton.
- Small scale business units.
- Promotion of business development units.
- Empty property – small enterprises.
- Very limited 'building plots' availability.
- Small scale technology/business park – starter/second phase units.
- 'Satellite' location to Exeter.
- Shared facilities.
- Small business encouragement – financial incentive through local taxation?
- PFI for business parks.
- High speed broadband.
- High tech industries.
- Broadband.
- IT – footloose industry.
- E-commerce (Seaton needs USP).
- Broadband!

Tourism:

- Natural resources that are unique.
- Land provision for promotion of tourist accommodation/activities.
- Sustrans and walking holidays.
- Green tourism.
- Gateway to Jurassic Coast.
- Promoting environmentalism.
- Utilise assets.
- Surfing, fishing, watersports.
- Hostel accommodation.
- Green accommodation (eco lodges).
- Leisure facilities.
- Outdoor activities.
- Better range of tourist accommodation.
- Audit of tourist activity – package.
- Exploitation of environment – why tourism is here.
- Jurassic Coast – assets to be realised.
- Wetlands.
- Overnight accommodation.
- Retail needs heritage/green/specialist ‘hook’.
- Lack of alternative holiday accommodation.
- Day visitors.
- Hotel accommodation increase.

Other- Economy Issues:

- Needs to translate vision – LDF.
- What role for the Council?
- Investment – from where?
- Next step from 1st establishment.
- Flood plain – accept it!
- Doubts linked trips from supermarket.
- Investment from public sector.
- University hub – Harepath Road? ‘High End’
- Young people representation.

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM SEATON WORKSHOP 2010

The visit to Tesco was just like Tesco anywhere, I had hoped to enjoy the cycleways and nature reserve but all was spoilt by the huge delivery vehicles and distribution vans. Beer, Lyme Regis and Sidmouth were worth the bus ride.

March 2020

What a wonderful relaxing holiday appreciating our natural environment. The Wetlands stretch all the way from the harbour area to the A3052. Lots of hides some suitable for families, others for more serious birdwatchers and mammal watching. We saw an "otter" from the Tram which runs alongside the reserves. Also saw lots of birds. What a great idea a Tram just like the old days. They have got an education centre for schools, I wish our school was nearer, and a marvellous visitor centre with a TIC. We got all the information we needed and there were wonderful displays. Lots of paths to walk around and cyclepaths to get away from cars.

Also had a wonder boat trip from Seaton to Lyme Regis along Jurassic Coast. History of the cliffs is amazing. Local People take us on walks in the area. I'm getting fit, so nice to go to a seaside town that's not flash/noisy. It's not a "kiss me quick" "candy floss" place. It's relaxing yet stimulating. Don't want to come home.

Dear Grandson

Here I am in Seaton in a rickshaw being pedalled around the Wetland area. Afterwards I will go for a swim at the leisure centre by the marina and a boat trip with your Uncles Danesh and Mohammed. If you catch the train down here it will bring you in right to Harbour Road. We can take the tourist bus along the coast and point out the ecological delights and the variety of restaurants.

We can then prepare for your interview at the IT Business Park in Harepath Road. I'm sure you will be successful. See you very soon.

Remember our strapline – Seaton, giving you more, for less.

Dear Rosie

You'll never believe it but the town hall that you sat in that summer of 2010 was heaving today with people talking about the coast and our environment. It was fab, they were talking about the hotel they stayed in and all the "green" things in it. There were walkers and bikers all over the place and the little train to Axminster was working overtime.

Jenny says, hello, can you believe her children are now 10 and 12 – "do you feel old". They have just enrolled on our community scheme and are really excited to be doing the "old people" homes and gardens.

Can't wait for you to come down honey, walking the old walks full of new faces passing through. Have told Jenny we'll meet in the parks.

Lots of love Mum

PS She can make time after 3 as she works from home after Bill gets in from home at the Technology Site.

So much to discover, Seaton is the jewel in the crown of the Jurassic Coast. There is so much to do here we will need to keep coming back again and again. The beauty of the countryside is outstanding and the wealth of natural habitats is immeasurable. With so many areas to explore which are all accessible by bike or by foot we just left the car at home! Such a well balanced community with lots of little shops and a fantastic and beautifully designed seafront area there is something for everyone. It is just a shame about the vast and sprawling Tesco site that spoils the heart of the town." Yes, have to see it to believe it.

Recognise unique environmental assets to develop tourism.
Improve visitor accommodation offer across whole spectrum.
Facilitate support small business development.
E-commerce broadband enhancement.
Innovation links to universities.
Look for unique selling points to enhance Seaton's retail offer week heritage green.
Recognise and work with Seaton's demographics.
Recognise we can't turn the job tide overnight.
Land situation constrained, answer not to attract major new manufacturing employment.

Seaton was almost perfect – a really green friendly place – good local sea and home grown food – a real detail in the planning of this seaside town – there was a place for all ages – the old had a real feeling of being important to the town.

A welcome site.

Seaton 2030

Looking to the future Seaton 2010 dull with little or no visitors, 2030 Tesco a large blot on the land. The old town looking very much like an old cowboy scene.

The beach oil sodden with spills from the anchored tankers in the bay. On the up side there will be plenty of parking spaces for the few that are left.

Many thanks.

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I require the continuation of a unique, living, working, holiday town bordered by carefully maintained seafront, beach cliff and enhancement of our cherished buildings and river. The need for careful planning of pedestrian and cycle ways are paramount and development carefully monitored especially the wetlands.

Hi there!

The last time I was in Seaton 20 years ago, it was a sad place, their District Council had misallocated land and lacked foresight and empathy within planning and direction. Although the coast and wetland were wonderful! But now – wow! It is wonderful. The beautiful natural landscape is enhanced by wonderful eco tourist lodges, an amazing visitor centre, a wonderful wetland walk and a cycle route terminus with practical facilities and an amazingly integrated public transport system that even includes cycle transport. The seafront has been pedestrianised, and visitors are able to stroll along or take a break at the continental style eating facilities overlooking the bay, cliffs and sea. I really am enjoying my stay and have decided to stay longer! Tell you heaps more when I see you – it is wonderful!

Love me x

In 20 years time I see a PSO active local government who deliver quality facilities – one not tied to 106 development money. I see affordable small housing developments with water savers and solar panels as standard. I see large spacious natural parkland with broadleaf woodland planting to halt erosion. Beach facilities provided as standard, solar heated sea water pool for swimming for the town of Seaton.

Seaton 2010

Dear Grandson

I'm writing this whilst sitting on the beach near the yacht club. Plenty of water sports going on here, jet-ski, skiing, windsurfing, powerboat rides etc. Although the supermarket is a bit overpowering at least it's brought jobs and visitors and of course the new sports facilities provided alongside mean we don't have to travel to Honiton/Axminster to use theirs now. The town gardens are looking a treat and the new dog ban on beach and promenade is a big improvement for the large number of tourists we now attract. There's no doubt that the hostel accommodation for walkers and bike riders and the new hotels have attracted many people to our town who would not previously have come.

The controversial up graded road entry, only the one road in and out now, has meant the town can cope with the large increase in visitors and of course the new car park with reasonable charges.

Well that's all for now from sunny Seaton. Grandad.

Housing Key Points

- Seaton's physical constraints.
- Affordable homes should be for local people.
- Need to balance homes with jobs/facilities/community infrastructure.
- Second homes should legislate. Majority felt this was a problem but some support and view that they were not vacant in winter due to economic necessity of retiring out.
- Little concerns on housing numbers but little support for major expansion but acceptance that could be outside.

It's a wonderful place to live, but East Devon dictate what happens!

East Devon have taken services away from us.

General Question

Will East Devon listen this time?

Have been discussing this for 20 years.

Too much emphasis on west and north of District, need to consider terms, not close to area of benefit.

- Evidence that very deprived area – need to work holistically. Need comments put on website.
- Danger of raising expectations and need positive feedback or we will think it's a waste of time. Lack of investment in Seaton. Time Seaton got something from East Devon.
- Is there a unique selling point for Seaton? Help marketing – it's a wonderful network env. And we are not captivating. Biggest asset people of Seaton and they need to take a partnership with East Devon. We can help deliver.

Honiton LDF Consultation Event

24th March 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
e-mail	Honiton Town Council (x12)	Yes (x4)
e-mail and reminder	Honiton & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry	
e-mail and reminder	Devon and Cornwall Police	
e-mail and reminder	Honiton St Michaels Ward Member (x3)	Yes (x1)
e-mail and reminder	Honiton St Pauls Ward Member (x2)	Yes (x1)
e-mail and reminder	Honiton Hospital	
e-mail and reminder	Development Trust (x2)	Yes (x1)
e-mail and reminder	Honiton TIC	
e-mail and letter	Honiton Primary School	Yes
e-mail and letter	Littletown Primary School	
e-mail and letter	Honiton Community College	
e-mail and letter	Mill Water Community School	
EDVSA	Abbeyfield Honiton Society	
EDVSA	Devon Pensioners Action Forum	
Call and e-mail	Honiton Youth Service	Yes
Call and e-mail	TRIP Community Transport	Yes
E-form	Honiton and District Roundtable	
e-mail	Senior Council- Honiton	
Letter	Mind Carers/ Relatives Support Project and Mind	
Letter	Honiton Community Centre Association	
Letter	Honiton Hospital League of Friends	
Letter	Honiton and District Agricultural Association	
Letter	Friends of Thelma Hulbert Gallery	
Letter	Northcote Lane Area Residents Association	
Letter	Honiton and District Lions Club	
Letter	Honiton and District Disabled Fellowship Club	
Letter	Honiton Adult and Community Learning and Adult Skills for Life	
Letter	East Devon College at Honiton	
Letter	Allhallows Museum	
Letter	Honiton Sports Centre	
Letter	Honiton Town Football Club	
Letter	Community Learning Disability Team- Honiton	
Letter	Honiton Senior Citizens	Yes

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Letter	Honiton Christian Churches Together	
Letter	Honiton Citizens Advice Bureau	
Letter	Heathpark Community Project	
Letter	Honiton Rugby Club	Yes
Letter	Parkinson's Disease Society- Honiton	
Letter	Honiton Carers Group	
Letter	Honiton Cricket Club	
Letter	Royal British Legion- Honiton	
Letter	Honiton Childrens Centre	
Letter	Honiton Old Age Pensioners Association	
Letter	Rotary Club of Honiton	
Letter	Baha'i Community of Honiton	Yes
Letter	St Pauls Church	Yes
Letter	Honiton Hornets Hockey Club	
Letter	Honiton Golf Club	
Letter	Honiton Community Action Team	
Letter	St John Ambulance Brigade- Honiton	
Letter	Honiton Bowling Club	
Letter	Honiton Methodist Church	Yes
Letter	Meadow View Chapel- Honiton	
Letter	Honiton Evangelical Congregational Group	
Letter	Side By Side	
Letter	Honiton Baptist Church	
Letter	East Devon Womens Group- Honiton	
Letter	Honiton Young Farmers Club	
Letter	Honiton Running Club	
e-mail	Honiton and District Canine Society	
Letter	Honiton Crafts Club	Yes
Letter	Honiton Millenium Green Trust	
e-mail	Honiton Players	
Letter	Honiton Library Advice and Information Centre	
Letter	Honiton Twirlstars Majorettes	
Letter	Honiton Army Cadet Force	
Letter	Honiton Squadron Air Training Corps	
Letter	Honiton Ladies Circle	
Letter	Honiton and District Carnival Club	
Letter	Honiton Probus Club	
Letter	Friends of Honiton Glen	
Letter	Honiton Garden Club	
Letter	Honiton Festival	
Letter	Speak Now Panel (x6)	
EDVSA	Honiton Locality Health and Care Team	
Gen letter	Churches Together in East Devon and the Diocese of Exeter	
e-mail	Highways Agency	Yes

e-mail	Environment Agency	Yes
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Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- Need for new housing to bring in new people.
- Need for affordable – young people struggle, move out of Honiton, impacts the town.
- 1,000 + houses needed.
- 5-6 affordable homes will help.

Type of Housing:

- Lack of Council.
- Supported housing for young people in Honiton (part. If have to move out of home).
- Ageing population – will need specific housing.
- Housing need in Honiton – many on waiting list.
- Difficult issue for those with disability – housing not suitable/own finance not available.
- Access to secure housing important i.e. people with learning disability, those with carers, need for a tenancy that is secure.
- Young people moving out of Honiton – unable to afford homes.
- Need for suitable homes for the elderly – private care.
- Need for family homes – social.
- Affordable homes needed – family houses.
- Self-build schemes – if sold – goes to housing association so that homes stay in community.
- Developments should all be affordable – less homes to meet the affordable requirement.
- Young people moving out of Honiton – need to provide for them.
- Good quality sheltered housing needed – little areas to achieve this as needed close to town.
- No demand for private homes.
- No homes for elderly in town (all close to Tesco).
- Little built for local people – difficult.
- Varied mix of homes – but difficult to convert to smaller flats, smaller affordable units needed.
- A lot of infilling – no requirement for affordable.

Second Homes:

- Scrap second homes – issue in outlying villages.
- Scrap second home discount.
- Second homes not considered to be a problem.
- Second homes not a problem – not a seaside town.

Where could they be built:

- Extension towards Monkton.
- Land towards Heathpark.
- Top of Sidmouth Hill – fields to East and West.
- Housing west would possibly enable young people to walk to Honiton.
- Housing at either end of Honiton acceptable.

Improving/ Improving Use of Existing Housing:

- Alternative use of private housing.
- Increase incentives to move to smaller Council properties.
- Council housing appears well maintained (better than some private).
- Some private housing appears abandoned.
- Need for improvements to existing private homes.
- Cosy Devon helping energy efficiency – not known about in town.
- Would like to see more imagination.
- Need to get more to elderly people – advice, support appropriate housing – secure, safe.
- Existing homes – appear ok – generally housing considered to be a good standard.
- People don't realise grants for improvements are available – need promoting!

Energy Efficient Homes:

- Combined heat and power – fuel poverty in the town.
- Inadequate heating for example – issues with private housing lets.
- Energy efficient homes expensive to build.
- Energy efficient housing is not considered affordable because it is more expensive to build.
- All houses should be built with solar panels, rainwater harvesting, dirty water systems.

Infrastructure for Housing:

- Infrastructure needed with development of new homes – roads, play areas – should come first.
- Residents would want more people to move to Honiton if there were more facilities – without additional facilities residents would prefer it stay the same – overdeveloped already?
- Moving people out of Honiton has caused problems for education provision.

Other- Housing:

- Rural isolation of older people on outskirts of the town.
- Concern over impact Cranbrook may have on the town. May want to live in Cranbrook. Allowing others to move into Honiton.
- Bus needs to go to Ottery Valley Park.

Community

Schools and Education:

- Housing and the catchment area for schools.
- Balance of children at schools to reflect all communities.
- Housing should be in a walking distance to the schools – accessibility.
- No problems with capacity for schools.
- Happy with school at the moment.
- Seems to be quite a lot of young people interested and going into further education also interested in informal education – The Youth Service Provision.
- Sufficient schools – special needs school.
- Moving to Cranbrook – travel time – Millwater School.
- Schools to an ok standard.
- People travelling across town to get to their school – traffic.
- Colyton School (very selective).

- The college is restricted in terms of expansion and open spaces.

Community Buildings:

- Mackarness Hall ladies toilets in poor condition.
- Mixed feelings about the “new” community centre – maintenance costs a concern, parking, motoring issues.
- Concerned that community groups won’t be able to afford the fees of the new community centre.
- The facilities of the new community centre not right to meet needs of existing groups.
- T/C put funding in place for new community centre.
- Churches provide an important community function.
- Shortage of halls, Battishorne, Gittisham and Heathfield Park.
- Need for a new community centre.
- Sustainability – partnership between sports centre and school.
- Sufficient demand for new building?
- Methodist Church – caters for a lot of the demand.
- Thoughts that the ‘new’ community centre should link up with college, largely in favour of the community centre.

Health Care:

- Not enough parking spaces at the doctor’s, happy with the health care.
- Want Honiton bungalow for the elderly and those with mental health concerns – want it back.
- Need respite care for dementia.
- Lack respite for mentally confused.
- Ageing population.
- Right mix of housing to ensure no imbalance in population.
- Mental health needs more attention.
- Speech and language difficulties no of.
- Pressures from health authority on community buildings.
- Concerns over closures.
- Better footpath signs to encourage more active lifestyles.

Recreation Space and Play Space:

- Want a park/meeting place in the centre of town.
- Important that play areas are included.
- In new plans for houses keep recreational open spaces for free activities.
- Need to have recreational space specifically for football and other sports also separate space for free activities unstructured leisure activities.
- Cost of play parks.
- Important to retain the Glen as open space.
- No recreational spaces on east side.
- Shortage of sports pitches – particularly within the town.
- Limited space for pitches around the town.
- Any future housing development should include large areas for recreation.
- No small parks in the town.
- Need for holiday clubs and wrap around care.
- Good facilities generally.

- More community policing.
- More organised youth activities.
- Play space in estates is good.
- Not much play space to those in towns.
- The Glen, fields at Honiton bottom lane.
- Reasonable play areas within the estates.
- Nowhere for people to sit and socialise in the town.

Children and Young People:

- Could fill the youth centre 7 days a week if funding were available.
- More facilities/activities for youth.
- Want a cinema for youth.
- All the facilities for young children.
- Nothing for teenagers.
- Want to provide activities and provide facilities for young people's activities and for them to be able to take responsibility for their own activities.
- Children's centre very supportive and would be better if both buildings were on the same site.
- More organised youth activity.
- More access to facilities for young people.

Other- Community:

- Protect the main street as a major asset to Honiton – vibrant interesting.
- Keep interest in the High Street.
- Variety of shops and market important to town.

Environment

Access to Open Spaces and Safe Routes:

- Improve provision of youth facilities for accessing AONB and countryside. E.g. mountain biking, camping, etc. Summer programmes.
- Improve links/access between open spaces.
- Open up closed walkways (e.g. King Street – High Street).
- Improve green infrastructure, especially, cycle routes. Existing ones not well structured. Link schools.
- Gaps in footpath network need bridging.
- Access to River Otter.
- Foot access to countryside. Needs improving, also to surrounding parishes.
- Cycle routes, disused railways.
- Access to countryside and River Otter. Currently unable to access it.
- Wildlife corridors (Gissage, railway line) need protecting.
- Improve pedestrian access in town centre – currently there are several dangerous points.
- Existing links/paths are not well signed.
- Country roads too dangerous for pedestrians.

Protection and Enhancement:

- Reinforce protection of AONB, maintain boundaries.

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- Retain views of countryside, and integration with town.
- Protect AONB – where will new houses be built?
- Protect open spaces within town from development.
- Protect agricultural land (high grade).

Lack of Open/ Recreational Spaces:

- Increase provision of sports pitches – must be in the right place.
- Lack of sites for future recreational areas.
- Few opportunities/areas for teenagers to use.
- Lack of recreational areas, especially young people.

Other- Environment:

- Greater publicity of environment facilities and opportunities, especially among young people.
- Increase awareness/publicity of existing facilities.
- Allotments/community participation.

Economy

Jobs:

- Experience of young people getting jobs locally, but lack of high paid jobs.
- More jobs to reduce commuting.
- Very limited local jobs for young people, 5-6 applicants for every job.
- 40% drop in 10-19 year olds up to 2030.
- Assumption amongst young people that there aren't local jobs.
- Reliance on word of mouth.
- Short term/part time jobs for young people leaving school.
- Very limited media/technology opportunities.
- Loss of graduate/specialist jobs locally – no jobs to come back to post-qualification.
- Incentives needed to attract offices/technology based jobs.
- Difficult economic climate. Low wages in East Devon compared home prices.
- Need balance of industry and jobs.

Training:

- Lost historic industries which were a major draw. Pottery and lace – need funding to avoid losing these skills.
- Planning conditions – only permit schemes which will include training/apprenticeships for local people.
- Apprenticeships could help training.

Employment Land and Buildings:

- May be need for more industrial land – but small units because not near motorway – not problem now but may be in 10 years time.
- Need good hotel in Honiton. Camp site for family holidays.
- More employment land needed close to town centre.
- Lack of big office premises – could attract firms from Exeter.
- More integration between business estate and rest of town.
- Need good hotel either in town centre or edge.
- More encouragement for business in town centre.

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- Don't put business rates up!
- Good character to High Street – good mix of uses.
- More land at Heathpark for industry/housing needed.
- Lack of hotels in town centre.

Shops and Retail:

- Wetherspoons!
- Need major chain stores.
- Not many empty shops – good range of shops.
- Unique High Street.
- Commuters shop/socialise etc. In towns where they work.
- Market very important draw for visitors and keeps town centre vital.
- Lost M & S and Slades. EDDC could help all kinds of businesses more. Should try harder to retain existing businesses.
- New rates affecting viability.
- Car parking – free at Tesco etc. So not level playing field. Car parking charges stop people shopping in town centre.
- Lack of land for large retail in town centre.
- Need to retain local shop in existing Tesco site – should be in LDF.
- Town centre and range of independent shops need to be kept supported.
- Town square and open space.
- Support for small local shops needed.
- High Street viability is crucial.
- People come from village to support market.
- Take HGV's out of High Street to get better shopping environment.
- People visit because of antique and variety of small shops.

Tourism:

- More should be made of tourism.
- Need tourist accommodation.
- Antique shops and street market and music festival and shows bring visitors to Honiton but need to stay in Honiton.

Other- Economy:

- Need fast internet – local shop, rely on e-retailing.
- Could do better.
- Lifestyle should be main selling point.
- Need to market town more.
- Start up rate relief period for small businesses.
- Commuter settlement because of good links – attracts people to live here.
- More tourists.
- If take out HGV's rental of flats above shops would improve.

Transport and Infrastructure

Cycling and Walking:

- Improvements to cycle and footpath links, including signage.

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- Improved signage and links to footpaths, incorporating cycle routes.
- Enhanced network of cycle and pedestrian routes.
- Need for public footpath signage.
- No map showing rights of way.

Car Parking:

- Excessive car parking charges leading to on-street parking.
- Excessive car parking charges.
- Lack of parking spaces, especially at eastern end of town.
- Resident's parking?
- Excessive car parking charges. Could short stay parking be free of charge?
- Free parking at out of town stores discourages use of town centre car parks.

Roads:

- Traffic control at New Street/High Street junction.
- Dualling of A303/A30 to reduce congestion in town.
- Kings Road congestion – need for eastern bypass.
- One-way system for Clapper Lane and Northcote Lane/Dowell Street.
- Difficulties in driving around town also encourages use of out of centre stores.
- A35/A30 link would reduce congestion and provide for necessary housing at eastern end of town.

Public Transport:

- Diversion of bus services from Kings Road/no notification.
- Inadequate train and bus services at key times (disadvantages young), particularly late in day.
- Need for 'park and ride' facility to relieve congestion.
- Parking issues linked to train commuters.
- Inadequate bus service during evenings.
- Bus stops poorly signed.
- Need for 'park and ride' service.
- I.d. transport interchange at Bradfords site needs to come forward.
- Integration of bus timetables required. Need for legible timetables.
- Direct bus links to Exeter would mean less people using cars.
- Inconvenient times of buses and trains.
- Re-opening of branch rail line to Ottery St Mary.
- Inadequate evening bus service and no Sunday buses outside of summer period.
- Town bus service needs improving, especially during afternoons.
- Consultation before changing of town bus service timetable required.
- People most in need of ring and ride service required to pay? Inequitable.

Other- Transport and Infrastructure:

- Need for town centre public park/meeting place.
- Sustainable transport networks essential.
- Education of elderly of I.T. facilities.

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM HONITON WORKSHOP 2010

Dear

I have just visited this pleasant Georgian town of Honiton. The centre of the town is attractive with signposted walkways through the town taking us to places of interest, shops, community facilities, culminating in a pleasant park which is used by people of all ages and children.

There appears to be good affordable housing for young people starting out in the job market. Schools are excellent and accessible with good sporting facilities.

Health care provision is good with a modern hospital offering health and care services as well as in patient care and minor injuries unit. There is a state of the art renal dialysis unit and a new GP surgery. All these services are in pleasant surroundings.

The park and ride bus service is very useful leaving the town streets free from parked cars.

Love G

Here I am in Honiton – sitting in a wonderful central park area, lots going on, super local food available from great restaurants. The camp site is great – you really will have to come to the next music and arts festival. Housing is very affordable – so may be moving here myself soon.

A friendly self-contained thriving town centre of protected countryside with vibrant villages.

Town centre with market streams flowing along main streets, making town especially distinctive with heritage features. Good facilities and public transport. A centre for East Devon South Somerset and West Dorset.

Honiton 2030

This historic town has preserved the best of the past while providing for the present day residents.

It serves the needs of all residents from the villages in its hinterland, allowing them to meet for social and cultural purposes.

The young people have stayed in their town or returned after studying and training in the larger conurbations.

Developments over recent years have allowed residents to live a healthy lifestyle and to enjoy sporting activities in their pleasant environment.

The town is a link to the many facilities available on the Jurassic Coast and allows access to Exeter and to the moorland on Exmoor and Dartmoor.

I don't expect to be here myself in 2030 but my children and grandchildren do.

If these items were addressed from now on into the future, Honiton would still keep its welcoming atmosphere.

Keep alive (even restore) the history of Honiton. i.e. lace making and pottery. Save the approaches, especially from the Eastern End through Rawridge, The Green and open landscapes, Roundball, The Otter, Dumpdon. Have vibrant facilities for any community events, sports, arts, countryside events etc. Redevelopment would be addressed with care to create an overall pleasant atmosphere, i.e. screened by trees/parks etc.

As a visitor

- Improved shopping facilities.
- More on entertainment – cinema, pubs, comedy clubs. Something that will keep the youth entertained and not have to travel out of the town.

Just visited Honiton, a lively, bustling market town. Lovely enhanced market street with a mix of uses, much attractive landscaping and traffic is calmed by the way in which the whole area has been enhanced to favour pedestrians and cyclists. It still retains a significant proportion of independent shops and facilities. There is a regular train service to Exeter and a good bus service.

Although it has expanded in recent years, there is now an eastern link road which avoids the need to clog up the High Street. The town bus service is much improved and serves all the outlying areas of town and its rural hinterland.

Hope to see the history and structure of Honiton much the same as it is now, with some new houses. Walkway footpath open. Area where people can sit and talk. Transport links are more than they are now. People are made to feel they are made welcomed.

- Public park/quiet area close to the town centre.
- High quality building design.
- Housing developments only allowed where appropriate/adequate infrastructure.
- Enhanced community/sporting facilities.

Honiton 2030

It has a flourishing antiques sector and is a niche tourism capital, in a similar way to somewhere like Hay-on-Wye. The rural arts and crafts industries have joined this bandwagon. Accommodation provision is good, supporting these industries and also the AONB.

It has a flourishing continental style market with a reinstated stream/culvert flowing along the High Street.

I would like to see Honiton with the right infrastructure to support the housing and employment needs of the community.

Sustainable transport which supports the town, so there would be less need for car parks.

A town where people want to like, shop and visit.

A town that is self supporting in all aspects, i.e. food production etc. 1st class health facilities, recreation facilities for all age ranges.

Top education facilities then nursery to further education.

The centre of the town is somewhat the same as I can remember in the sixties. I would like to see town have some factories in the years to come, many new shops and lots of good things for the young to have.

As a visitor I would like to see some lovely shops and good places to eat and keep up with the traditions of all the past things.

Post Card from Honiton in 2030.

It's a lovely town. Lots of green spaces and very little traffic. Everyone cycles and walks to work and all the amenities are close to hand.

The population seems fit and healthy. The sporting facilities are excellent and well used. I suppose the money saved on health care has been used to improve the local cycle ways and sports grounds.

This place is fantastic. Lots of places within the High Street to go – cinema, sports bars, internet cafes. The High Street was a lovely place to visit. Nice landscaped across and plenty of seating. The area was very busy and had lots to offer with a good range of shops and bars and cafes.

Just spent a lovely day in Honiton.

The park and ride bus took us in and dropped us outside St Paul's. Very interesting High Street and pedestrian walks; it's still got small shops. Bought sandwiches and followed the signs down to the new park beside the River Ottery. Kids enjoyed the play park and feeding the ducks.

No wonder it's such a popular place to live.

Honiton

Enhance the feel and look of the High Street which is Honiton's prime feature.

Improve junctions with A30/A35 to encourage through traffic out of town and to encourage in-coming commuters to use other routes.

Improve access to car park or park/ride for the same reason.

Provide shuttle bus through town and to/from station.

Pedestrianised High Street – "cafe society". Antique collector/dealer housed at one end... vibrant and lively shops.

- Mixed use development people living and working close by.
- Good public transport links.
- No need to park in town.

Small vibrant town with good variety of small interesting shops, plenty of parking, lots of character and places to sit.

Small town centre hotels and lots of pleasant walks.

To have a good hotel in town with advertised walks around and through the town and have a mixture of age groups in the town.

A High Street busy and bustling, lots of different things to look at, sense, smell and buy. There are lots of places to sit and watch the world go by.

Tonight we're going to go out for a meal and then watch a show. Tomorrow we plan to look around the art gallery and then get on the train to go into Exeter. The following day, after swimming, we plan to take the children for a picnic and walk along the nature trail. At night the High Street is beautiful, it's light and there are many places to eat. We don't have to worry about driving as the bus services run until 10 p.m. and so getting back to the Hotel won't be a problem.

Honiton

A town, which at its core is untouched, with the same local shop selling expensive things to rich people.

A dwindling youth population who are itching to leave the town for work or leisure. A poorly funded community centre and a divided town council.

Good if you already live here and have money.....

Not if you don't.

The town is very much the same as it was when I visited 10 years ago. High Street has individual shops with no big chains.

The outskirts of the town has increased with more housing and increased industrial units (small) on the western and along by the dual carriageway.

What used to be a rugby and playing area has now become a park, this is behind the northern part of the High Street. Part of the street leading up to the train station has become one way. This has reduced congestion in the High Street.

In 20 years time

That the open spaces within Honiton have become connected so providing a 'green lung' for the town. This would include access or sustainable movement networks which accommodate access for all. These 'green corridors' would also be a valuable wildlife corridor that enhances both habitat and species. The feeling I would have sitting in the town is that the countryside is now an integral part of the character and sense of place of Honiton.

Axminster LDF Consultation Event

29th March 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
e-mail	Axminster Town Council	Yes (x2+)
e-mail- reminder e-mail	Axminster Chamber of Commerce	
e-mail	Devon and Cornwall Police (x2)	
e-mail	Axminster Town District Councillor (x2)	Yes (x2)
e-mail	Axminster Rural District Councillor	Yes
Letter	Axminster Hospital	
EDVSA	The Rotary Club of Axminster	Yes
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster and District Horticultural Society	Yes
Letter	Friends of Axminster Guildhall	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Senior Forum	Yes
Letter	Axminster Senior Citizens Centre	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Girl Guiding- Axminster	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Cloakham Lawn Sports Centre	Yes
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Parish Paths Partnership	
Letter	St Marys Guild	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Carers Support Group- Axminster	Yes
Letter	Axminster Care Services	
Letter	Citizens Advice Bureau	
Letter and reminder e-mail	St John Ambulance- Axminster	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Historical Society	
Letter	Age Concern- Axminster	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Millwey Rise Football Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster and District Lions Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Task Centre	
Letter	Axminster Baby Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Flamingo Pool	
Letter	Axminster Phoenix Ladies Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axe Valley Round Table- Axminster	
Letter	Over 50s Fun Sports	
Letter and	Axe Valley Runners	

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reminder e-mail		
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Town Cricket Club	Yes
Email and reminder e-mail	Axe Valley Pedallers- Axminster	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Bowls Club	
Letter	Alternative Company Theatre	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Museum	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster and District Mothers Union	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Millwey Art Group	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Phillips Resource Centre	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Area Youth Worker	Yes
Letter	Axminster Parish Church	
Letter	Axminster Hospital League of Friends	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axe Valley Sports Centre- Axminster	Yes
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Young Farmers Club	
Letter	Speak Now	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Axminster Community Primary School	
Letter and reminder e-mail	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	
Letter and reminder e-mail	The Axe Valley Community College	
Letter	Monday Monkeys	Yes
Gen letter	Churches Together in East Devon and the Diocese of Exeter	Yes
E-mail and letter	Magna Housing Association	
Cllr	Axminster Guide Dogs	Yes
Cllr	Axminster Ring and Ride	
Cllr	Axminster Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses	Yes
e-mail	DCC Traffic Management	Yes
e-mail	Axminster United Reformed Church	Yes
e-mail	GVA Grimley on behalf of Highways Agency	Yes

Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- Axminster – prepared to grow (controlled growth).
 - Sustains local schools, hospital etc.
 - Viability of town centre.
- 1,000 +

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- More housing to support growth (controlled growth) and existing facilities.
- 1,000 extra houses within 20 years.
- Church – population increase expected – housing growth.

Type of Housing:

- Need houses at top and bottom end of scale. Top 4/5 bed – wealthy home owners – settings and housing lose high end market to villages large gardens.
- Protect existing bigger houses – need range of houses (size and type).
- Need for social housing – need for flats/1 bed units – singles accommodation needed.
- Need housing for elderly and disabled – adaptable/life time homes.
- Family affordable accommodation.
- Meaning of affordable – 70% values still above normal salaries.
- Mixed development important – mix market and affordable.
- 40% accepted – difficult to persuade developers to build higher.
- Disabled/elderly fluctuating need – ageing population suggest need would grow.
- Keep young people in town – need affordable housing young people and middle age.
- Young people seem to want to stay in town.
- Set values for affordable housing – limit profit can make on sale.
- Affordable housing has to be mixed – quality.
- Lifetime homes good idea – adapt houses to keep people in houses.
- Not enough affordable housing – young people/couples.
- Higher levels of affordable housing needs to be delivered.
- Mix of affordable housing tenure.
- Several sheltered housing schemes – not aware of housing for disabled groups (limited knowledge).
- Warden assisted important.
- More affordable sheltered housing needed – existing quite expensive.
- 40% affordable housing – agreed to be good proportion.
- Shared equity properties felt to be needed – more options to buy.
- Self build – none in East Devon?
- Less demand for housing for just over 50s.
- Local need for sheltered accommodation?

Second Homes

- Second homes not issue in town.
- Second homes – villages more than town problem – should pay full Council tax amount.
- No issue of second home ownership – more in villages.
- 2nd homes – not big problem for Axminster.

Where could they be built:

- No Greenfield building – brownfield sites enough.
- Too many on sites being provided (density) but more housing needed.
- Existing redundant sites/land in town need developing.
- Abbey Gate development? – problem with noise near the by-pass.

Energy Efficient Homes:

- Monitoring sustainability achieved in future use.
- Existing homes extended should incorporate energy efficiency.
- Energy efficiency very important – local generation – greener housing, better insulation new housing.
- Retro fitting old housing can have problems – techniques not tested (cavity walling causing damp).
- Grants – hard to get/comply with in certain cases – limited scope for use.

- Important to achieve high energy efficiency standard for new build (code sus. Homes).
- More energy efficiency – in built to all new houses.
- Grants to improve homes.

Infrastructure for Housing:

- Balanced housing, sources, transport.
- Bypass – hits housing values/cost to achieve infrastructure.
- N/S relief road – will need development to fund.

Other- Housing:

- 106 monies too restricted – CIL concept supported – one system only (CIL or 106).
- Proper planning for spending – thought out not reactivity (first come first serve).
- See town more vibrant.
- Do planning consider environmental issues and impact on housing?

Community

Schools and Education:

- If Axminster grows may need to look at building a new school – fit to bursting at present.
- Can Axminster cope with all the secondary children from Seaton when Seaton build more houses.
- Or if Seaton building their own school what would be the knock on affect to Axminster school.
- If new houses would need additional primary and secondary school places.
- Axe Valley spreads over a large area, could you get anymore in?
- If houses increased need schools to increase.
- Expand the schools.
- Need to get more children to go into the secondary school – more houses to encourage children to live here.
- Protect the schools playing field and the Cloakham Lawn sports fields that are used by the school.
- Better multi-agency/provision work to educate pupils what activities and clubs would benefit them.
- School to link up with club forum.
- Better support from school for local clubs.

Community Buildings:

- More meeting places for community groups in a safe environment with equipment and storage.
- Multi-use community spaces with storage.
- Not enough community buildings – fighting to keep Millwey.
- Existing community buildings not appropriate for 21st century.
- Section 106 community building in north end of the town. Fit for purpose community building (near Millwey).
- Shortage at times of community buildings.
- Hard to find land to build community buildings e.g. Jehovahs Witnesses/religious groups.
- Town Hall only area for older people. No day care places. Churches run lunches open to anyone but little bit out of town. Could do with one they can go to each day.
- Everyone is interested in community buildings.
- Jehovahs Witnesses have a building they would like to move from. Problems for religious group moving.
- Need buildings for communities to happen.
- Museum falling into disrepair.

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- Philips Centre for disabled has now closed. Great shame. What is happening with the buildings?
- Would like a community hall at Millwey Rise.
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Health Care:

- Senior citizens centre has closed.
- Axe Hospital has an assessment centre for elderly but now no day centre to send them to.
- Hospital is very good but no A and E facilities. Has just been refurbished.
- Doctors just about managing but do need room to expand.
- Provision of dentistry very poor.
- Nowhere to park at the doctors when you are visiting them.
- Hospital good, friendly service with parking.
- Axminster Hospital don't do a lot. 40 mins from Dorchester/Exeter.
- Lucky to still have a hospital.
- More doctors or surgeries – expansion so you can see your own GP within a week.

Recreation Space and Play Space/ Leisure:

- Abbey Close and Gamberlake and Horsleeds and Dragons made no play equipment.
- Sports Centre is very busy. Needs developing where school has grown around it, half people from Axminster don't know where it is.
- Make sports centre more accessible to the local community.
- Provision of field at Boxfield Road for open space. Landscaped gardens?
- Langmore Gardens in Lyme Regis/London Park with seats.
- Not enough playing fields/parks.
- Sports Centre do half term events and offer facilities.
- Plenty of provision but not a great take up, may be due to cost. They (ctyp) know what's available but not used too much.
- Cloakham Lawns do a lot to encourage some of the children especially cricket.
- Not aware of sports centres/Cloakham Lawns and what they offer – better publicity.
- Keen to expand Cloakham Lawns, may be with a gym.
- Somewhere that links open space with river.
- Needs a park/public open space.
- Need somewhere attractive for people to sit, and put benches there.
- More open green spaces – general recreational purposes.
- Anyone can use Cloakham – soon will have a spectator area.
- Refurbishment of Sports Hall – LED.
- Would like the sports hall and swimming pool to be joined up – plans 10 years ago.

Children and Young People:

- Be aware of children and young people, ask them what they want – consultation.
- More pre-school facilities and provision only 2 at the moment, 1 Millwey and 1 Minster.
- A soft play area for children and families.
- Good quality outside space for toddlers they have a legal requirement for pre-school.
- Betterment Homes Site – great opportunity to use it as an open space – consultation with young people e.g. kickabout area/garden area for older people.
- Not enough activities for children and young people.
- There is a new skatepark but it's been vandalised.
- Youth Club not in good situation on the corner, no outside space.
- 120 youngsters play cricket at Cloakham Lawns – very youth orientated (Cloakham Lawns) but we are a charity.
- Better support from the Council (EDDC) in maintaining the skatepark.
- A viable policing presence is impossible.

- Youth Centre should be open 7 days a week. Building has lots of character, young people love it having stories attached to it. However it costs a lot to heat.
- Assistant youth workers 2 x full time, extend the opening times of youth service 7 days a week.

Other- Community:

- Good community spirit.
- To enhance Axminster needs to be where people want to go.
- Fob off with police due to car parking, people park near train station for a week – residents can't park.
- Axminster concentrated in a small area.
- Wide pavements, reduced width of road, trucks and buses can't go through.
- More to attract people.
- More parking.
- Make Cloakham Lawns more appealing, light the road that is used for access.
- Development of land behind police station, faith centre, better police facilities, disabled community resource, fire, ambulance, 1 stop shop.
- Responsibility of rubbish and litter in community spaces – bins.

Environment

Access to Open Spaces and Safe Routes:

- Trinity Hill – very well used. Facility could be expanded. Only accessed by car. Potential to be promoted amongst cycling community.
- Sustrans – potential to exploit further funding opportunities.
- Defend access over public footpaths linking into countryside.
- Publicise routes/path from town into countryside.
- Promote lesser known routes/footpaths.
- Link the two river bridges.
- Increase access to small open spaces.
- Sustrans route.
- River Axe – access/footpaths. Close to town centre.
- Links into surrounding countryside – poor transport infrastructure.
- Narrow pavements in town centre – dangerous traffic.
- Bypass? Is it a realistic possibility?

Protection and Enhancement:

- Retain high grade agricultural land.
- Raymonds Hill – overdevelopment too dense.
- New developments not respecting flooding issues. Flooding and erosion problems, drainage issues.
- Maintenance of drainage systems.
- Wildlife protection at Boxfield – otters?
- Road drainage/flooding.
- Flooding – seems to be getting worse?
- Biofuel potential – Hazel coppicing of unused land.

Open/ Recreational Spaces:

- Not enough children's play areas.
- Too few landscaped areas, especially for older people to use.
- Lack of seating/open spaces in town centre. Potential for development of Webster's Garage.
- Community initiatives – maintenance of future open spaces.
- Few places for teenagers to congregate.

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- Millbrook – could be a park/picnic area.
- Unresolved development issues.
- Enhance river area – valley park, Cloakham. Formal paths needed.
- Allotments – currently full. Need disabled access.
- No open spaces in town centre.
- Very few street trees, plant displays. Boxfield – potential to be a park.

Tourism:

- Information boards in towns – TIC opening hours are limited.
- Food tourism – River Cottage draws in visitors. Potential niche market. Community project – cooking skills for young mothers.
- Markets – link into local food production trades.
- Visitors not encouraged to go outside of town centre – signage, publicity etc.

Other- Environment:

- Section 106 – needs to be fully exploited.
- Football Club looking to relocate – too many teams.
- Upgrade sports hall.
- Toilet facilities – only one in Axminster. Not enough to support the town.
- Cloakham Lawn – not well publicised/marketed. Not sign posted from town. Don't have much money for this.
- No discernable 'gateway' into the town.

Economy

Jobs:

- Axminster close to balanced community re jobs and retaining, especially Ax Garage through decline, companies with original employment levels. Ax Power Tools has expanded of all towns in East Devon, impressive number of independent shops.
- Unemployment <2% - but may be higher than registered number. Have to go to Honiton for job centre.
- Sustainability of employment.
- Short of jobs particularly young.
- Major problem if Axminster Carpets and Power Tools leave.
- Not EDDC or DCC to get employment.
- Few large companies.
- Not necessarily go to University.
- Dole office closed – have to go to Honiton.
- Is there job centre in Chard? Don't know.
- Balanced population are and jobs. Axminster carpets employs less than they did, but Axminster Power Tools have been successful.
- Axminster to grow – 1,000 more dwellings. How many jobs needed?
- Concern re lack of success in getting good secondary schools.
- Young people tend to move out and not come back until older.
- Losing young people common – if they go, often don't come back.
- Possibility of sponsoring students to work here, and then replace there are employment opportunities that are not low paid.
- Axminster Community College balanced towards business.
- Axminster has kept unemployment low – all senior workers at Axminster Carpets went straight from finishing school.

Employment Land

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- EDDC doesn't offer incentives, employment levels higher than national rates. Down to 6-8 Ha available empty land. Used to be plenty, employment land £150,000-£200,000/acre.
- Room for more office development.
- Too many service enterprises – need more manufacturing.
- Not much commuting compared with rest of East Devon.
- Hayes Farm – cc smallholding – dairy farm. Tried to diversify – has been very successful. Problem with unavailable land.
- Huge difference between employment and residential land.
- Movement in the right direction; some brownfield owners need to sell some land to get better deal on rest – holding people to ransom. Post office site. Both create and solve problems.
- Is number of small units high 4500 1/2 person?
- Will be fuller – new residential development – employment on trading estate.
- Group formed to attract incoming businesses moving there.
- Previous plans for development didn't happen even during comparative boom.

Shops and Retail:

- Camera shop, computer shop closed. Problem of internet shopping.
- Town Centre rather dead – in 80s, less shops than now.
- Carpet factory 360 but not of small ones. Power Tools employ 180 plus others. Difficult time with business in. More needed to help with sustainability.
- Decline of Axminster Carpets, now Axminster Power Tools.
- Need to attract niche shops; music shop, curtain, all bring people in.
- Biggest threat is sales at Tesco (i.e. non food) would threaten fields (e.g.) people waiting in other L.A area for manufacturing, but lot of empty land in local plpt – but landowner won't release it. Quite a lot in small sites.
- Tesco want major expansion; double depth car park; half mezzanine floor for offices.
- Concern at cumulative effect. 40,000 sq. M. At Seaton. Before, shopping in Axminster comfortable, shopping habits changing. Book trade is doing well, despite online shopping.
- Cattle market gone but street market works well.
- Retained significant number of independent retail in town centre.
- Independent shops – Websters site needs redevelopment – something may happen when economy recovers. Axminster doesn't need less parking – don't want post office site included.

Tourism:

- How to attract visitors – TICs closed. EDDC pays for premises and equipment. Doubt as to effectiveness of TIC. Need to be done, people will be pleased they came.
- Guildhall an attraction – and in good state of repair and decoration.
- Rodney Rendell buildings an eyesore.
- Need hotel.
- Axminster relies on few outlets. B & B courses.
- Tourist office
- Heritage Coastline – used to be coach trips from Seaton Holiday Park – only capacity for two coaches in park in Chard Road. Concerts in church weekly in summer – up to 300 – not helped by car parks price increases.
- Better bus service needed – 1 per hour.
- Hotel needed.
- Chamber of Trade say they would stay in Axminster if there was a hotel.

Other- Economy:

- Need for higher speed broadband.
- Old coal yard being better used than was.
- Pressure on L.As to spend less. Area near M5 some employment activity.

- Old Coal Yard coming to life.
- Underground car park could
- Banks not lending to shops.

Transport and Infrastructure

Cycling and Walking:

- Sustrans (cycling and walking) – route planned to come through – need to connect into this.
- Footpath signs painted out.

Car Parking:

- Enough car parks – ramp required on West Street car park to replace steps.
- Price of parking. Tescos don't charge for parking – contrary to condition?
- Good railway but people don't use car park due to cost – residents parking scheme needed.

Roads:

- North-south relief road – needed sooner rather than later – relocate schools and realign Stoney Lane (as serious problem with bridge).
- North-south relief road – key issue for town to reduce heavy goods vehicles in town centre – allow enhancement, stop damage to buildings, reduce pollution. £10m price tag may mean a long term project even with contribution from new housing. Include in LTP.
- O & D survey October 09 will provide information about how many vehicles could be removed from the town centre. Possible restriction on HGVs but still have to allow access.
- Look at signing for Axminster from A35 – could avoid some traffic coming through the centre.
- North/south relief priority – damage to buildings – enhance town centre, pollution. Major development to fund.
- Lower speed limits on lanes used by pedestrians, cyclists.
- North/south relief road – in favour but – not in favour of new houses having to subsidise it (DFT to pay) – better route would be across floodplain.
- Reconsider South Street as through route.

Public Transport:

- Happy with train service – extra loop required and 2nd platform for 30 mins to Exeter.
- Bus services – some better used than others but – improvements could be made to linking services in town centre – a town centre bus route is needed (over 50s pushing).
- Free town bus required – as in other towns – to link all areas to town centre. Possible funding from Tesco through 106 agreement.
- More frequent bus services – more in town to link to areas like Woodbury Park, Raymonds Hill, town bus.
- Good train service.
- Coach park planned – good idea.
- Buses good – although don't run late enough for young people for local services.
- Town bus service needed to serve housing estates.

Broadband:

- Broadband provision needs improvement – further from exchange (bad away from town centre).
- Broadband ok in town – awful mile or so outside.
- Broadband improvements may aid remote employment.

Green Energy:

- Green energy – in favour of CHP but not turbines – some mixed opinion – in favour for photo voltaics and solar panels.

Sewage and drainage:

- Surface water and sewerage disposal need to be updated as a priority of all the transport/infrastructure issues.
- Land drainage (fields) flowing onto roads.
- Sewerage system needs upgrading.
- Better maintenance of surface water drainage – blockages, some for years.

Other- Transport and Infrastructure:

- Sustainable transport (transport plans, car sharing etc) should be prioritised over new infrastructure.
- Redesign of pavement and bus stop in town centre would alleviate congestion.

Rural Issues

Housing and Affordable Housing:

- Overdevelopment of sites at Raymonds Hill – large plots accommodating 2 very large houses.
- Don't agree with increasing densities in rural areas.
- Affordable housing being completed.
- Overcomplicating affordable housing reduces delivery.
- Lack of confidence in the market is suppressing development – i.e. flats would be more affordable.
- Need 1 bed homes for single men/persons who don't qualify for social housing but have low incomes.

Rural Facilities:

- Raymonds Hill – Section 106 funding – no play area to spend contributions on.
- Scope for rustic rural park on 'landlocked' rear garden land.
- Millwey Rise – needs to keep neighbourhood facilities. Already lost pub, could lose hall, shop etc.
- No open spaces so reliance on gardens for amenity space – subdivision is reducing this.
- Shop at Raymond's Hill – lack of parking, very dangerous.
- Majority of secondary school pupils are bussed in – so young rural people can't get to youth club/social activities as reliant on partners.
- Rural areas need own youth clubs/social clubs.
- Rural facilities – need to diversify i.e. pubs also offering takeaways.
- Lots of well maintained village halls, some impact on Guildhall, but range of activities offered by Guildhall inc. Parties/entertainment etc.
- Some things i.e. film nights are more successful in villages due to community spirit.

Rural Jobs:

- Rural jobs key but transport is a major factor for accessing these jobs.

Farming and Traditional Rural Industries:

- Need to diversify farms.
- Farm vehicles very large – concern that they are damaging roads etc. particularly contractors.
- Damage to hedgerows and verges blocking drains.
- Straw lorries – falling straw blocks drains.
- Don't agree with combining farms to create 'super farms'.
- Farmers are diversifying – e.g. selling birds.
- Need to control industrial use on farms.
- High quality/high value farm goods – limited market but potential to expand.

Rural Transport:

- Need for town bus scheme – local villages would increase it's viability – survey has suggested most people would support Thursday am service to Tesco.
- Minibuses would be cheaper to run – subsidised service?
- Hunters Lodge – accidents, traffic limits flouted.
- Case for reduced speed limit in rural lanes 20-30 mph.
- Short cuts to avoid speed limits causes problems in lanes.
- Proposal for town bus – could it also visit villages? Mini bus/ring & ride/fare car.
- Cooks Lane/Sector Lane used as rat-runs, could speed restrict.
- Need improvements at Hunters Lodge – need flyover/roundabout.
- Community operated bus only goes to Tesco – more useful to serve all estates into Town Centre.
- Needs to be flexible/need responsive.
- Bus service has gaps in service – demand may be increasing.
- Importance of station – transport hub so that transport in from villages can interchange.
- Public transport can mitigate traffic problems.
- Need to expand station parking.
- Raymond's Hill well served by buses.
- Ring and ride well used (buses and taxis).

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM AXMINSTER WORKSHOP 2010

Having a very busy time – weather good for a change.
Nice walks along the river and a good energetic cycle outing to the Seaton Marshes.
Planning to go fishing – from one of the local ports – either Lyme Regis or Beer.
A visit to the Carpet Museum should be interesting and we will go to cricket at Cloakham Lawn.
If the weather is bad we will take the train in to Exeter to see the Cathedral.
Wish you were here!!!

Axminster 2030
More young people, bus services serving all parts of the town.

Limited traffic through town centre.
Good range of independent shops.
Vibrant community made up of all ages.
Green spaces within and on fringes of town – easily accessible.
Good public transport links – railway line electrified?

Town Centre has useful shopping opportunities – is very pedestrianised friendly – little traffic.
Good parks to sit and relax with peaceful views.
Accessible and contemporary leisure facilities to pass the time.
Healthcare is well considered and the towns activities are well covered in the local tourist information office.
Although the town has expanded, local facilities have grown alongside the development of new schools, new employment opportunities and affordable housing.

- Traffic free, no lorries.
- Good sports areas rugby, football, cricket.
- Good hotel to encourage people to visit.
- Minster church to be maintained and improved, as it is the centre of Axminster.
- Councils to sell Axminster as gateway to Devon not the poor relation of Bridport.

- Range of interesting eating places, cafes, restaurants.
- Clean and tidy streets and buildings.
- Church bells on the hour, sign of community spirit and activity.
- Well stocked and informative tourist information shop.
- Street and road pointers to scenic sights and notable buildings in town and in immediate countryside.
- Traditional street market thriving selling local produce and artefacts.
- Good amenities, chemists, clothing shops etc.

Axminster has good sustainable transport infrastructure including public transport, walking and cycling facilities. This sustainable transport infrastructure encourages residents and visitors to not use their private car and increases self containment.

The town is made up of mixed development including a mixture of housing and employment uses. This creates balanced communities which are sustainable and reduces the need to travel.

Infrastructure such as waste and mineral facilities are located as close to the origin as possible to reduce the need to travel by private transport especially HGVs.

New housing and employment development is supported by sustainable transport and other measures such as shared parking which ensures developments are sustainable. This is enforced by the implementation of travel plans as part of planning permissions.

- Heavy traffic free town.
- Nice shopping.
- Precinct in Websters Garage with nice seating and small flower beds.
- Hotel facilities, a proper coach park.
- Guided town walks, telling Axminster's past.

I would like to at last see a bypass so that Axminster was relatively traffic free.

More green areas, youth actively enjoying the leisure facilities instead of hanging round bus stops and Minster Green annoying people.

A well serviced town with adequate transport and a wide variety of shops especially for the younger person.

New businesses set up in town or surrounding areas, because of the stability of the population and age range to offer a work force.

A well catered for thriving elderly groups especially those with early onset Alzheimer's.

Returning to Axminster in 20 years – we find a thriving market town with no heavy through traffic. Plenty of car parks to allow easy walking to all shops and businesses. An arcade of shops, a public hall, including youth centre – a large green landscaped area with some housing included.

There should be updated facilities for leisure activities for children and adults within the town.

The free parking with clean toilets adjacent was a welcome introduction. We found plenty of traditional shops and places to eat. A guide gave us an interesting tour of the historic town, museums and anecdotes.

A lovely stroll along the River Axe where we pushed granny's wheelchair to Cloakham Lawn – a wonderful sports and leisure facility with space for all ages to enjoy. We spoke to some happy teenagers who had local work and found diverse opportunities although they were disappointed the farming industry was failing due to overseas subsidies affecting the industry here.

The sun often shines here even if it rains in Lyme Regis.

Axminster in 2030

HGV traffic removed from town centre roads.

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Well supported services (schools, hospitals, community buildings) in energy efficient, disabled friendly, 21st century building.

Well balanced economic opportunities – good cross section of manufacturing business and leisure based employment.

Good leisure opportunities within area.

Axminster in 2030

Vibrant town centre, smiling faces!
Traffic free areas.
Green spaces – parks and recreation.
Flourishing “Websters” development.
No empty shops.
Jobs for local people.
Pride in our town!

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Dear Mum and Dad

We set off on a trip back to Axminster last Monday. Having not been to Axminster since we left 20 years ago, we were surprised to see some welcome changes. At last the George has been knocked down and been replaced by a new roundabout “Welcome to Axminster”. Old Websters is now a busy shopping mall! River Cottage is now just a canteen the provision store has been closed. The bypass north south had still not been built!! On the Chard Road as we came into Axminster, there is now a large new housing estate which overlooks the sports fields, River Axe and beyond. The old ‘Weycroft Matford’ site at the far north end of town is now a Homebase Store. We were pleased to see a new museum next to the solicitors in Silver Street. The Minster Green is more friendly with seating and tables with people getting coffees and food from the Arts Cafe. The carpet factory seems to have reduced in size of area but still employ some 200 people and some of the land is used by other industries. Generally Axminster has moved on and is a friendly town as it always was.

Town Centre development of shops and housing/parking and/or used as a site for new guildhall with the old one replaced with more flats and housing for the elderly.

Sporting area with the Cloakham area and along the valley now with football pitches alongside the 'old' cricket ground nature area developed in what would have been the 'flood plain'. This includes a pond/water harvesting development.

The Sustrans cycle track at first linked to Seaton and north to Weston-Super-Mare with footpaths for C.L.I.C. around the whole site and leading to the town through the park development along the Millbrook Stream.

The north-south bypass completed and the town centre has become a more friendly place!

Vibrant town that shows how much you can enjoy living and working in 'rural' Devon. Fantastic walks, along river, wildlife in abundance. Amazingly no bedsteads or old boots!

After the art trail, and historic houses trail, exhausted so glad of such a choice of eateries. Good pub and restaurants (head of HFW?), pavement cafe. Sorry we missed the Thursday market, told it has everything. Altogether, an enchanting place to visit – must come again.

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Ottery St Mary LDF Consultation Event

30th March 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Town Council	Yes (x9)
e-mail	Devon and Cornwall Police (x2)	Yes (x2)
Letter	Sustainable Ottery	Yes
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Rural (x2)	Yes (x1)
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Town (x3)	Yes (x2)
EDVSA	The Institute	Yes
Letter	Later Life Forum	Yes
Letter	Otter Vale Arts Society	Yes
Letter and reminder e-mail	Devon Youth Service- Ottery St Mary	Yes
E-mail	West Hill Residents Association	Yes
E-mail	West Hill Primary School/ Sing for Your Life	Yes
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Chamber of Commerce	
Add	Sustainable Ottery	Yes
Letter	Ottery St Mary Hospital	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Heritage Society	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Help Scheme	
Letter and e-mail	Music and Fun for Young Children	
Letter	Ottery St Mary United Reform Church	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Gardening Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Day Care Centre	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Tale Valley Trust	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Football Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	National Trust- Ottery St Mary	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Recycling in Ottery	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Rotary Club of Otter Valley	
Letter	Ottery Hospital League of Friends	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Colin Tooze Sports Centre- Ottery St Mary	
Letter	Cosmic	
Letter	Feoffee Hall	
Letter	Ottery Community Theatre	
Letter	Dance Action for Youth	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Carnival	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	

Letter	Ottery St Mary Parish Church	
Letter	Speak Now (x6)	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Primary School	
Letter and reminder e-mail	The Kings School	
Gen letter	Churches Together in East Devon and the Diocese of Exeter	
E-mail	Spectrum Housing Association	
E-mail	Ottery Feoffee Charity	
	Western Power Distribution	Yes
	DCC	Yes
	Tipton Residents Association	Yes

Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- Housing need identified in Parish is approximately 100 (EDDC)?
- Cranbrook – if this going to be built, do we need further housing?
- Concerns Cranbrook won't see an intake of local people.
- During construction of Cranbrook, where will workers live? Provision for employees coming from outside of area – impact of services.
- Need for housing needs assessments.
- Do not feel there is a 'crying need' for more housing.

Type of Housing:

- Some people still cannot afford affordable housing?
- Don't feel Ottery St Mary needs more affordable housing.
- Affordable housing pricing people out.
- Need to be more restrictive with new homes.
- There is a demand for housing for elderly – retirement flats? (Managed housing).
- Housing in Ottery St Mary is completely mixed.
- Ottery St Mary feels that they have a healthy balance of ages and opportunities – good mixture.
- Mindful of need to reflect what community needs.
- Affordable needs to be restricted to local people – legal agreements. Council buy back scheme.
- Keep affordable homes affordable for local people.
- Need for housing in Ottery St Mary not necessary affordable.
- Retirement flats/housing needed.
- Housing for younger people/family housing.
- Change design of Council housing?
- Big requirement in Ottery St Mary for homes for single people.
- Large need for family homes in Ottery St Mary.
- Great need also for homes for elderly in Ottery St Mary.
- We need a housing list for those who want large homes and a list for those who want smaller homes.
- Need for sheltered accommodation – Ottery St Mary and Tipton.
- All housing needs to be mixed? To maintain the community interaction (mixed views) can be difficult to get the balance right.

- Retirement homes/villages/flats – specialised housing need.

Second Homes

- Charge full council tax for second homes.
- Should be more council tax on second homes or business rates, making it more difficult to buy/cost.
- Should be a facility where EDDC are able to make use of second homes for need in area (if home not being lived in).

Where could they be built:

- Too much housing eroding the countryside.
- Use existing sites – brownfield.
- New homes should not be in one place.
- Concerns over creating ghettos – not sustainable?

Improving/ Improving Use of Existing Housing:

- Need to make better use of what Ottery St Mary has already – possible knock down and start again? Redevelopment/modernisation.
- EDDC should make it more worthwhile for tenants to downsize.
- Development of derelict/vacant buildings, preferable to new developments (Switchgear).
- Agricultural buildings could be developed more effectively.

Energy Efficient Homes:

- Building regs need to define energy efficient housing, all housing should be energy efficient not just new affordable.
- Current housing stock is poor – not energy efficient. All new housing, both private and social should be energy efficient.
- Requirement for planning – retain the higher code levels, keep standards high.

Infrastructure for Housing:

- Homes needed? What are youngsters going to do in Ottery St Mary? No jobs. Need employment, industry to sustain the community.

Other- Housing:

- Need to be sensitive to organisations relocating in the area.

Community

Schools and Education:

- Schools up to capacity will need to expand.
- People move into Ottery to go to the schools.
- Ottery junior level is good.
- West Hill and Tipton are good rural schools but need space for expansion.
- King's needs room for expansion.
- King's School not quite up to H & S standards. (Some of play areas been built on).
- If new housing need new or expanded secondary school. Capacity problems at King's.

Community Buildings:

- Institute is post war needs modernising, new boiler, expanded and made more appealing, needs support from Council is the only community hall/space.
- The Institute is a very good community building, it is very busy and well used.
- More support for community buildings in forms/funding.
- Not short of activities, short of facilities. Community Centre would be wonderful.

- Institute is outdated and fully booked.

Health Care:

- A lot of young babies at present.
- Lack of nursing care for the elderly have to leave the town and don't want to live where they have been brought up – a nursing home.
- Need of care for mental health issues “safe guarding adults” an interagency approach care before they are “serious” cases.
- Lack of day care provision.
- Medical Centre is at capacity will need expansion.
- More provision for home visits lack of community interaction with the doctors.
- Ottery surrounded by wonderful countryside, walks along the river.
- Health care – would like to see maternity services maintained if not improved.
- Do not be ill at the weekend.
- Community hospital is extremely important.
- Increasing population of elderly people, need facilities to take care of them.
- Community facilities provided in the community – doctors, dentists not having to travel to Exeter or other.
- Hospital is good but busy – covers wide area, will the Health Centre last if more people come in?
- Could be surgery be developed in West Hill – easier to take the service to the people.

Recreation Space and Play Space/ Leisure:

- Something for young mothers to do – activities family centre.
- Need recreation for the children and the young.
- There is a lack of play space for young children in Ottery town. Winters Lane is the only place they can really go.
- Look at creating places for sports clubs on the outskirts of the town
- Ottery has insufficient play parks.
- Community Arts Centre for Ottery St Mary – the old factory site? There's lots of support for that and lots of groups that could use it (good for youths).
- Big push for a new library in Ottery, current one is difficult to access and is cramped. Continuation of mobile library.
- Museum for Ottery – Heritage Ottery site, combined museum and arts centre.
- Inadequate open spaces. Tipton has own field that is paid for.
- Wonderful church – one of top 10.

Children and Young People:

- Young children need to have green spaces to play on/near their houses so parents feel confident that their children are safe.
- Young people – don't have transport to go anywhere and do not have anything to do in Otterton.
- Want the skate park that has been planned for.
- Young people feel apathetic not being heard and listened to, to get the skate park.
- 16/18 when too young to go to the pub need something to do.
- Children are looking to go out of Ottery for things to do, we could give them things to do here.
- Money/funding and towards a skate park is needed, could have a wide age range.
- Youth Club on a busy night can have 80 young people.
- There is a recruitment freeze for youth workers – we need more.
- Hands are tied as a lone youth worker.
- Youth Club quite well stocked but gap in provision between 11-13 year olds.
- No facilities for children and young people.

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- In rural areas all they want to do is go to clubs in Exeter (teenagers).
- Youth provision in rural areas is very local and volunteer driven. The community provide and look after play areas.
- Alfington and villages round north have nothing.
- Alfington, West Hill have nothing for younger children – not even play parks.
- Ottery needs a skate park.
- Youth service only open 2 nights a week.
- Cinema club for yp.

Other- Community:

- Good – lots of shops family owned, money is recycled into the community.
- Ottery has a good sense of community spirit, and in the villages around. Do not increase size greatly or we will lose this. People in new estates don't get involved.
- It's not a dormitory town for Exeter.
- Tipton needs more support in East Devon.

Environment

Access to Open Spaces and Safe Routes:

- Unsafe routes between communities.
- Disused railway – could be a cycle path.
- Cycle paths – improve links with surrounding towns. Accommodation needed to cater for cycle tourists.
- Roads not safe for cyclists.
- Good access for adults/walkers into countryside.
- Pedestrian routes need improving – no pavement to Otter Nurseries etc.
- Footpath access (stiles, gates, etc) need improving.
- Increased traffic following new homes.

Protection and Enhancement:

- Habitat protection – 'Keep what we've got'.
- Protect and enhance Greenfield sites.

Open/ Recreational Spaces:

- Need for more open spaces within Ottery St Mary and some of the villages. Skateparks – sports/play facilities.
- More open space facilities outside boundaries of town.
- Riverside areas have improved.
- Not enough provision of open spaces for children and teenagers.
- Dogs using playing fields – need separate areas. More bins/facilities needed to meet demand.
- Very little open space with town centre.
- Recreation/sports pitches on flood plains – at risk.
- Tipton playing field very vulnerable to flooding. Needs protecting for future use.
- New housing needs effective green spaces. Village greens. Places for children to play safely.
- Self-sustainability – should be encouraged in planning stages.
- Local food production – more allotments.
- EDDC to push for more allotments/initiatives such as land swaps.

Other- Environment:

- Funds allocated must be utilised.

- New developments do not have large enough gardens.
- Gardens being built on/developed – gardens should not be brownfield.
- How much development is wanted?
- Section 106 money not getting through. EDDC planning not making adequate provisions.
- Flooding issues – dew ponds drained, ditches blocked.
- Improved street cleansing.

Economy

Jobs:

- Jobs – has it affected OSM? Number of closed shops. Has ups and downs – 25 years ago in bordering new housing caused revival. More employment needed – run down shops.
- Large retired population have things sorted, not a retirement town – lot of commuters. Good population mix/age compared with coastal towns. Youngsters have to leave to find jobs – but often at Otter Nurseries. Rural industries could grow organically. Could be a lot of small industries/crafts.
- Not much casual work around, or favourable publicity for facilities.
- Should employment be carried on OSM? People in West Hill might tend to workers going to Exeter.

Shops and Retail:

- Strong Chamber of Commerce would help, invited but not present at meeting.
- Farmers market occupies a car park. Good butchers. Sainsburys would have free parking; CLO attempt to smaller shops. Small shops soon recovered from supermarket. Some go to supermarket. But not the town centre – could vary according to which it is. Salston Hotel now in a sorry state. Institute could be redeveloped – church transferred it (?)
- Otter Nurseries major employer – staff not recognisable (e.g. uniforms). High profile retail could increase footfall for other business. Example offered of business move to north west of London – big profile policy there to attract it.
- Given recession, need to add encouragement. Few Otter Nurseries customers enter the town. Free parking would help. Attendee always used one town near her with free parking.
- Business rates to government. Is Ottery St Mary suffering recession? Yes, charity shops and empty industrial closures recently – established big businesses smaller in town.
- Whole economy low e.g. retail – 90% leave Ottery St Mary to shop, few do more town top-up – if more stayed, create jobs. 25 years ago no competition from other towns, nothing happened in the town – even dead at lunchtime.
- Develop niche/quality shops e.g. dance shop, lot of supermarket competition. Could keep money in town.
- Tesco/Sainsbury won't greatly affect small shops. Similar character to Axminster. Ottery St Mary will be ok if nothing done. Decent store will allow regeneration and supply jobs. Other villagers e.g. Whimple would go to Ottery St Mary. If it's Tesco, not much competition from Honiton market.
- If economy picks up, demand for hotel returns, what do EDDC do to attract business? Economy dent, officer. There should be a mechanism to encourage business.

Tourism:

- Tourism – has ingredients for food offer, but not exploited – church, C of U to nursing home. Tumbling Weir is small. Town busy at west ends – little info.
- With visitors, but quiet in the week. Where is association? Tumbling Weir not suitable for family. Where's there a good pub or restaurant – people go to Jack in the Green or Silver Lion.
- Museum could collect tourism-type information and articles. Don't want Ottery St Mary to grow too much.

- No information re Coleridge unlike e.g. Herriot Country.
- Coleridge and church main attractions for tourists – lot of history – civil war history – not being exploited. TIC remains, paid for by Town Council. Tourism not a major industry – difficult to attract more. On edge of AONB – holiday accommodation difficult to achieve.

Other- Economy:

- Dreadful broadband speed. 0.1 mg – based on old equipment/cables – no fibre optic for 5 years.
- Employment land could be in village e.g. redundant rural buildings.
- No training available.

Transport and Infrastructure

Cycling and Walking:

- Topography could affect ability to provide
- Highway safety issues
- Provision of cyclepath on old railway line
- Keen to see footbridge link to Thorne Farm area .
- Many benefits – health and well being
- Safety for pedestrians (children)
- Linkage of 2 parts of the town
- Tourist benefits of improved pedestrian/cycle network
- Linkage to Otter Nurseries (footway)
- Cycle way Ottery – Feniton – Sidmouth – Budleigh etc
- Footpath provision to Otter Nurseries
- Cycle/footpath link to Thorn Farm
- Lack of parking spaces (residential)
- Too dangerous to walk/cycle on small roads.
- Promotion of existing footpath network
- Pedestrian link town – Otter Nurseries

Car Parking:

- Car parking costs affect nos. of visitors
- Electric car
- Free parking for hybrid/electric cars
- Park and Ride at Newton Popleford (free)

Roads:

- Poor – highway safety
- Better management/control i.e. weight restrictions, speed limits of existing network.
- Reduce traffic speeds on rural routes (20mph zone introduced in West Hill)
- Repeater signs within zone
- Acceptance of private vehicle dependency

Public Transport:

- Poor provision (particularly in the evenings)
- Bus passes to encourage use
- Encourage new operators
- Location for bus stops
- Improvements to existing local bus services
- Cycle path Feniton – Ottery St Mary – Sidmouth
- Shuttle bus to Feniton/Honiton train station

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- Transport for youth (timetable)
- Look into consideration of re-opening branch lines
- Trains – tourist attraction
- Sustainable Transport - On rail – Recreation and Tourism

Broadband:

- Broadband, especially West Hill
- Fibre optics Village hubs – then private link?

Green Energy:

- Green energy production – keen on this
- Use of river Otter as generator – Champion needed
- Promotion of renewables by EDDC post.
- Heat pumps – explore opportunities

Rural Issues

Housing and Affordable Housing:

- Scale/current policy > 15+ (needs updating).
- Settlement boundaries constrain development (infill).
- Need (justification) – vary from village to village.
- Contributions (invest in villages).
- Character/quality (density).
- £ - affordable(?) > different requirements (e.g. starter homes/split is crucial).
- Re-use of agricultural buildings (in village centres) – conflicts with current policies (opportunity).
- Primary schools (?) Car journeys to school (brought in?)
- 70% West Hill from catchment area – 30% shipped in.
- Capacity is an issue.
- Needs (mix of sizes/tenure etc) elderly!! (choice – size of property.. maintenance costs...)
- EDDC to build houses – to control types of houses ... open market/affordable.
- Perpetuity – remaining affordable.
- Aging population – how to deal?
- (West Hill – style of houses too large... no choice...)
- Single people – flats/access etc.
- Elderly (finisher houses)
- Starter homes.

Rural Facilities:

- Small shops struggling.
- Volunteer plan shops (?) e.g. Talaton/Plymtree. EDDC (Core Strategy) – co-operative approach.

Rural Jobs:

- Economic growth – delivery (small hi-tech businesses).
- Supermarket will decimate local shops in rural areas.
- Re-package 'ethos' of town towards local facilities.
- Community run shops – a new approach? 'Service is the key'.
- Rural jobs – employment numbers.
- Loss of jobs – encourage businesses here – appropriate rural(?)
- Minimal investment – lost agriculture – encourage small business.

Farming and Traditional Rural Industries:

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- Farming and traditional rural industries.
- Local food productions increasing in importance.
- Cadhay – locals can take an option for allotments.
- Opportunities to produce biofuel.
- Farms going out of business due to Supermarkets. Young people not going into farming.
- Loss of connection between farmers and local communities – farmers markets can overcome this issue.
- Success stories – vegetable box scheme – LDF can help encourage such innovations.

Rural Transport:

- Poor public rural transport in Rural areas.
- Newton Pop (and Tipton) – Ottery Medical Centre!! Poor
- Car Parking costs – (up 100%) in last five years.
- Park and ride opportunities (N. Popp park and ride).
- (Exeter) – Feniton Bus to Feniton. Improve train service!
- Disused railway line – cycleway (Green tourism + £investment – sustainable transport).

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM OTTERY ST MARY WORKSHOP 2010

On returning to Ottery. It was good to see roads resurfaced. Now free parking.

Flourish shop and no supermarkets.

Housing all built with eco friendly design.

The approach to the town from the west is an attractive entry point to the town and the factory estate and derelict site has been replaced.

Having a well deserved break in Ottery cycled this morning down the river path to Tipton for pub lunch. Walk around the church in afternoon, some top-up shopping and a coffee in the supermarket.

I would like to see an arts/theatre/youth community centre build for purpose and a preservation on small family run shop – no large supermarket full time day centre for youth club – elderly – mental health.

Dear George

You wouldn't believe it! I've just returned to Ottery after 20 years and we now have an Arts and Community Centre at the Old Switchgear Factory. A vibrant shopping area in the town centre, thanks to Sainsburys and a museum in the old library next to the church with the library now housed in the hall and community centre.

In 20 years.

A small, compact town with an air of the past – boutique sort of shops; serving the nearby settlements, a good range of professional services (with training for young people!!).

Mix of all age-groups and interest groups.

Well maintained properties and tidy/clean roads.

Ottery in 20 years

1. Operational cycleway on old Feniton to Sidmouth cycleway providing big boost to local economy.
2. Greatly increased local horticultural/agricultural production land goods supplied in local shops).
3. Flourishing and improved health care facilities including Ottery St Mary hospital.
4. Adequate play recreation facilities for all communities.
5. Skate/BMX park needs refurbishing.
6. Allotments to west of Ottery St Mary (in addition to existing to east).
7. Pavement between Butts Road and Otter Nurseries.
8. Cycleway link town to school across river.

Ottery in 2030

West Hill now connected to Ottery St Mary with continuous housing/buildings. All properties with more than ½ acre land have been commandeered and flats erected. The travellers site now has 250 caravans installed. All senior citizens are housed in the assisted housing area.

Police are having to patrol the area to prevent vandalism and property damage on a 24 hour basis.

The 1000 Mbps broadband is installed but works only intermittently due to vandalism of the sub officer.

Similarly the wind farm is not generating sufficient energy, due to damage and lack of consistent wind, leading to blackouts as the grid supply was turned off on the basis of self efficiency. This is also affecting the use of electric cars as the recharge points are damaged. The population of the OSM area is now 250,000.

Ottery in 20 years

- So impressed by the safe roads, very few cars, electric powered buses, cyclists everywhere, it was a pleasure to walk through the town.
- Enjoyed a film at the cinema in the arts community centre on the 'old factory' site. Now using water power from the Otter! The little cafe provides light meals, food all produced locally and sustainably.
- We decided to go to an open air ceilidh on the village community green on Hind Street in the evening. Very popular event and such a lovely setting, the church bells rang in the evening.

Ottery is now a bustling market town, with strong links into the surrounding rural communities and industries. New cycle path mean families can cycle safely along the Ottery Valley to Tipton and Honiton.

The town has retained its heritage and now exploits this much more effectively. It is well visited by tourists and the pubs are now well worth a visit.

The Switchgear Factory has now been sensitively restored into apartments and commercial units. There is a lovely wind bar overlooking the river.

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Hi Aunty Flo

Just visited Ottery, what a lovely place. It's so nice to see a policeman walking the beat. We went for a lovely cycle along the old railway line today and shopped in the pedestrian zone this afternoon.

We also visited the Coleridge Museum by the fabulous church. There's a lovely river walk and peter used the new river bridge to go up to the skatepark near Kings School, which is now a school of sporting excellence.

Must dash.

Ottery has so much going for it, as for a number of years – good schools, sense of community, good health system and good community policing.

It is good to see that the Sainsburys supermarket didn't do the harm to the community as feared – but that 'niche' shops have grown up which are sustainable.

The town has really gained from the 'Coleridge Centre' and museum bringing tourists to visit Ottery and finding Ottery to have a lot to keep people – not only the church which is now well promoted – but also good restaurants – and accommodation and pubs that draw people into Ottery.

It feels like a community that has found its identity.

Ottery St Mary has retained it's character in and around the town centre, and sprawling residential development has been avoided around the town.

The old factory site development has provided a good mixture of housing for people of various ages and means, and has greatly improved the visual approach to the town.

Charming old traditions, such as the tar barrel rolling, still attract many visitors, as do the footpath and cycle paths through the surrounding countryside. Local shops provide good quality goods, such as the butcher, and residents appreciate these shops.

Hi,

Just made a return visit to Ottery St Mary after a 20 year absence. What a transformation; a cycle route all the way from Ottery to Sidmouth and Feniton. The old unsightly factory has gone, now there are small retail units, with housing for young people. Sainsburys supermarket has impacted well on the town, with additional employment, bringing more people into the town.

Hello Tessa

I've just come back to Ottery after 20 years in London travelling by train and shuttle bus. I am glad to report that the church still has its carillon which wakes me at 4 o'clock each morning. What is meaningful though is to find the town completely traffic free. It amazes me that so many parking spaces have been provided all around the town so that the centre is pedestrianised. Broad Street is still there with the shops still buzzing. Today being pixie day it was very busy. The May Pole dancers performed as they did when you were small and do you remember the juggler and his unicycle who kept getting tangled in the power cables. No problem today as all the cables are underground.

The shops are as diverse as they always were and do you remember the old factory site which was always such a mess? Now it is a great community centre with a great buzz. There is a cafe as its heart and a library, museum and youth club operate from there. Outside on the river bank there are picnic tables and a wonderful skateboard ramp and jumps etc. Your boys would love it. The church is now a concert hall which is superb with its wonderful acoustics. The institute is unrecognisable – that and the car park has been developed as a community church – or rather all the churches nor the building with an endless list of services taking place in its hall and various meeting rooms all under the auspices of Christians together. A marvellous idea.

Good to see Ottery is still busy!

Hi Kitty

Just come back from a weekend in Ottery. It was lovely to be back and to see such a vibrant community. Luckily the supermarket didn't get built so the town centre is full of traditional shops who know the meaning of service and people visit from miles around so it was bustling and busy the whole time we were here.

The old factory site has been converted to a rural craft training centre and there are small workshops for local businesses and industries.

We were busy the whole weekend. We hired bikes from a place at the old factory and cycled to Sidmouth on the cyclepath on the disused railway. Ottery has a wonderful museum called the Samuel Coleridge Centre which also houses the town library which seems 10 times the size of the one that was here when we lived here.

Our old neighbour has just moved into some independent living flats for the elderly which looks great and has given her a new lease of life as it is so convenient for her.

Her son has got a fab new job in the renewable energy workshop on Finimore and his kids showed me their skateboarding tricks on the skateboard site near the King's School. It was lovely going there on the footbridge across the River Otter – remember how we had to jump and down for that to be built!!

You won't believe the wonderful restaurant we ate in the Old Normandy House and finally there seems to be a decent pub in Ottery!!

The visit almost made me regret leaving Ottery but you still can't do much about the English weather – can't wait to go back to the sun!

Hope to see you soon.

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I would like to see:

- Feniton to Sidmouth cycleway re-opened.
- Thriving tourism industry in Ottery town, taking account of the attractions of Coleridge, the church and the tar barrels history.
- Better, more frequent (smaller buses) public transport.
- More opportunities for bike use (cycleways).
- Development APPROPRIATE to the NEEDS of the local population.
- Housing built with green spaces (village greens) to allow for children to play safely with their parents being confident they are safe.

Sidmouth LDF Consultation Event

12th April 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
e-mail	Sidmouth Town Council	Yes (x4)
e-mail	Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce	Yes
e-mail	Sidmouth Chamber of Commerce	Yes
e-mail	Devon and Cornwall Police	
e-mail	Vision for Sidmouth	Yes
e-mail	Vision for Sidmouth	Yes
e-mail	Sidmouth Town District Councillors (x3)	Yes (x2)
e-mail	Sidmouth Rural District Councillor	Yes
Letter	Sidmouth Hospital	
Letter	Sidmouth Infants School	
Letter	All Saints Church of England Junior School	
Letter	St Nicholas Church of England Junior School	
Letter	Sidmouth College	
Letter	Speak Now Panel x5	Yes
Letter	United Reform Church	
E-mail	Sidmouth Sailing Club	
Letter	Sidmouth Carnival	
Letter	Sidmouth Town Football Club	
Letter	Parochial Parish Council	
Letter	All Saints Church- Sidmouth	
Letter	St Giles and St Nicholas Parish Church- Sidmouth	
E-mail	Sidmouth Youth Theatre	
Letter	Sidmouth Sports Centre	Yes
Letter	Sid Valley Cycling Club	
Letter	Sidmouth Swimming Pool	
Letter	Sidmouth Sea Angling Club	
Letter	Lions Club of Sidmouth	Yes
Letter	Sidmouth Rugby Football Club	Yes
Letter	Kennaway House	
Letter	Sid Vale Association	
Letter	Sidmouth United Reformed Church Hall	
Letter	Primley United Reformed Church	
Letter	St John Ambulance	
Letter	Emmanuel Baptist Church	
Letter	Sidford Tennis Club	
Letter	Sidmouth Music Club	
Letter	Sidmouth and District Hospitality Association	Yes
Letter	St Francis Church Hall Woolbrook	Yes
Letter	Macmillan Cancer Support	
Letter	Sidmouth Junior Badminton Club	Yes

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Letter	Sidmouth Golf Club	
Letter	Sid Vale Heritage Centre	
Letter	Sidmouth Bowling Club	
Letter	Roman Catholic Church	
Letter	Sidmouth Methodist Church	
Letter	Sidmouth Lifeboat	
Letter	Sidmouth & District Guide Association	
Letter	Sidmouth Youth Centre	Yes
Letter	Sidmouth Town Band	
Letter	Stagecoach Theatre Arts School	
Letter	The Manor Pavilion Theatre & Arts Centre	
Letter	Citizens Advice Bureau	
Letter	St Theresa's Hall	
Letter	Sidmouth Consolidated Charities & Educational Foundation	
Letter	Sidmouth Victoria Hospital	
Letter	Community Mental Health Team over 65s	
Letter	Sidmouth Help Link	Yes
Letter	St John Hall	
Letter	Sidmouth Cricket Club	Yes
Letter	Sidmouth Help Link - Bereavement Group	
Letter	Inner Wheel Club of Sidmouth	
Letter	Sidmouth Sports Centre Gymnastics Club	
Letter	Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet & Hockey Club	Yes
Letter	Rotary Club of Sidmouth	
Letter	Sidbury United AFC	
E-mail	Royal British Legion	
Letter	University of the Third Age	
Letter	Age Concern Devon	
Letter	Sidmouth Stroke Club	
Letter	East Devon Dance	
Letter	Sidmouth Society of Artists	
Letter	Sidmouth Amateur Dramatic Society	Yes
Letter	Sidmouth Voluntary Car and Minibus Service	
Letter	Sidmouth Reablement Service	Yes
Letter	Sid Vale Over 60s Club	
Letter	Probus Club	
Gen Letter	Devon Carers Link	
Gen Letter	Cornerstone Housing	Yes
Gen Letter	Sidmouth Learning Community	
E-mail	Spectrum Housing Association	Yes
Letter	Sidmouth Parish Church	Yes
Gen Letter	East Devon AONB Partnership	
Gen Letter	Leisure East Devon	Yes
Letter	Sidbury Art Group	
Letter	Sidbury Cricket Club	

Letter	St Peter`s Fellowship	
Letter	St Peter's Church	
Letter	Sidford Badminton Club	
Gen Letter	Strategic Planning- DCC	Yes
Gen Letter	East Devon District Councillor	Yes
Gen Letter	East Devon Churches Together and the Diocese of Exeter	Yes
E-mail	Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary	Yes
E-mail	Port Royal Steering Group	Yes
	Sidmouth Amateur Dramatic Society	Yes
Gen Letter	Environment Agency	Yes
Letter	Catholic Church	Yes
Gen Letter	Devon and Cornwall Housing Association	Yes

Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- Limit numbers of housing.
- Increase density?
- Sidmouth has high demand for housing.

Type of Housing:

- Look at housing type and mix.
- Retirement communities, where should they be located?
- Need to try and keep younger people in town.
- Lower the threshold for provision of affordable housing – consider a sliding scale.
- Encourage housing that allow occupants to remain independent for as long as possible.
- Retirement communities – debate over whether this is appropriate or not. Mixed type of housing more appropriate.
- Ensure minimum space standards.
- Keen to see the current rural exceptions site model used in towns to encourage affordable housing.
- Build properties for first time buyers that don't appeal to prospective second home owners.
- Need to provide housing for younger working people.
- Provision needs to be made for 'care' homes for the elderly.
- Design needs to take account of needs 'Lifetime Homes'. Is this a reasonable expectation.

Second Homes

- There is a problem with second/empty homes – how can this be managed?
- Limit second homes through various mechanisms.
- Need to restrict numbers of second homes – how?
- Limit number of second homes by controlling amount of new homes.

Where could they be built:

- Sidmouth constrained physically by topography and landscape designations.
- Need to develop brownfield land before expanding boundaries.

Energy Efficient Homes:

- Costs involved in upgrading energy efficiency of existing housing stock.

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- Impact of energy efficiency equipment on historic environment.
- Encourage energy efficient housing.
- Keen to see the bar being raised for energy efficiency.
- Important for new residential development to improve energy efficiency.
- Bring in policies to improve energy efficiency/code levels in private housing.
- Need to consider balance between aesthetics and heritage issues against renewable technologies.

Improving/ utilising existing housing:

- Compulsory purchase or find other mechanism to ensure houses are fully used (no empty homes).
- Incentivise people to move out of larger family homes.

Infrastructure for Housing:

- Housing needs to be linked to new employment land provision.

Other- Housing:

- How should planning gain from housing be spent? On what and where?
- Housing should be future proofed.
- Questions raised over impact of sustainability agenda on design.

Community

Schools and Education:

- If going to have affordable housing need a better standard of schools with no temporary buildings.
- No amenities available around Sidmouth College, current college site very limiting.
- Possible to have increased networking of all the schools with shared facilities and infrastructure. (Piece of land in Sidford being offered to college).
- You cannot do adult night classes at Sidmouth without going to Exeter.
- Special needs (150 children who go to EST centre). High proportion of special needs children.
- Greater support for special needs children.
- Lifelong education.
- Interpretation centre and a lecture theatre to promote education about the Jurassic Coast.
- Redevelopment of school.
- Lifelong learning for the elderly.
- Supporting widows and widowers who need to learn to cook or budget if that role was previously done by partner.
- Concerns that young people are leaving to get training and work.
- No major employers.
- Third of pupils at Sidmouth College have special educational needs.
- Need more apprentice places.
- Concerned at the closure of Bicton College and the affect on farming and training.
- Need the skills from Bicton.
- More of a skills base to education.
- Renewable energy generation could be developed to create employment.
- Need jobs to go to when trained.
- Schools (well provided for) and well placed.
- There is a very good schools network, good links between them all.
- Sidmouth college needs to be adequate.

- Concerns on where Sidmouth College should expand which land to use or whether to have two sites.

Community Buildings:

- New community centre being built.
- Community buildings are adequate.
- No parking for Manor Pavilion, need some.
- Use drill hall!
- Big open space has been left due to drill hall.
- Support Manor Pavilions and Kennaway House.
- Secure the removal of the drill hall.
- More drop in centres.
- Centre for healthy elderly people to meet a cafe meeting place.
- Plenty of community buildings, we don't need a new community centre near Waitrose. There are plenty (subjective).
- MoD needs to respond to Drill Hall query.
- Relocate the library?
- Could library go in drill hall?

Health Care:

- Could do with a new health care centre.
- Relocate the health centre.
- Considerable number of elderly people, not enough good care homes. More provision for the elderly e.g. nursing care.
- Place to run health groups do not have a room large enough to run health groups that are cheap enough to use.
- Integrated health and education service.
- Third worst health centre in Devon.
- Inadequate health service lack of parking, dated premises, needs a lift.
- Preserve the cliffs, sell the red cliffs of Sidmouth.
- Is the health centre in the right place? If a new one make sure its more central to all.
- Large number of elderly.
- Seaton/Axminster/Sidmouth largest proportion of over 75 year olds in the world. Will health services be able to cope with the expansion of this group.
- Lack of care homes.
- Pressure on community services for large number who want to be cared for in their own homes.
- Need to encourage businesses in care/homes to come into the areas support by Council, financial incentives.
- 50% of the population over 60.
- Council run care homes?
- Pressure on GPs caring for the elderly.
- Would like/need a better health centre with parking.
- Care services need to meet of increase needs.

Recreation Space and Play Space/ Leisure:

- Seems to be enough recreation provision.
- More cycling with proper promoted cycleways for tourists and locals. Cycle park in Sidmouth where you can leave your cycles, make it secure.
- Difficulty accessing sports facilities if you work full time (LED).
- All the sports clubs should stay in the centre of the town.
- Well served for sport lack of arts.
- Lots of clubs and societies.

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- More of a communal hub for community services, health, sport, youth, leisure on one site.
- Move swimming pool to be combined with other facilities.
- Concerns can't expand the sports hall as surrounded by residential houses.
- A sports complex.
- Crèche, coffee shop, health centre, combined with sports centre.
- Lots of sports teams.
- Nowhere where sports can train in the evenings under lights.
- GP referral scheme at sports centre working well.
- New health centre fit for purpose. Automatically opening doors.
- Frustration that things need updating e.g. sports centre.
- Protect the position/venue of the Sidmouth Cricket Club as it is well known.
- Use the Rugby Club as the position for a new health centre and the Rugby Club could relocate.
- Cricket and Rugby Club could expand if had land to expand onto and or use.
- Improve school facilities and link this resource to the Rugby and Cricket Club.
- Multi-purpose, multi-use, sports facility in Sidford for use by Sidmouth.

Children and Young People:

- Update youth centre, is it big enough for all the young people?
- Lack of things for young people to do if they are not sporty.
- Indoor play area.
- The swimming should have indoor play area and link with outdoor play area.
- Need additional facilities for youth.
- Somewhere else for youth to meet.
- Not enough provision for youth.
- Need to have youth provision in the town.
- Good links with provision for young people and town council.
- Extend the Byes to the sea, indoor wet weather facility for children near pool.
- Have youth club at a venue that has other facilities i.e. a park.
- Youngsters used to play football at Stowford Rise, make sure it is replaced.
- Sports Centre is great but could do with expanding. Needs to be more facilities for young people.
- New outlet for youth service down at the seafront. Town Council supporting it. Does seem to work quite well.

Use of Seafront:

- Pedestrianise the centre of town.
- Coastal towns all provide a different experience, keep Sidmouth's character.
- Tourism impacts of surfers on Sidmouth.
- Showers on seafront.
- Encourage use of the sea and seafront.
- Need to use the sea more often, more storage for sea based activities. Will be good for all ages.

Protect the community:

- Concerned about Pennington Point and flooding.
- Sidmouth is very special, retained its special character and the look of it.
- Don't develop the hills – this would spoil Sidmouth.
- Save the town from eroding cliffs.
- Quite happy with Sidmouth as an appealing place.
- Preserve and support the hotels and retail businesses.
- Sidmouth is a good community.

Other- Community:

- Better multi-agency working.
- Wet weather facilities to encourage tourism.
- Sidmouth has a lot of entrepreneurs – business community.
- Protect small businesses/family run businesses.
- Infrastructure to be in place to support growth.

Environment

Access to Open Spaces and Safe Routes:

- The Byes – key natural asset, easily accessible.
- Firebeacon Hill – access needs improving – pedestrian and cycle links to any development in Woolbrook area.
- Shuttlebus – scheme could be expanded.
- Awareness/publicity of recreational areas outside the town.
- Roads in/out of town are currently too dangerous – need to be more cycle friendly.
- Cycle parking needed in the town.
- Shuttle scheme for cyclists up Peak Hill.
- Footpaths need to be promoted and integrated into facilities e.g. SW coast path.
- Cycle path – should extend to Sidbury. Feniton – Sidmouth route along old railway line.
- More cycle parking needed.
- Permissive footpaths/access should be explored and developed.
- Safer pedestrian access to Connaught Gardens.
- Hopper bus very well used transporting people to Connaught Gardens. This scheme could be expanded?
- Coherent promotion of footpath network is needed. Footpath plans? Signed routes?
- Education needed for pedestrians and cyclists to share paths.
- More dedicated cycle routes.
- Mountain biking – provision of routes/areas outside town especially for young people. Haldon Hill very successful outside Exeter.
- Proper cycle routes needed to link to surrounding villages/towns.
- Section 106 should focus more on cycle/pedestrian routes, not just play areas etc.

Protection and Enhancement:

- Pennington Point erosion/protection.
- Cliff erosion needs to be tackled urgently.
- New development must avoid areas at risk of flooding.
- Protection of SWW pumping station. Could be at risk of flooding.
- Encourage and provide habitat for otters on Sid.
- Preserve boundaries of town. Protect surrounding countryside from development.

Open/ Recreational Spaces:

- Sidmouth felt to be rich in open spaces.
- Retain formal gardens – prime tourist attraction.
- Status of the Byes – is it for recreation or wildlife?
- Cricket club – have to have a second ground at Bicton College. Need a ground within Sidmouth to provide for young players.
- Sidmouth Sports achievements are very good historically. More facilities would keep young people off the streets.
- Enough space in Byes for mixed use.
- More street trees – sponsorship, community involvement, ownership.
- Recent development has not included enough open green space or trees. This should be an area to improve on in future development.

- New play/recreational areas should involve young people and communities. Should be more imaginative – not just swings and climbing frames.
- Potential developers must pay for facilities.
 - Play areas.
 - Footpaths/cycle paths.
 - Sports facilities.

Other- Environment:

- Sustainability needs to be central to all new development issues.
- Parking and charging points for electric vehicles.
- Bio-fuel readily available and could be utilised in future development.
- There should be consultation on restrictive policies i.e. SSSIs.
- Local food production should be better supported by EDDC.
- Community market – should be better promoted.
- Shortfall of allotments – range of sizes should be available.
- Too much traffic in town – park and ride needed.

Economy

Jobs:

- Loss of job centre – difficulty of getting to Honiton. Outreach job centre would be useful.
- Problem of unaffordable housing, for people working in tourism.
- Care homes/LA's./shops/schools/tourism. Keyworkers commute in but not able to afford to live in Sidmouth.
- Imbalance between 'rich' people moving to Sidmouth and local employment.
- Local food production should be a priority – retain and support Bicton College.
- Training needed in food production – attitudes need to change. Dairy farmers still going out of business. Encourage people into farming.
- Training Days? Wilson's Government.
- Housing Association have to take on apprentices.
- Do we need to worry about jobs? Need the train to access jobs at Science Park.
- Not enough local people to employ in local businesses – not just hotels but retail also.
- Hotel industry is providing better training now.
- Donkey Sanctuary employs almost 250 people – 200,000 visitors a year – all staff training.

Employment Land

- Need new industrial land to attract business that can operate anywhere.
- Mixed use redevelopment – in town centre (not consensus) live work units?
- Community market for local trade – maybe outside.
- Need to upgrade existing industrial sites (not consensus).
- Redevelop Alexandria Road for housing.
- Need new industrial sites around town if well designed – Sidford Sewage Works – needs infrastructure links. Opposite station? Unlock ransom strip to Alexandria Road – would be better industrial estate.
- Need to improve Alexandria Road but with link road to main road – can you CPO the link road?
- Alexandria Road needs access to main road.
- Consider live/work units, if land can be found.
- AONB constraints stopping economic development (minority view?)
- Protect/substitute industrial land if redeveloped for housing.
- Improve quality of existing employment land.
- Need new 'Alexandria Road' Industrial Estate – could redevelop for housing. AONB constraints.

- Need mixed use redevelopment in future not just housing.

Shops and Retail:

- Charm of Sidmouth is small independent shops. Multi-nationals would spoil.
- Offset business rates for 6 months for local independent people.
- Shops and tourism work together.
- Restrictive leases puts people off starting local small shops.
- Shop sharing?
- Shops for young people – music/trendy clothes needed.
- Need to keep independent shops – good that we have butchers/bakers.
- Business tax breaks.
- Small individual shops important – whole group thinks important to keep independent shops.
- Most interest in shop units from multi-national companies – not private interests – risk factor to owner of building so pay less rent.
- Link hotels and independent shops.
- Pedestrianise town centre to keep individual shops.
- Shops critical to local economy.
- Small shops providing individual experiences is what locals and tourists come for. Don't want lots of national big chain stores.

Tourism:

- Need to retain hospitality year round. Town full of visitors in April!
- Visitors come because of unique features of Sidmouth.
- Tourism most important industry in Sidmouth.
- Diversity of shops depends on tourists.
- Need tourists to stay in town.
- Contribution of tourists important to local economy.
- Tourism big earner in Sidmouth.

Other- Economy:

- Local renewable energy – models for tidal energy? Could be growth area for Sidmouth economy.

Transport and Infrastructure

Cycling and Walking:

- Still want to continue cycle route Sidford – Sidbury and from Ford to seafront.
- Secure, cycle storage – covered, by swimming pool would help.

Car Parking:

- Bedford Car Park – new entrance off Esplanade – so one-way in and one way out to decrease congestion.
- Disabled parking.
- 400 spaces within 20 minutes walk of town centre, via yellow lining, development etc. – really efficient park and ride, one option to resolve. Need to focus on day visitors. Parking is major problem for town. Need open debate. (2nd tier on Ham/Manor Road car park).
- Sports Clubs (cricket and rugby) have problems with parking.
- Car parks in Sidmouth very expensive compared to other towns.
- Parking at hospital problem.
- Serious issue for town – car parks don't work for local community, Manor Road Car Park empty for most of year – could use for park and ride, free to park on road.
- Lots of car park space but poorly used.
- Suggest use Knowle 'arena' for park and ride car park.

Roads:

- Fore Street – more pedestrianised.
- Wider pavement/pedestrianisation in Fore Street – part-time using bollards.
- Pedestrianisation of town centre – happening through LTP3.
- Pedestrianisation in centre of town.
- Bridge over the Ford required – especially if Ham developed.

Public Transport:

- More public transport – bus – town-loop, especially for elderly – low step etc. (every 20 minutes).
- Smaller buses more regularly (rather than empty, unenvironmentally friendly double deckers).
- A pick-up service throughout winter as well as summer.
- Waitrose to town loop (funded by Waitrose) – to serve those in town without cars and those visiting from a distance to Waitrose (40 mile catchment), need encouragement to visit town centre.
- Knowle – park and ride not just park and walk.
- Need stronger links to Honiton railway station.
- Single delivery point for town then smaller shuttle/pick up and collection.
- Park and Ride at Woolbrook – given planning permission.
- No links to other towns in East Devon past 6.30 p.m., unless on Exeter 52 routes.
- Better links between end of Byes and seafront needed.
- Bus town-loop service – similar to Honiton and Ottery – e.g. Higher Woolbrook Park (hopper bus preference – stigma with ring and ride).
- No bus to/from Honiton station on Sundays at present.
- Should be direct bus links to Exeter St Davids.
- Only 1 bus each day each way from Sidmouth-Sidford via Fortescue.
- Train Exeter – Honiton – need to link in with it.
- Need smoother roads and cyclists on road.

Broadband:

- No real problem.
- No real issue.

Green Energy:

- Housing Association are required to reach higher 'code for sustainable homes' than other new houses – using photovoltaics.
- Tidal barrage on River Sid – showcase and protect cliffs and possible energy production near rock groynes.
- Wind energy second preference to tidal – sites near Harcombe always have wind.
- Hydro-electric on River Sid.
- Carbon – capture.
- Make old buildings energy efficient e.g. allow double-glazing on listed buildings.
- Need to heighten awareness of insulation for houses.
- Solar panels on (all?) roofs.
- Photovoltaics – especially on street lighting, as replaced – use LEDs – on large roofs.
- Tidal power.
- Not windy enough in Sidmouth for wind energy.

Other- Transport and Infrastructure:

- Discussion on thresholds.

- Gas Pipe – is there enough pressure for new houses at Woolbrook. Need to be mindful of gas as a resource.

Rural Issues

Housing and Affordable Housing:

- housing stock remains 'Affordable'
- "bringing land forward"
- smaller villages offer 5 units, larger towns 15 units
- land values
- 5 open market houses = ... Affordable Housing
- Retain "Affordable" – Key requirement – covenant for key workers and Housing Association
- 4% of Sidmouth and 40% of Branscombe are second homes.
- Need for housing is linked to employment.
- future for rural areas? > coalescence of villages (Sidford/Sidmouth)
- concern for 'Urban Development' – (need for Policy to address threshold 15/5)

Rural Facilities:

- Alphington/facilities linked to housing
- Talaton/Plymtree Community Shop
- "Pub is the Hub" – Community Pub
- Community ownership of pub, etc
- Touring shops like a fishmonger and a grocer.

Farming and Traditional Rural Industries:

- produce goes away (local produce?) – farmers market
- diversification to sustain way of life
- AONB constraints (?)
- Branscombe .. Valley – farms have increased in size/lower no. of tenants
- (scale of farming).
- Small scale for Tourism
- Not village for produce alone
- Local food initiatives to be promoted
- Community food production opportunities
- Buying local – changing habits (superstores) – cultural (?)/cost?
- better connections to link people and places
- diversification

Rural Transport:

- Rural T – Sidbury – **Footway safety!** to Sidford (**Cycleway links** (Sustrans), Riverside walks).
- Donkey Sanctuary & ECT. > 200,000 visitors (90 parking spaces).
- Bus stops, - walkers ... linking to WHC
- "Village Life" – enhance/improve access (?)
- Transport – poor – improvements to link communities & NHS Dentist – West Hill
- Transport – improve cycleways, bus services etc

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM SIDMOUTH WORKSHOP 2010

Lovely seafront and pretty listed buildings. Lots of individual shops and very few chain stores. Plenty of good walks. We liked the cinema and the Manor Pavilion. The swimming pool is also excellent. Would like to see Alexandria Industrial Estate developed.

The Ham area needs smartening up and something should be done urgently about Pennington Point.

Here I am sitting on the newly set back sea-front – wonderful, locally grown food for lunch – this follows a great cycle ridge – me on a hired bike! - all the way round the town.

We are getting the park and ride bus back to the Donkey Sanctuary soon.

Managed to catch the train to Sidmouth!

There is something for everyone, a wonderful new Youth Centre and the local schools are thriving. Hired a bike and rode the cycle track/pathway to Sidbury.

The lovely new affordable housing means my daughter can move back to the town she grew up in and their ban on the second home ownership is a very good idea.

Nothing's changed.

Still got traffic jams.

Doctors has long queues.

Library still too small but the shops and people are still wonderful.

Sidmouth 2030

Dear Son

I enjoyed going back to Sidmouth! It's lovely to see the town conserving the old and embracing the new.

- Pedestrianised town centre.
- The electric tram bring people from Exeter.
- The surfing and diving activities.
- The many yachts in the bay.
- The wonderful new hospital.
- The redeveloped schools.
- The shops in the High Street.

Love Dad

Dear

Visited Sidmouth and was very impressed with the Marina and the general traffic flow – car parking, public transport all worked well.

Impressed with all the local sporting facilities within the town helping to keep all residents from 5 – 95 years fit and healthy. The variety of local shops, the seafront and the general accessibility of all that is attractive was exceptional.

Will be visiting again.

Sidmouth 2030

Sidmouth has topped into the trend for green tourism and is a thriving coastal holiday town – year round, not just summer only.

The town centre is bustling with small independent retailers and the municipal camping area in the Byes attracts families and younger tourists to the town. The new business park has created some well needed decently paid employment and the population is now not as aged as 2010!

Cycled over, using the lovely cycle path and paused to visit the wildlife sanctuaries on the way. Lots of exciting shops leading to the harbour side with some really expensive yachts.

Beautiful floral arrangements largely maintained by apprentices.

Town very strong on environmental issues. Liked it so much that decided to buy holiday home – only to find I couldn't due to planning regulations.

Visited Sidmouth for the first time in years, caught the boat from Exmouth and landed on a pontoon off the seafront.

Seafront hasn't changed much, but a notable addition was the bike hire business near the Ham.

Hired a couple of bikes and set off through the Byes to Sidbury, where we visited the Mill. On the way back we stopped at Sidford, where we could off-hire the bikes, and caught the bus back to Exmouth, interestingly the bus stopped at a park and ride site near Woolbrook, so that has finally been introduced.

All in all an interesting day.

12/04/2030

I must say things have changed here in the last 20 years and yet Sidmouth retains its charm. The front has not changed at all except there are very few private cars. There are, however, many bikes that people have been able to hire for a nominal charge at the same place as you park for the "park and ride" into town. The park and ride is excellent – very frequent and well used. I think in the past so many vehicles just drove round and round Sidmouth looking for somewhere to park. Lots of interesting individual shops.

I fell in love with Sidmouth when I saw it for the first time 25 years ago. I am delighted that it has not lost its allure and is still able to engage the heart for those that have always been here or never been here before.

May this valley always be defended by armies of devotees jealous for its past and protecting its future for posterity. It stands still but has done so by not standing still.

12/04/2030

Sidmouth is a beautiful resort largely because the work which has been done to stop the erosion of the red cliffs means it is a really interesting section of the Jurassic Coast.

The shopping is still as individual as it was 20 years ago – in fact. It's better as there are not so many charity shops. The parking is still awful, but they can't help that – there's no space – so they were best to leave it alone and introduce the CONTINUOUS around town scenic buses service. There are some ugly blocks of flats but hidden away and I'm well, glad they haven't any more.

Hello from Sidmouth 2030

Great for residents young and old.

Sae transport by bike and foot to ensure, health and youth facilities.
Children and parents go everywhere by bike.

Balance of local rural/farming/tourism.

Really efficient, cheap transport links to Exeter, Cranbrook and Honiton
to enable local people to work and live in the area.

Tourist facilities on the Ham and Port Royal – outdoor recreation to
take advantage of unique natural resource.

Leisure/swimming/youth facilities in the heart of the town (long park) –
no parking fees, cheaper to run.

Cohesive groups and families – nicely planned clusters.

Dear

April 2030

We have visited the Regency Town by the sea. The hotels along the
esplanade are excellent family run establishments and the independent
shops with the PEDESTRIAN access are a joy to buy our presents.
Our visit to the Manor Pavilion Theatre to see the performance by the
local operatic and arts society was as good as a London production.

We enjoyed our walks along the coastal paths of the Jurassic Coast
and we appreciated the visit to the INTERPRETATION CENTRE. We
also took a boat ride along the coast. The red sandstone cliffs having
been stabilised have seen the town protected from coastal erosion.

The local sports facilities have allowed us to play bowls and tennis and
watch games of cricket.

Regards

Dear Edna

I have enjoyed my visit to Sidmouth. There is a new cycle path tying up
all the villages. A park and ride which has enabled Fore Street to be
pedestrianised. A new industrial park with really attractive buildings
(very vibrant).

The golf course is well maintained as is the whole town with beautiful
floral displays.

I could go on but I need a cup of tea.

This is such a vibrant little town with all the centre pedestrianised. Over
the ford there is a lovely bridge taking traffic to the complex on the
Ham. There in the complex is a theatre, sports facility and swimming
pool.

At the mouth of the Sid is a small boat harbour and marina.

We drove to the park and ride at the Knowle and walked from Knowle
Drive into town. Only a short walk.

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Dear All

12/04/2030

Couldn't park. The town lacked wet weather facilities. There was no family undercover for children. Was surprised to find all the hotels closed – locals said that all planning applications for new hotels were turned down.

Fields still open but all other independent shops now gone and replaced by multi-nationals – couldn't park.

Disappointed to find Rugby Club gone and now playing at Sidford. In 2010 they had three teams, now they only have one. Pedestrianisation working well, but couldn't park.

Enjoyed the guided tour of charity shops. Sad to see the Sidmouth Herald closing – the last issue referred to a meeting called by EDDC to consider the problem of erosion at Pennington Point – three town centre floods in three years is causing concern. We were pleased to learn that negotiations to buy the Drill Hall are proceeding well. Stuart Hughes looks very old. Hope he's ok.

Dear Dawn and Irene

12 April 2030

This is the first holiday I have taken alone as one of the carless mass that is the over 80s. I left Exeter and had a smooth and picturesque journey to Sidmouth on Monday. From the bus terminal at the Triangle (quaint bus turnaround point) I was picked up by the hotel "golf buggy" and safely landed at the Jamie Oliver's 50+ hotel – wow what a light and airy room and with much coveted sea views. It was off to Steins seafront restaurant to sample the local seafood. (Stein wasn't there of course but his old protégé is now head chef). I have attended the Jurassic Coast centre and tomorrow I am off on a guided Segway tour – use Segway along seafronts at the Jurassic coast towns. Weather promises to be fine, so hope my balance is up to par for segwaying as the centre made it sound so exciting. I will check and book rest of my tour from my hotel room – Broadband working so well. Perhaps will book a 'hide' place on the Byes to do some 'bad bird watching'.

See you soon. Wish you were here!

A Summer's Day in 2030

I decided to visit Sidmouth with my children from my home in Exeter, using our bikes.

We travelled by train to Honiton where a bus with cycle storage took us to Sidbury. We cycled along the cycle path from Sidbury to Sidmouth seafront. We parked our cycles in the rack along the Esplanade. We used the toilets and changing rooms on the Esplanade and enjoyed a swim in the sea. We showered in the seafront changing rooms, had our tea in the Esplanade Cafe on the beach and then went in the town to have a look around the shops which are now open all evening. We then rode to the Marina at the Ham to catch a ferry boat to Exmouth Harbour. From there we caught the train back to Exeter. (The clocks had changed to summertime so it was still light when we arrived back in Exeter). A lovely day was had by all!

Dear Matt

12/04/2030

20 years ago fearing another Labour government, I sold up and migrated to the Antipodes! Having always dwelt in the valley the pull to return and see how the dear old town has survived.

I am not surprised that there are moorings at the Ford.

The Fortfield has now become a 'listed ruin'.

Apart from that the time continues and the average age appears to be over 100 years.

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Hi Mum

April 2030

Down in Sidmouth once again!

I love it here. The atmosphere is wonderful and everyone is so friendly. The population is incredible with people from all walks of life. The local food grown here tastes magnificent and the energy centre near the seafront really shows how Sidmouth has become the place to be creating their own power using tidal, wind and solar energy.

Young people are everywhere working hard in the fields and playing sport and leisure with equal enthusiasm.

It's so easy to get around here with their cycle network and walkways, people are happy, healthy and fit.

Can't wait for my next business work trip here.

Luv

Here I am in Sidmouth a beautiful regency town surrounded by unspoiled countryside and stunning coastal scenery. The town offers much in the way of a varied and interesting shopping centre and a wide range of accommodation.

There can be a problem parking in the town at certain times and relief by way of a park and ride is overdue. The town is home to over 70 clubs and associations catering for a wide spectrum of interests.

An annual Folk Festival brings a week of music and dance to the town.

The ownership of the coastline locally by the National Trust ensure it's future is safeguarded.

Dear

We went to Sidmouth and parked very easily in a long term car park close to the Town Centre. It cost less than many other towns in the area. The town is fantastic with independent shopping offering a variety of food and durables. We walked through beautiful gardens along a connected path to the River, which runs through a fantastic park all the way to a nearby village of Sidbury. We are staying in a new Five Star hotel on the seafront on the East End of the Esplanade – Sidmouth is a superb mix of new and old buildings side by side.

Clearly the towns people have not tired to preserve it, as it was. A lot of young people live here now and work at home or in London part of the week and there is very good skills training across the spectrum for adults. It is really a happy place although most of the residents are 'incomers' and they have become 'locals' so there is no friction between the two groups as in other places.

We had a great time in Sidmouth. We left our car at the edge of town and hired bicycles to cycle around. The main street had a wide variety of independent shops. We were served by young people who were really enthusiastic about their town! There was a separate cycle route over to the estuary where we looked at an innovative tide barrage system across the river mouth. It was generating electricity for half the town! There was a wildlife sanctuary which was an attractive place for our picnic! They even had a wave machine where the young "dudes" were displaying their surfing skills!

On the way home we stopped at the swimming pool which had been refurbished. It had a water slide which was great fun! Around the swimming pool was a new affordable housing scheme which we were advised that were only for people local to Sidmouth and the environs – not good for us!! All in all, Sidmouth was a vibrant and interesting town to visit and seemed a popular place to live.

2030

In 2010 the worst part of Sidmouth was the Ham Car Park behind Boots and I was delighted to see that this area has been redeveloped into a happy vibrant community of residential and business accommodation. The complete pedestrianisation of the centre has worked wonderfully well and the quality of the shopping and recreational experience is far improved. It was a delight to arrive on the tram from the old railway line into the new Sidmouth transport hub at Woolbrook and catch the hopper down to the town's gateway at the triangle. Now the traffic has been moved out of town the place is far better to spend the time of day.

Dear All

12/04/2030

What a wonderful place Sidmouth is, traffic free, great park and ride facilities. A fantastic Interpretation Centre and lecture theatre giving information about the WH Site (Jurassic Coast). Cycling facilities are also great and I cycled from the town centre through to Sidbury and then to the Bowd and out to Feniton. Public transport is second to none with laser guided buses operating around the town. The coastal defence scheme that was installed has blended in really well and vegetation is now growing on the cliffs and the coast path has been reopened at the rear of Cliff Road properties.

The last time I visited the town in 2010 the cricket pavilion thatch was being replaced and the second ground was at Bicton College. I now marvel at the new sports facilities in the area between the top end of the Byes and Trow Hill which include the cricket club's second ground, the new astro pitches for hockey and the range of rugby pitches. I am sorry that the Blackmore was told off, but the Health Centre, begun in 2020, is now a splendid facility. What is so good about the sporting complex is that it can be used in the week by pupils at Sidmouth College (now with 1500 students) and by the various different sports clubs, including the town soccer club, which has now two fine pitches.

The transport facilities to the grounds for cycles and electric vehicles are good and the access to the A3025 is excellent. At the same time the main cricket ground in the Fortfield remains as iconic as ever.

Sidmouth hasn't changed much – thank goodness.

I could still park at the Ham, though a bit pricey at £2 per hour – so I used Manor Road at £1.20 per hour instead and enjoyed the walk by the Connaught Gardens and Cricket Club.

Manor Pavilion Theatre still going strong and thankfully not many new blocks of flats, except for the old Fortfield Hotel. The town was busy as ever, with fewer cars around now that Old Fore Street has been closed to cars and rejuvenated itself. Interesting to see the wider use of the Knowle Offices by clubs and societies, now that EDDC has been cut down following its merger of functions with South Somerset. I gather an offer has been made by a company to site its new headquarters there soon. Must go now – due at the hairdressers soon – still plenty of choice in the town!

Love Auntie Flo

Dear All

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Just been playing on the town's flood lit astro pitch which is a fantastic facility with a much expanded sports centre close by.

Hope all is well.

PS Don't forget to feed the cat!!

A wonderful weekend in Sidmouth, contemporary yet full of history, the kids cycled to Sidbury, we took the free bus to the Donkey Sanctuary. The hotels and shops as good as ever, you can now even sit in the High Street for an al-fresco coffee!

As for the theatre and Pool at the Ham. Wow!!

April 2030

Since visiting Sidmouth in 2010 – when the town was suffering from an economic depression with a number of charity shops and vacant shops in key locations. The town is now a vibrant tourist resort with a number of good class hotels. Although the town still has a high proportion of retired persons, steps have been taken to address the need and retain young people in the town through well targeted accommodation and the safeguarding of affordable housing. Accessibility in terms of footpath, cycleway and public transport has been continually improved to the extent that most trips in the town are by walking and cycling, as the use of cars no longer plays a role for short term trips (for example to school and work). There is an increasing threat from climate change. The sea defences on the coast have again been strengthened and steps are being taken to overcome flooding in the town by green flood prevention measures on the upper reaches of the Sid (to help prevent the Boscastle type scenario). The town squares and parts are now a delight, being well managed, well connected, and appropriately staffed / lit etc. The Ham car park is now a multifunctional space used to a weekly market, stayed events and general recreation area. The Manor car park, Stowford Cross car park are now fully functional park and ride sites for those who visit Sidmouth.

Sidmouth has reinvented itself into the greenest seaside town in Europe and is now world renowned, with visitors wanting to stay in the Sidmouth area during all times of the year.

A good place to visit.

- Encourage more sea based activities and the use of bicycles.
- Support and protect small family run businesses.
- Concerns that there is no incentive for young people to stay here when they finish school – no apprenticeships and few job opportunities.
- Wanted more for non sporting people to do.
- There was a consensus that something done about drill hall stalemate.
- Concerns about flooding.
- Lots of people wanted a multi-purpose, multi-use health and education facility.
- An indoor play area as a wet weather provision.
- More provision for care of the elderly including care homes, day centres and lifelong learning.
- A meeting place/cafe for the elderly.

Full of vitality and excellent shops and pedestrian free shopping.
Beautiful landscape.

Dear Postcard

Sidmouth in 20 years time should be a vibrant community with decent homes at prices local people can afford. There will be good transport links to other communities and will include a local transport policy to ensure all residents and visitors can access the community safely. The town centre and seafront will remain as it is in 2010 with local independent traders. New development will be served with adequate infrastructure and community facilities to keep the development sustainable.

Sidmouth has changed very much and not necessarily for the best. The public transport though not perfect but compared with 50 years ago it's great. Being a 76 year old and can only ride on a bicycle when navigating the town. The roads are disgusting, not swept so consequently grit washes into drains blocking them. See Sidford 20 mph. You are joking? Bridge over the Ham? Years ago though in practice. What is an affordable house. Even Council houses cost about £100,000 if bought.

The vision groups ideas seem to be covered by the Sidmouth Town Council?

The Vision Group. How is it funded?

The opinion of a lady born here thinks that Sidmouth is being ruined (70 years). I have the Ham cannot and must not be developed.

Thank you.

Transport

- Waitrose free bus?
- Link with Honiton?
- Bike route to coast.
- Combined delivery – Barnstaple has one.

Rural Areas

- Farming – by employer but important for community and infrastructure.
- Pub is the hub – crucial link for food, jobs, community and school.
- Rural affordable housing priority for locals, lower the limit.

Community

- Too much?!
- Sports need more.

Health

- New centre – dated, no longer fit for purpose.
- Library.

Housing

- 305 waiting list October 2009 (1400 Exmouth, 200 Seaton)
- 40% affordable.

12/04/2010

Sea defences. Alma Marina – landing pier for private craft etc.

A shopping centre for small firms to start up. Not big name shops.

Cycle park to lock bikes in safely.

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Exmouth LDF Consultation Event

11th May 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
E-mail	Devon and Cornwall Police	
E-mail and letter	Transition Town Exmouth	Yes
	Transition Town Exmouth	Yes
E-mail	Exmouth Brixington	
E-mail	Exmouth Brixington	
E-mail	Exmouth Brixington	
E-mail	Exmouth Halsdon	
E-mail	Exmouth Halsdon	Yes
E-mail	Exmouth Halsdon	Yes
E-mail	Exmouth Littleham	
E-mail	Exmouth Littleham	
E-mail	Exmouth Littleham	
Letter	Exmouth Hospital	
E-mail	Clerk- Exmouth Town Council	Yes
E-mail	Office Manager- Exmouth Town Council	Yes
E-mail	Exmouth Town Council	
E-mail	Exmouth Town Council	
E-mail	Exmouth Town Council	Yes
E-mail	Exmouth Town Council	Yes
Letter	Christian Brethren	
Letter	Exmouth Trefoil Guild	
Letter	Rethink	
Letter	Royal Naval Association	
Letter	Royal Marines Association	
Letter	Community Mental Health Team	
Letter	Exmouth Chapel Friendly Circle	
Letter	Dewdney Reablement Service	
Letter	Exmouth Archers	Yes
Letter	Hospiscare	
Letter	Knappes Cross Community Association	
Letter	Brixington Blues Youth Football Club	
Letter	Leonard Cheshire	Yes
Letter	Christian Alliance Housing Association	
Letter	Raleigh Cricket Club	
Letter	Withycombe Raleigh Mother's Union	
Letter	Exmouth Sports Centre Football	
Letter	Brixington Community Church	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Beach Rescue	
Letter	Littlemead Residents Association	Yes

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Letter	Withycombe Rugby Club Hall	
Letter	Clayton Community Centre	
Letter	Past Rotarians Club of Exmouth and District	
Letter	Brixington Community Church Hall	
Letter	Quiet Mind Centre	
Letter	Exe Power Boat and Ski Club	
Letter	St John the Evangelist Parish Church Hall	
Letter	Cyclist Touring Club	
Letter	Exmouth Vikings Judo Club	
Letter	Age Concern Exmouth	Yes
Letter	Chance to Dance - School of Dance	
Letter	National Coastwatch Institution	
Letter	Christian Alliance Housing Association	
Letter	Glenorchy United Reformed Church	
Letter	Bastin Hall	
Letter	Exmouth Players	
Letter	Lower Exe Mooring Authority Management Cttee	
Letter	Exmouth Special Needs Action Group	
Letter	Cycle Sport Dynamo	
Letter	ASA Aquatots and Rising 5's	
Letter	Devon Wildlife Trust Exmouth	
Letter	Exmouth Harriers	
Letter	Royal British Legion Women's Section - Littleham	Yes
Letter	Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton Scout Ass.	
Letter	Ichthus Community Church	
Letter	Community Enabling Support Service	Yes
Letter	Royal British Legion	Yes
Letter	Tower Street Methodist Church	Yes
Letter	St John Ambulance Brigade	
Letter	St John the Evangelist Parish Church	Yes
Letter	ECYouth	
Letter	Craft Days	
Letter	Christian Aid	
Letter	Moose International	
Letter	Christ Church Exmouth	
Letter	Point-In-View Church	
Letter	Exmouth Snooker Club	
Letter	Age Concern Exmouth	
Letter	Withycombe Raleigh Womens Institute	
Letter	Exmouth Baptist Church	
Letter	Littlemead Methodist Church	
Letter	Girl Guiding Exmouth Division	
Letter	Third Age Project	Yes
Letter	Holy Trinity Church	
Letter	Exmouth Chapel	

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Letter	Carers Support Group	
Letter	Community Learning Disability Team	
Letter	East Devon Naturalist Group	
Letter	Scott Drive Church	
Letter	Littleham Leisure Centre	
Letter	Exmouth Rugby Club	Yes
Letter	St John in the Wilderness Church	Yes
Letter	Spinnakers Sailing Centre	
Letter	Cranford Sports Club	
Letter	Exmouth Amateur Football Club	
Letter	Church of the Holy Ghost	
Letter	Exmouth Womens Institute	
Letter	Withycombe Rugby and Recreation Club	
Letter	Exmouth School of Performing Arts	
Letter	Exmouth Lawn Tennis Club	
Letter	Adult and Community Learning	
Letter	Devon County Council Youth Service	Yes
E-mail	Over the hill & just around the corner club (OHJAC)	
E-mail	Phoenix Friendship Group	
E-mail	Royal British Legion Women's Section	
E-mail	All Saints Church Hall	
Letter	Exmouth Council of Voluntary Service	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Britain In Bloom	Yes
Letter	Royal Air Force Association	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Chamber of Trade and Commerce Water Users Group	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Swimming and Life Saving Society	Yes
Letter	Citizens Advice Bureau	
Letter	Exmouth Pavilion	
Letter	Exmouth Cricket Club	
Letter	Walk This Way	
Letter	RNLI Exmouth	
Letter	Exmouth and District Community Transport Group	Yes
Letter	Exmouth and District Round Table	
Letter	Rotary Club of Exmouth Raleigh	
Letter	Rotary Club of Exmouth	
Letter	Exmouth Museum	
Letter	Exmouth (Clyst Valley) Lions Club	
Letter	LARF	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Town Football Club	
Letter	3rd Exmouth Scout Group	
Letter	Royal British Legion	
Letter	Devon and Cornwall Police	
Letter	Tourist Information Office	

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E-mail	Exmouth Residents Association	Yes
Letter	Devon Judo Centre- Exmouth	
Letter	League of Friends	Yes
Letter	Connexions	
Letter	Exe Sailing Club	
Letter	Open Door	
Letter	Hockey Club	
Letter	Exmouth Quay Residents Association	Yes
Letter	Link-Up	Yes
Letter	Centre Stage	
Letter	Chesters Sheltered Apartments	
Letter	Littleham Residents Association	Yes
Letter	Bay FM Radio	
Letter	Special Needs Action Group	
Letter	Lewis Pharmacy	
Letter	Haldon House Surgery	
Letter	Martineau Chiropractic Clinic	
Letter	Cycle Path Exmouth	Yes
Letter	Imperial Medical Practice	
Letter	Rowsell Sails	
Letter	Exmouth Community Association	Yes
Letter	Dennedene Campaign Group	
Letter	Exe Sailing, Power Boat and Ski Club	
Letter	Exmouth Visitors Centre	
Letter	Lympstone Amateur Boxing Club	
Letter	Inner Wheel Club of Exmouth	
Letter	Exmouth Rowing Club	Yes
Letter	SAD Residents Association	
Letter	Devon Youth Service	
Letter	Exe Estuary Management Partnership	
Letter	Exmouth Tidy Group	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Camera and Travel Club	
Letter	Exmouth Historical & Archaeological Society	
Letter	Exmouth Sea Angling Association	
Letter	Clinton Devon Estates	Yes
Letter	Devon Cliffs Holiday Park	
Letter	Royal Beacon Hotel	
Letter	Exmouth Town Football Club	
Letter	Exmouth Blind Club	
Letter	Headway	
Letter	Exmouth Disabled Fellowship	
Letter	Stroke Club	
Letter	Exmouth Talking Newspaper	
Letter	Exmouth Care Forum	

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Letter	Claremont Medical Practice	
Letter	Rolle Medical Practice	
Letter	Raleigh Surgery	
Letter	Exeter Road Community Primary School	
Letter	Marpool Primary School	
Letter	Bassetts Farm Primary School	
Letter	Withycombe Raleigh Church of England Primary School	
Letter	Littleham Church of England Primary School	
Letter	The Beacon Church of England Primary School	Yes
Letter	St Josephs Catholic Primary School	
Letter	Brixington Primary School	Yes
Gen letter	Cornerstone Housing	
Letter	Arthritis Care	
Letter	Bystock Court	
Letter	Careline	
Letter	Exmouth & District Children's Centre	Yes
Letter	Civil Service Retirement Fellowship	
Letter	Courtney Cafe	
Letter	Exmouth Carers Monthly Group Meetings	
Letter	Exmouth 41 Club	
Letter	Exmouth Lifeboat Guild	
Letter	Exmouth Twinning Society	
Letter	Friends UK	
Letter	Friendship Group	
Letter	Headway	
Letter	Littleham Family Activity Centre	
Letter	Mencap	
Letter	Mencap Society	
Letter	Multiple Sclerosis Society	
Letter	The Normanlea Society	Yes
Letter	Palmer House Social Club	
Letter	Pulse Project	Yes
Letter	Royal Signals Association	
Letter	St Andrews House	
Letter	Tuesday Talks	
Letter	The Avocet Line	
Letter	Cranford Sports Club	
Letter	Exmouth Beach Boys	
Letter	Exmouth Judo Club	
Letter	Exmouth Sailing Club	
Letter	Exmouth Civic Society	Yes
Letter	Exmouth Health and Care Team	Yes
	Exmouth Citizens Forum	Yes
	Mary Parminter Charity Trust	Yes

	Exmouth Business Centre Trust	Yes
	Leisure East Devon	Yes
	Exmouth Tennis Centre Manager	
	Pavilion Manager	
	Swimming and Leisure Centre Manager	
	Lympstone Town Council	Yes
	Exmouth Resident	Yes
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Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- None too full already – over populated
- Exmouth needs more housing
- Exmouth dump for new housing – no strategic plan
- Just build new housing
- Need for housing? – What is the real need?
- Has there been an overdevelopment?

Type of Housing:

- Too many young
- Need for affordable – social
- Integrated Housing
- Supported Housing for young mothers
- Failure to deliver affordable Housing Facilities
- More public sector houses/range of tenants
- No more private sector houses
- Need to cater for elderly population
- Affordable Housing
- Sale of Council Housing began downfall
- Residents on minimum wage
- Mixture of housing/extra care
- Lifetime homes important
- Housing too expensive
- Need “Council type” housing not private
- Low wage economy – need “affordable” to Exmouth wages
- Should have a time when developers only build affordable houses.
- Not short of private rented/for sale accommodation.
- Build for those in real need – B&B/living in overcrowded accommodation.
- Need facilities for disabled.
- Too many homes for elderly/retirement homes.
- More housing (rented) for young people
- More hostel/YMCA facilities
- Not so many retirement houses
- More affordable housing that takes people off benefits.
- Not enough affordable housing.
- Need for affordable housing single occupation.
- Housing policy to provide affordable housing for families and provide work in Exmouth too?

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- Balance of retirement homes – excessive now in Exmouth.
- Reversal of national policy to allow Councils to build.
- Encourage a more mixed development of housing.
- Mix affordable housing throughout the site – not only in one area or development.
- Starter homes needed.
- Rented housing for young people – students in winter/holiday makers in summer
- Shared housing for young people
- Live independently with outside support.

Second Homes

- Docks encourage second homes
- Planners deal with result
- Second Homes bring affluence and paying full rates
- Marina (Second Homes)
- 2nd homes – problem in Lympstone area – used only for third of a year – not as big a problem as for other areas (S. Hams etc).
- Young people with disabilities – shouldn't have to live in facilities designed for the elderly.
- Dockland development some 2nd homes.

Where could they be built?

- More land within boundaries
- Fill in Brownfield sites
- Mixed use
- Expansion towards Lympstone and North
- Littleham/Dinan Way/Halsdon Avenue
- Do we need more houses – planners should decide regeneration in Town
- Land north of Dinan Way
- Very little land in Exmouth
- Don't mix Lympstone with Exmouth.

Energy Efficient Homes:

- Need to improve on technology
- Any new build should be sustainable.
- Increase energy/environmental features in all new housing.
- Make compulsory through planning systems (-all housing)
- Recycling – no facilities for collection in town centre – increase recycling of plastics.
- Consider recycling in home design
- Need policy to improve energy efficiency in private housing
- Meters to see how much energy is being used.
- Keep conservation policy.
- Improve energy insulation in private accommodation.

Improving/ utilising existing housing:

- Empty houses/flat over shops etc – should be utilised
- Improve existing homes
- No. of older people in larger homes – should be a policy of providing support to help to move.
- Under occupation in Council housing and private housing.
- Reluctance to engage with private landlords – rent levels.
- Little empty private accommodation – v. expensive primarily still in decent condition although some streets need improving.
- Block discounts for improvements in one street.
- Empty properties - bring back into use.

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- Limit on number of retirement properties – a lot seem to be empty.
- Downsizing in council housing.

Infrastructure for Housing:

- Lack of infrastructure – Schools, Health Services
- Infrastructure around Exmouth
- Regenerate Town Centre
- Build on outskirts infrastructure
- Infrastructure keeping pace with development
- Need for infrastructure – Paid for by developer/Council
- Infrastructure – Employment
- Need to look at infrastructure – school provision etc.
- Need infrastructure to support the housing.

Other- Housing:

- Screened by developers
- Redevelopment priority
- Design – Diametric views
- Need for green space
- Encroachment on green spaces
- People sleeping on sea front – not appropriate
- In fill rather than building on green space – use large gardens etc.
- No loss of real identity.
- What kind of place do we want Exmouth to be?
- Look at centre of Exmouth
- Should now be limited by planning.
- Don't use allotment or green space in the town.

Community

Schools and Education:

- Largest College in Europe, one choice to go to and that's it. Could Rolle site be developed? Education up to age of 17 is coming; we need to provide for it. Rolle College changed shape of local community.
- School could use community buildings, nature gardens, lecture theatres etc. So many groups who feel the same. Utilise sources we already have. Elizabeth Hall underused.
- ECC bursting at the seams needs more space.
- Schools and education are good but needs to get better still.
- The physical buildings of schools are knackered.
- Only one secondary school, good to only have one part of quality of Exmouth.
- Funding for learning shouldn't have been cut.
- Community connection to education is good.
- Schools could offer somewhere for people to meet. Use schools when children not there, for dance classes, CIT suites. Don't have a real public hall in Exmouth. EH not been used for ages. Would be used really well – don't control people that use it – so expensive.
- Pretty good for CYP however have to go to Exeter if not academic, no vocational courses. YP do not want to go into Exeter for vocational courses. Rolle College have facilities there.
- ECC is largest in Europe already 24 over its limit. Critical we have right number of schools that can teach the right skills.
- Infrastructure of schools before houses and development.
- Clear Gypsy Lane site and redevelop it to expand ECC. Critical matter in town. Rolle College – would be great to have vocational courses there, be used as a community building with theatre and library.

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- School is too big
- Over capacity
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- Primary Schools should stay local
- Investment in schools.
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- Better transport for out of schools activities.
- Want fair share of educational budget.
- Encourage local apprentices.
- Multi generalisation learning/apprentices.
- Better links with Community College and Community groups – mini apprentices.
- Community college bursting at seams.
- Need to look at School on outskirts.
- Need more adult education – better access to free education.
- Keep schools in town as well so children can walk.
- More Community Schools used for adult education and broader community activities.

Community Buildings:

- Not really any big enough community buildings – need more
- Cost prohibitive to hire a hall.
- Great lack of community buildings.
- Shortage of affordable places to rent, could give schools income. Not in a state of good repair.
- EDDC want to keep Elizabeth Hall and redevelop it. Exmouth has very few community facilities.
- Too expensive to hire schools
- Keep Elizabeth Hall as a community building
- Better use of schools facilities for community use.
- New library/up to date more community rooms, multi use social space more computers.
- More multifunctional spaces.
- Need community buildings with disabled access.
- Want a community space that is good quality.
- No medium sized halls either Pavilion or Church Hall.
- Need community resources that community can afford to use (Pavilion and halls too expensive).
- Better use of school halls/affordable for groups to hire.

Health Care:

- Mixed community – developing in terms of health and social care.
- Hospital a bit shabby. Quite a lot of small clinics. More people going to be kept at home. Expansion Transport to hospital very bad.
- Use health service a lot. Waiting times at doctor's surgeries Exmouth Health Centre can be long.
- Increasing awareness of GPs/practitioners.

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- Fortunate with hospital but a lot of traffic and parking not good enough.
- Health centre over crowded.
- Another health centre.
- Develop expand hospital.
- More places open in the day for those on their own – community facility and one for those with learning difficulties and mental health issues central position with good access.
- New community hospital/ Dinan way.
- New GP Surgeries.
- Healthy life style clinics full time.
- New Community Hospital/Dina Way.
- New GP surgeries.
- Healthy life style clinics full time for young people.
- Improved hospital facilities and provision of maternity ward.
- More Section 106 from residential homes.
- More respite care for the elderly.
- More support for carers and those with mental health provision.
- Parking problems – couldn't park when bad knees had.
- Not happy with physic provision being done by students.
- Need 24 hr medical services.
- Expansion modernised hospital.
- New building better facilities not on top of a hill.
- Not enough respite homes/council run respite.

Recreation Space and Play Space/ Leisure:

- Finish bowling alley off – is a sore thumb of Exmouth.
- Bowling alley in wrong place.
- Either don't have bowling alley or finish it.
- Water sports school needed, make more of water sports all year round.
- Linking up of cycle paths to Lympstone a fantastic idea.
- Cycle path already perfectly good.
- Climbing wall
- More activity buildings for the amount of people there is.
- Rolle – one site ideal for more facilities for young people. Mix, young people and older people – need to share – shared recreation.
- Need something else in Brixington area.
- Support for live theatre – 2 theatres in Rolle College – use these.
- Parks for young people near Exeter Road are being used really well. Are vital football pitches underused? Cost of running them is prohibitive. 5 days out of 7 not used. Need to be subsidised. Need more recreation space for sports, in town, where would you put them? Keep recreation spaces we have Town Centres not appealing place to live. Second secondary school, not one massive school.
- Only one swimming pool, incredibly tiny and people can't afford it. Should it be made available at a cheaper price for locals?
- What is happening with Rolle playing fields? LED ought to get them.
- Sports centre prices are incredibly expensive.
- Swimming pool prices are so expensive it limits people that use them.
- Squash £8-50 a court for 45mins.
- Why are we not getting free swimming?
- Second swimming pool near Brixington for people to use. Need to be able to teach people to swim. Swimming lessons.
- Putting a bowling alley in is nonsense.
- If there was a need for a bowling alley there would be more than one in Exeter. Site is an eyesore. Bigger than as was proposed.

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- Need recreation spaces for young people more for them to do.
- Not enough recreational /place to play.
- Poor facilities for young people – too expensive re. Sailing/other activities.
- Swimming too expensive – free activities
- Funding for running costs of clubs – sailing/rowing etc.
- Soft play.
- Performance venue for young people so that they can play loud music without causing noise/pollution.
- Modernise sports centre.
- Phear Park better equipment more active space.
- More boat storage.
- Protect/develop/encourage Exmouth Festival.
- About funding for doing things not just about building things.
- Valley Parks – expand.
- Cheaper family recreational activities Sports/Water Sports/Swimming.
- Better use of gardens parks.
- More new cycle tracks to link up with Exeter and also within Exmouth healthy living. Bike racks and bike hire.
- More free funded circus activities.
- Like the use of beach free recreational apace.
- Free places to go in rain.
- Community/Arts based Centre/Keep affordable.
- More community activities.
- Encourage more walking/cycling/track/bike racks.
- *Free rehearsal spaces for musicians*
- Development of library community space/provision.
- Need to attract tourists – use the cricket club that could be a sports/stadium/reduce costs increase facilities by combining cricket club and bowls use water sports to encourage tourism.
- More community based activities and the necessary activities better multi agency.
- Disjointed activities need to pull it together and sell it better – provide free activities.
- This area disjointed with small groups that need to be co-ordinated.
- Want a hydro pod in Exmouth for the use of those with disabilities.
- LED inadequate.
- Too small pod and sports facilities.
- Swimming club restricted is turning people away – can't get enough people in there.
- Hire of Pool unreasonable.
- More free swims for children and young people.
- Protect recreational spaces/parks.
- Tidy up the Maer/mini golf course.
- Centre stage drama group developed.
- Need more free/grant assisted swimming, drama, recreational activities, tennis etc.

Children and Young People:

- No job centre – important for young people, no positive message of employment
- There is plenty for young to do, but need more volunteers to staff cyp events and activities. More promotion and encouragement of volunteers to work with CYP. Can't get parents to get involved.
- Facilities for young people /children outside of school – more investment in.
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- Better Youth Club provision.
- Phear Park and Valley Park better used for youth.

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- More for young people – don't just give them Asbos – Youth Projects – more thought for young.
- Celebration of young people festival an annual event.
- Encourage Prince's Trust.
- Help with parenting skills.
- Target hard to reach groups of children.
- Make sure Exmouth views are balanced between elderly and young opinions.
- Young person's Council.
- Respect young people more.
- Not enough for children and young people not enough activities.
- Improve increased Youth Service.

Use of Seafront:

- Fantastic seafront, beach. We have space, use it. Have Maer, Phear Park but nothing happens there. Create more of a family area in Mare. Summer Festival a good thing.
- Lifting of covenants on sea front is controversial. Surf shop controversial, no control over what is built there. Bay is an asset.
- Do not cover seafront in lots of flats, would spoil whole ethic of Exmouth. Hotels geared to elderly population, more balance.
- Sea front not messed about with.
- Things need to be done on seafront but needs to be sympathetically done.
- As it is quite nice for dog walking people like seafront as it's like stepping back in time.
- More dog bins. Stop developing it. Bowling alley should have been checked over by Building Inspector.
- Only developments that are dependent upon water can be on waterside.
- Seaward of road should be free of development.
- Landward side of road less development.
- Do not get rid of covenants on seafronts.
- Whole of sea front is precious – don't build on it, don't ruin it. Open air swimming pool. No building of flats on seafront. Strategic look of seafront not piecemeal development.
- Water sports centre on sea front.
- Beach activities.
- Better utilise/sell the sea front.
- Use natural resources/water sports.
- Paddling Pool on seafront.
- Encourage more jobs for people.
- Have ignored the benefits of having huge water sports provision.
- Need water sports sites/provision/encourage business.

Rolle College:

- 5 bus routes that go round Rolle College site.
- Turn Rolle College into office space, arts studio, training for jobs.
- Closure of Rolle College is a tragedy, could have been used to redevelop Exmouth.
- Want to use Rolle College
- An extension of Rolle College
- Use Rolle College for Community for community use and pool 16.
- It's a total mess at the moment
- Use Rolle College for schools even adult education.
- Re-open Rolle College for educational purposes Community resource.
- Use Rolle but look further for even more educational purposes maybe school on outskirts for Cranbrook.
- Rolle College Sports ground should be utilised for sports facilities.
- Use Rolle College for educational purposes.

- Rolle College is our facility community resource was originally sold as a community space/educational.

Outside the main 'Town':

- A lot of facilities in town. Very little when you get out. Brixington 1 ½ miles away from TC.
- There is nothing for young people to do outside TC. A lot of kids go to Budleigh for skate park. Skate Park on Maer would be great. Brixington – was nice putting shops in but nothing else put in place. Largest community in Exmouth but nothing.
- The town is one area, Little Brix. Littleham is good. No 'community' in Brix, no sense of community spirit. Problems we have had with youth. Brix Church, 50 kids attend on Friday night. Not a good mix of outlets, better to have filled than empty, only so many cafes, too many charity shops. What is not bringing larger stores into towns?
- Brixington no community space at all no community infrastructure at Hulham Road.

Other- Community:

- Shape of Exmouth hasn't changed much.
- Has a good community spirit, events we have are well supported.
- Need infrastructure! When things built
- More done for tourists.
- Have dug up strand – mixed news of The Strand.
- Sense of perspective for some people it's difficult to judge.
- Exmouth a fantastic place to live. The facilities that are available for older people are good.
- Minority groups may be left out.
- Tremendous quality of mix of diverse people.
- Struggling to offer children and young people a wide range of diversity, struggling with community cohesion. Is a problem with Devon in general?
- Good community who will support.
- Fewer facilities in towns than there used to be.
- Seafront on a Sunday, no longer have to queue to get into Exmouth. Exmouth not marketing itself very well.
- Have somehow managed to make Exmouth bad.
- Allow people of Exmouth to decide their future, why do EDDC have the final say.
- Need a Masterplan for Exmouth.
- Not enough staff to maintain the Parks & Gardens and the town.
- Not enough toilet facilities – shouldn't shut toilets in the winter.
- More police on the street.
- Police missing the personal touch. Need police presence/visual.
- More police not in cars.
- Encourage Community.
- No housing estates without community infrastructure.
- Can't afford community facilities.
- Local Authority more discretionary budgets.
- More town level responsibility.
- More encouragement of community.
- Bus Station and railway station.
- Design for people not cars.
- Not so many pubs/restaurants.
- More local quality shops.
- Feeling of being stagnant 40 yrs due to EDDC lack of interest.
- Need to look at longer period of time than 20 years.
- Concern at decline in standard/quality of life over last 20 years/stagnation mainly town centre – deterioration – no quality
- Cheap, tacky shops/second hand shops.

- Middle class people in Exmouth aren't doing enough – need Council to co-ordinate activities.
- Need a better infrastructure – for the biggest town in East Devon. Town Centre should be bigger/better.

Environment

Access to Open Spaces and Safe Routes:

- Utilise assets of East Devon Way & Coastal Path – better links/improve quality of access PRA and experience.
- Routes to land around town (AGLV/AONB)
- Need to develop access 'infrastructure' such as cycle paths and walking trails.

Protection and Enhancement:

- Any development for quality – reinforce local distinctiveness
- Sensitive Development on Estuary and seafront to enhance town.
- Avoid over development as conflicts with reason to live and visit town.
- Valley Parks – is development going to impact upon future development of this facility. Need to put 'seascape' into protection.
- Developments proposed are impacting on internationally important sites such as Exe Estuary.
- Situation of estuary an ongoing issue.
- Wildlife – pockets of wildlife to preserve/conservate around the town which are important to overall biodiversity/health of wildlife of town.

Open/ Recreational Spaces:

- More recreation grounds (especially on periphery).
- Recreation – Strip way for water sports – right place.
- Good Parks/Gardens – improve links/network within and around town.
- Valley Parks – Invest where possible
- Need to protect Exmouth's Open Spaces from development – once gone, gone forever.
- Access to open spaces in town is generally good.
- Provision of green space is well provided in town but more required in outer lying areas of town.
- Signage to open spaces could be improved – regular maintenance required.
- Need to retain/enhance open spaces for future generations.

Other- Environment:

- Consultation and involvement with local people.....
- Climate change by impact upon Exmouth's shoreline – should we allow managed retreat?
- Use environment and town as driver for economy – lots of opportunities to promote unique material environment – can provide focus for environmental assets
- Met office/Exmouth VC working together on issues of climate change.
- Acceptance of sea level rises – take long term view and so plan for future.

Economy

Jobs:

- Jobs needed in Exmouth – town is commuter town.
- Transport for employment needed.

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- Training facilities for young people and unemployed - Rolle College.
- Workshops, labs, green houses – could be hotel and catering.
- Need to provide a wider range of jobs with a focus on higher paid positions – less reliance on tourism/retail.
- A recognition that without additional training, especially vocational training in Exmouth it would be difficult to attract the associated businesses.
- Less and less jobs in town.
- More public sector jobs to Exmouth.
- Reliance on service/care industry.
- Few jobs for young people – no office jobs.
- Make use of natural assets to promote quality of jobs.
- Assumption of out migration amongst young.
- Education training for all young people including foundation training should be provided.
- Need for a training centre – Rolle College site.
- Improve quality of employment – bring in better qualified staff.
- Should be making effort to provide employment to counter out-migration.
- Significant out – commuting to Exeter.
- Need for a job centre - help with other towns as well – where are the jobs for young people?
- Need to encourage new businesses in to encourage young people to stay.
- Likely expansion of service jobs relating to tourism – can we do something to change this?
- Need to keep young people in Exmouth – retail/green energy.
- Need to provide more jobs to counter out migration.
- Need for training facilities to keep young in town – loss of Rolle a shame.
- Commuting to Exeter is a reality.
- Too many minimum wage jobs.
- Retirement/jobs all factor.
- Lack of placements – Training for local people is important.
- Additional jobs to current service sector jobs in Exmouth.
- Exmouth hasn't the draw to attract employers.
- Could have made use of Rolle – why sell the building.
- Need for more training – buildings are available.
- Well paid jobs needed in the town – encourage more businesses.
- On the job/apprenticeships.

Employment Land

- Land set aside for employment has been squandered – low density employment.
- Land to be used for higher density employment.
- Small units – starter units – mix of tenures.
- Type of industry and dictate where located re Victoria Way
- Parkhurst site – and be split into small scale units.
- Shortage of starter business units.
- Need for new sites/more land to provide space for new employers.
- Liverton needs to provide manufacturing and business jobs not retail.
- Merge units to encourage larger units/bigger names.
- Magnolia Centre as a break or new business.
- Exmouth likely to be affected by retain in Exeter.
- Be more ambitious in attracting new businesses to Exmouth.
- Utilise existing buildings – small office space available.
- Ltd size of industrial/office estates.
- Transport links to Marsh Barton are poor.
 - Facilities for set up units – Rolle site? – Honiton business Centre as an example.

Shops and Retail:

- New Strand should have weekly market and act as a focus.
- Local purchasing push.
- Not necessarily 'farmers' market'
- Shopping – needs to be up market.
- Need to qualify supermarket??
- Protection for existing shopping (A1).
- Magnolia Centre is now dated – needs to be regenerated.
- Need for a new supermarket but range of views on correct location.
- A more condensed town centre which would encourage a better retail experience.
- Strand to provide space for market.
- Retail – reliance on Exeter due to lack of option in Exmouth.
- Too many retail outlets and spread out town centre – too far up Exeter Road.
- A better range of shops would encourage people to stay.
- Incentivise retail outlets by EDDC!
- Too many restaurants in town centre take-aways, etc, Cafe's.
- Don't want supermarket but quality food outlet – disagreement. May be need for extra supermarket.
- Need for competition in supermarkets.
- Make use of estuary site for public access rather than supermarket.
- Poor quality of retail outlets – no big names.
- Poor access into town.
- London Inn as a site to attract larger shops.
- Revamp Magnolia Centre.
- Need for new supermarket – Jewson site – could relocate.
- Supermarket – London Inn site – must be accessible.
- Need a mix of retail units.
- Too many charity shops – impact on independent businesses.
- More condensed retail area – would limit charity shops and promote town vitality.
- Limited shops available.
- 1 supermarket inadequate for town size of Exmouth.
- Need to improve the look of the town to encourage new shops/retail.
- Alternative locations available for supermarket.
- Liverton – need for the retail units there.
- Need for additional parking.
- Parking needed to ensure town centre survival.
- No need for supermarket/Princesshay – small units for small businesses.
- Need department store e.g. Fields/Waltons/ Waitrose/M&S/Sainsbury – Need to be more proactive – see Newton Abbot.
- Retail provision is dated and needs enhancement.
- Too many charity shops – needs to go upmarket.
- Ancillary business to support water sports – appropriate retail.
- Possible need to condense retail area/town centre – too far up Exeter Road.
- Hard to attract national chains – but independent retail outlets could fill gap.
- Charity shops/cafes prevalent.
- Few opportunities to spend money in Exmouth – need to provide more.
- Need for extra supermarket in town.
- Location? Mix of views out of town/centre. Move Rugby Club?
- Lack of car parking – London Inn! With supermarket?
- Need to revamp Littleham – smaller retail centre?
- Revamp Magnolia Centre – impact on town centre.

Tourism:

- Seafront investment for tourism purposes.
- Really good beach – not marketed enough.
- Knock on to pride in town = more tourism accommodate.
- Tourism principal economic driver.
- Water sports tourism facilities needed for lodger accommodation.
- Event tourism.
- Lack of hotel beds.
- A big focus on tourism through a promotion of Exmouth's natural assets.
- Jurassic coast not promoted enough.
- Exmouth as an eco-resort – encourage green business – a 'demonstration' town.
- Signage doesn't help tourists.
- Maybe use alternative site for TIC.
- Seafront not commercial which is a good thing!
- Need to make more of natural assets – seafront/beach to boost tourism.
- Tourism can also boost employment.
- Estuary site as a focus for the town.
- Accessibility into town for tourists does not help local shops.
- Promote hotel buildings – B & B are prevalent.
- Tourism is paramount to local economy.
- Visitor Centre/attraction to encourage visitors in – this will boost shops.
- Insufficient holiday accommodation.
- Improve look of the town – make use of Estuary site as tourism area.
- Need to encourage tourism – larger retail groups/shops.
- Feature to attract tourism/benefit economy.
- Need to make most of seafront to attract residents/tourists.
- Need to make the most of natural assets.
- Need to make more of tourism assets – town does not promote itself enough.
- Use heritage coast/beach and other assets to expand tourism.
- Use heritage/natural benefits to boost tourism.
- Tourism is very important – could generate more jobs - strategy necessary for Exmouth
- No focal point/brand for Exmouth.
- Estuary, caravan and sea.
- Develop links between Exmouth town and Sandy Bay (SB).
- Promoting natural assets in town.
- Make use of it for promoting year round tourism.
- Boost tourism – water sports and storage (boats) demand for storage.
- Complete visitors centre – expansion Jurassic Coast asset.

Businesses

- Council should make it easier to encourage businesses – removal of red tape.
- Rates too high – 'snuffing out' local businesses.
- Find success stories from the private sector – how can we replicate this?
Can the Council look into this?
- Need for training for business leaders.
- Lack of training policy in Exmouth.
- Manufacturing businesses unrealistic to encourage.
- Sustainable businesses required – change with the economy.
- Hi-tech/design industries may not only be required – need to cater for a range of people.
- Localisation of economy – increasing cost of transport/imports.
- Exeter based rent
- Facilities are inadequate – need for more services in town.

Recreation/ leisure:

- Move rugby club to Rolle Sports facilities and use area for low key camping.
- Focus on water sports/cycling activities.
- Why the bowling alley?
- Camperdown Creek as water sports area.
- Bowling alley requires parking so all residents can access.
- Sports centre needs replacement.
- Need more activity re. Cruises (Stuart Line), Bowling Alley etc.

Other- Economy:

- Need to instil pride in town's appearance.
- More pleasant place to live.
- Needs to take Exmouth seriously.
- Focus is not on Exmouth as important place within East Devon.
- Greater variety – more for youngsters.
- Exeter is greater drain.
- Strand works to act as regenerative impact.
- Few public buildings available.
- Strand works to improve town centre.
- Improve the look of the town.
- Facilities to entertain young groups.
- Disagreement – should Exmouth focus on a certain role or be more diverse?
- Make use of natural assets.
- Big impact of housing numbers on economy.
- Strand enhancements – wait and see!!
- Exmouth festival is good.
- Balance required between land for jobs and housing.

Transport and Infrastructure

Cycling and Walking:

- Cycling and walking, cycling not an option because out of Exmouth is uphill – should show traffic, priority to pedestrians and cyclists.
- Protection of pedestrian routes.
- Madeira Walk footpath.
- Walking and cycling – good intention but causes conflict with each other.
- Cycle route – Lypstone and Topsham very popular leisure mainly.
- Cycle path has boosted business (pubs) in Lypstone.
- Need to promote neighbourhood groups to identify where pedestrian routes to be improved and other transport issues.
- Drainage problems on bubble ramps on pedestrian crossings.
- Praise for cycling and walking improvements – very popular.
- Cycle/walking shared service not working so well.
- Robust (immovable) signage for pedestrian/cycle routes to be clearer – colours not good.
- Pedestrianise Rolle Street?
- Cycling – Exe Estuary Trail – Cycle hire and loans.
- Shared pavement on Esplanade not working opposite sides of road/barrier.
- For pedestrians only – separate route for cyclists.
- Cycling – throughout town routes.
- Exe Estuary Trail Higher
- Improve pavements for elderly (skaters), parents with buggies – widen Exeter Road and Beacon School.

- Cycle hire facilities along cycle track (business opportunities) – sustainable tourism.

Car Parking:

- Car parking lessons in the Colonies – parking outside house rather than walking.
- Car parking very expensive; shortage of spaces; short term parking – lot of spaces lost.
- Car parking not easy and Strand development will worsen.
- Parking for disabled.
- Disabled access accommodation needs addressing.
- Car parking expensive – Cheaper for residents.
- Lack of car parking, drainage problem in colony.
- London Inn – multi storey would damage character.
- Parking on seafront expensive for young families – causes problems in surrounding streets – Make Maer free car park.
- Lack of car parking on route.
- Strand – Loss of ½ hour free car parking an issue gardens development.
- Ring and Ride – long term parking further out.

Roads:

- A376 slows, two lanes, little overtaking. Helps safety. Double yellow lines. Protect residential roads so as not rat runs.
- Small road to Exeter for present traffic flows, and for any expansion at Courtlands.
- Road markings (yellow brick road) for important routes.
- Improve links to Exeter Airport and M5 to improve tourism.
- A376/Sandygate/Clyst St Mary/Dinan Way improvements and completion.
- Improvements to A376, not necessarily dualling.
- Exeter Road – no right hand turn. Need to improve flows.
- Finish Dinan Way – Stop Summer Lane use as rat run (except for Lymptone Councillor – One).
- Potholes in Colony – particularly for elderly.
- Pines Road - re-routed Lime Grove
- Support completion of Dinan Way. Also reduce traffic on other roads – green zones.
- Summer Lane one way east.
- Strand Gardens almost better without traffic lights.

Public Transport:

- Free bus travel for young people.
- Free bus travel for benefits.
- Free public transport.
- Public transport – little or none, even in the town – trouble with ice.
- No town/taxi at station and taxis only come when called. Carrying suitcases, baby etc. Phone at station; expensive to park
- Free transport good, well exploited. Bad comparison with Istanbul re. buses.
- Reduce parking charges for residents. Review of residents permits.
- Network Rail – better rolling stock – newer and more.
- Rail operations in other locations would also justify rolling stock.
- Exmouth = commuter function.
- Red routes important for residents as well as tourists.
- Railway Station needs investing in (moved to far end of car park).
- Bus service praised Exeter-Exmouth and around Exmouth.
- Bus should go to beach (only does so seasonally).
- Train services: - Discussions needed to improve, not run down Exmouth Station. Should not be staffless.

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- Bus and train stations should work together. Local buses should be co-ordinated to train timetables.
- More buses to Tesco's?
- Trains – Exeter popular. Avocet line needs to link with mainline timetable.
- More user friendly bus and train station.
- Bus service – hospital.
- Accessibility onto public trams. Needed: - fleet of buses not accommodating e.g. low entry.
- Links to Marsh Barton via public transport and Skypark etc.
- New bus station.
- Avocet line – passing loop to improve frequency. More rolling stock – 3 carriages.
- Bus maintenance at Liverton, but improvements to bus station.
- Public Transport interchange. Link to Town Centre and Ham.
- Ugly station – Links to Exeter improvement.
- Cost of buses exorbitant cheaper by train with railcard.
- Double deckers – damaged road
- Low liner buses good.
- Rail second platform (needs enlarging).
- 15 min service with passing loop – no payment of fares.
- Rail and bus station – poor appearance, public transport not appealing to families.
- Keep all options open for public transport.
- Sea link – cargo boats.
- Bus slower and more expensive than train.
- Bus services need for elderly people.

Broadband:

- Variable comms (electronic).
- Rural areas need better broadband and mobile phone coverage. Locate masts in woods.
- Some areas poor broadband – not everyone has broadband feel excluded.
- Broadband poor in Lympstone – major hindrance to businesses in village.

Green Energy:

- Green energy produced – prototype on tidal flow = successfully implemented.
- Tidal systems not fully efficient, though.
- Energy from waste.
- Green energy production – tidal flow.
- Tidal energy production (low impact).
- More subsidies to micro regeneration.
- Discussion on energy – waste incinerator.
- Build incinerator near motorway or rear to source of waster i.e. Town.
- Green energy link to training at Rolle College.
- Green energy – sea sunshine demonstration town some in favour of wind turbines.
- Encourage green energy – solar panels, grants needed. Let government set target for local communities to meet in the best way locally.

Other- Transport and Infrastructure:

- Electric powered vehicles – not a disability vehicle but are widely used – cycle or road route?
- Exmouth should be day leisure designation for Exeter; links improvement needed.
- Water too expensive.
- Local employment needed to stem outflow.
- Incinerator in Exmouth- contentious but necessary
- Exmouth overdeveloped and over populated already.
- Design should be more bespoke.

- Universal application of guidelines = too 'blanket'.
- Minority scooter issue will increase – Consideration needed to address appropriately.
- Strand improvements welcomed.
- Flooding – prevention of flooding risk rather than accommodating change.
- SWW infrastructure provision needs big capital investment
- Less conservation on estuary not more?
- Growth needs renewal of sewage systems.

Rural Issues

Housing and Affordable Housing:

- Second Home ownership – issue in all villages – pushing up prices – not on recreational spaces/open spaces
- New housing/affordable housing
- EDDC can do more for affordable housing been slow in bringing forward sites.
- House prices in rural areas higher than Exmouth.
- Wheelchair accessible houses, lacking in rural communities – needs adapting.
- Second home ownership an issue – pricing out local families.
- Affordable housing shortfall in most villages.
- Issue – not enough affordable housing in villages such as Exton/Ebford –where will it go?
- Every village/ parish requires a plan for provision of housing/affordable housing.
- Each community has similar problems but on different scales.
- No specific issues identified for housing.
- Provision of affordable housing- easily accessible to work areas.
- Stop holiday home sales – protect for locals
- Sm. Scale housing development in villages.
- Ring fence village housing for local residents.
- Build Council houses –use of shared ownership
- Pre fab housing.
- Cost of land resulting in people being priced out of market.
- Affordable housing regulations linkages to employment facilities.
- Cross subsidy for affordable housing provision.
- Affordable housing should be provided.
- Mix of housing necessary.
- Right to buy should be revised – stock to be replaced/replenished.
- Enforcing policies e.g. 4-% affordable to be delivered first.

Rural Facilities:

- Loss of post offices in rural areas.
- Rural facilities generally good in Woodbury – lack of facilities in Ebford.
- Schools – difficult to recruit governors, move teachers into rural schools; Looking at developing 'hubs' of education; Shared Head Teachers for rural schools; Lympstone/Woodbury relatively strong in numbers but face issues of 'high turnover' of students.
- Poor shopping centre.
- Additional shopping centre on periphery
- Sustainability – Church, Pub, Hall, Shop.
- Parking at facilities difficult- new hospital on edge with maternity ward.
- Village Hall for Halsdon and Pub.
- Schools as village hub to ensure viability. Important for community.
- Location of recycling facilities.
- Village Halls generally well used good range of facilities.
- Villages need resources of town.

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- Grow more of own – allotments provision.
- Relocate allotments.
- Village shops – community shop.
- More outreach – health employment as local services data exist in rural areas.
- Youth clubs and facilities – reliant on volunteers.
- Centralised funding for youth provision and sports facilities.
- Post Offices should be heart of community.
- Schools – more smaller schools for community.
- Development can save schools.
- Protection of Woodbury Common should be enhanced.
- Education re attitudes to support facilities.
- Villages deal with loss of facilities themselves e.g. county facilities
- Loss of Post Office.
- Infrastructure to be brought in with affordable housing development/facilities.
- Pubs to be retained. Can act as community centre/facility/meeting rooms.
- Village halls/church halls are important – support should be given for maintenance.

Farming and Traditional Rural Industries:

- Decline in farming – Dairy in particular – Concern if farming declines means loss of rural jobs and increase of development on land.
- Identify areas of farming that is growing; Farm shops- Planning policies too restrictive to help diversification.
- Rural jobs – conversion of small units/farm buildings for ‘niche’ industries, provide appropriate broadband for home working.
- Exmouth Craft Market – encourage rural trade industries.
- Use WHS to encourage development of trade rural industries/crafts – set up co-operatives – Farmers markets.
- Farming/rural jobs – in decline
- No succession for farming communities
- Opportunities to develop local farm shops.
- Food scarcity will become an issue and so need to support farmers – Tesco’s sell local produce.
- Traditional rural jobs disappearing.
- Farming viability diminished – less farming now than any other time.
- Farming still active.
- Traditional farming to maintain land.
- Diversify farm buildings.
- Farmers sell in the neighbouring town – farmers market.
- TB problem in farming.
- Diversification of arming into new industries – fruit farms – holiday accommodation.
- Concern about loss of farmland.
- Lack of farm jobs in rural areas.
- No security for farmer’s far supermarkets (written contracts).
- Planning measures to ensure local sourcing of food in shops – especially supermarkets.
- Farm diversification.
- Farms need to look after environment. Supported by car.

Rural Economy:

- Rural jobs – need to move into areas such as ICT, Architects etc – so need good broadband connections to encourage ‘2 man’ enterprises requiring infrastructure to store materials.
- Emphasis on supporting green economy – growth area moved out to rural areas.
- More employment and small workshops.
- Villages to be more sustainable re: employment/housing mixed uses.

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- Improve broadband/mobile phone network.
- Provide for home working.
- Difficult to support facilities in small villages.
- Linkage of jobs between town and country.
- Local trading estates.
- New employment opportunities – localised employment

Rural Transport:

- Rural transport – good to Exeter, not particularly well connected east to West or West to East.
- Train and bus service good but poorly signed.
- Transport more accessible for all.
- Buses don't go into hospital itself.
- Post bus service concept. "Partnership".
- Lack of buses to rural area – support county transport.
- Transport links are important.
- Bus routes – tension between need of serving villages and towns
- Ok to main villages.
- Can't get to Honiton direct
- Reliance on using too narrow roads.
- Commute to Exeter for employment.
- Transport limitation on employment/apprenticeship – early buses etc.
- Feeder buses to railway stations.
- Rural Transport is important – good services in the town but not effective in rural areas i.e. better balance.

Other- Rural Issues:

- Appropriate design.
- Important to keep villages identify a character form development.
- Exmouth to retain development within its urban boundary – keep rural.
- Retain character of villages.
- Don't see Exmouth as rural.
- EDDC to lead in partnership. Re. Estuary/coast.
- Maintain green wedges – parkland and playing fields
- Danger in developing areas to lose character
- Villages to retain identify.
- Green belt is important.
- Council to resist the watering down of development after permission is issued

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM EXMOUTH WORKSHOP 2010

Jobs

- Apprenticeships and Eco-Tec!
- A.T. Production
- Community
- Arts Cafe @ Centre of Town
- Incentives for cycle activities and ped/cab.
- Table B
- Eco-Housing with local manufacturing.

Economy

- Exeter based rents.
- Less and less jobs in town.
- Lots of small firms.
- Shortage of starter business units.
- Move public sector jobs to Exmouth.
- Training - 16-18 rule should appear.
- Bicton good but generally better to go to Exeter for training.
- More parking needed for town centre.
- Cheaper parking in town centre.
- Lost lots of hotels.
- Weekend farmers market.

- Rolle College, used as a multi-purpose community facility, better access and parking.
- Bigger hospital
- Expansion of ECC
- More done with seafront
- Sports/leisure too expensive
- A lot to do but often too costly and not enough volunteers to run it.
- Lack of community facilities in Brix.
- Good parks, well used, kept.

Lack of rubbish bins large enough to hold 24 hours rubbish.
Difficulty with the Town Centre is removal from the sea front.

Hi Kids

You would love: - The Beach, Fun Park, Boat Trip, and Kiddies Park.

We are enjoying the:-

Gardens, Ice Cream, People Watching, Friendly atmosphere.

Dear Dolly

Lovely sea front, bowling, cake's - hardly any 2nd hand shops, enough housing for families, sports facilities, accessible hospital, library and buses that are reasonably priced, wonderful centre of town, good food outlets and lots of places to park and a great place to find a job buy good quality clothes and a safe place for children to play.

1. Enjoyed the beach, very clean and very safe, well patrolled by lifeguards.
2. Good boat trips with Stuart Line along the Jurassic Coast.
3. Lovely parks and gardens.
4. But be warned disabled people could find it a problem getting into town from car park. Very limited parking for disabled in town centre.
5. You must visit the indoor market (just the job if wet).

Dear Mum

The weather wasn't very good on Monday so we went to the Arts Centre and watched a performance. Tuesday the sun came out so we went to the beach. I'm glad that they haven't developed the seafront too much. There are plenty of people enjoying the Jurassic Coast Centre however, it has been done beautifully. Think we'll cycle to Exeter along the cycle path tomorrow. Have brought you a lovely pressie in the local artisans market.

Love D.

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Dear Friend

Visiting Exmouth – Lovely sea-front and bay. Great boat trips and wildlife. Pity about the shopping as the town is full of charity shops.

Nearly got knocked down by a bicycle on the promenade as its split between cyclists and walkers.

Hotel is lovely and food good but not much to do at night.

Had a job to find the town centre as it's not signed and thank goodness we didn't bring the car as parking is very expensive.

Love the old fashioned feel of the place and people are lovely. Lots of nice walks too. There's a half finished building right on the sea front – heaven knows what that is. It was there last year too. Wish you were here!

Love, Marian Scott

I have just had a most enjoyable stay in Exmouth. It was easy to find now that the dual carriageway for junction 30 to Exmouth has been completed. Most of which you will note has been tunnelled to preserve the countryside.

Do bring your bikes because it is now possible to cycle on a continuous cycle path from Exmouth to the Exeter City Centre and onto Dawlish.

You will find that the 2 supermarkets/superstores will have everything that you will require. The children will also enjoy the new Leisure Centre close to the Railway Station.

May 2030

What's really impressed me about my visit to Exmouth was how the town is adapting to climate change and its involvement and support of the green economy. There is a wonderful visitor's centre that highlights the local environment, wildlife and amazing walks. It's so easy to get around the town, cycle routes, footpaths and a sensible mix of transport. I came in on the train and the station made me feel very encouraged – it was light and clean and well supported from the people I have spoken to, the town has a good mix of housing, mostly adapted to save energy and few second homes or empty retirement properties. The countryside is well cared for and appreciated. Rolle is amazing, a centre for training, community groups and with a focus on rural crafts and green technology. A great town with really good shops, cafe's etc.

Hello All

Enjoying Exmouth. So much to do, so much to see. The town is interesting, lots of little independent shops as well as a reasonable number of chain stores that provide most things. The streets, beach and river are clean and it's easy to get around and find everything you want. It's interesting in that it's a designated Eco-Resort so that everything is designed to be sustainable. The I.I.C. is good, showing the many different attractions both in the town and the surrounding area. People here are friendly and proud of their town.

This is a lovely scenic place based on the river Exe it has plenty of water activities. There's 2 metres of golden sand with lots of things going on for rainy days; bowling alley (hopefully) ice skating and areas for young children plus entertainment at night. The shops are very good with lots of different things for sale. There's the Strand a big open space for lots of public events it's car free with cafes and shops around it. There's a large supermarket with a new sports centre. Plenty of night life for all ages including a range of cinemas and theatres. For a stress free life come and live in Exmouth with its wonderful scenery.

Lovely life in Exmouth, such diversity and quality – such a civilized place, so much better than it was now that local people have much more control over running the town in the interests of everyone!

Welcome to Exmouth

Town surrounded by beautiful country, sandy beaches, wonderful wildlife on our famous estuary.

An unforgettable experience so come and join us.

When I arrived in Exmouth I went to the Tourist Information Centre in the Strand. They were extremely helpful and there was lots of activity. We sat for the afternoon in the Strand and enjoyed the entertainment there and drank coffee and had a good lunch. We had a game of ten pin bowling at the Harlequin Centre which was great. The next day we visited the Visitor Centre and learnt so much about the Jurassic Coast and past and present and future. We extended our stay to two weeks because we loved the place so much. The shops were also wonderful specialising in Jurassic Coast Themes.

We travelled by sea to Lyme on the scheduled boat trip to come back by bus. We loved the area and will return.

Exmouth has a thriving shopping centre with lots of small interesting shops. There is a modern sports centre close to the bus/railway station which is modern, clean and well cared for. The beach is superb with plenty of sailing, windsurfing and other water based activities – there are 2 newish slipways. There is a superb Visitors Centre close to Orcombe Point which has good bus links to the Town Centre.

Dear

Exmouth is a very nice place. It was easy to access and there is plenty of nice affordable hotels and Bed & Breakfast establishments in which to stay.

The town centre is attractive and traffic free and the buildings, although a few years ago were run down and required maintenance, have been made more attractive. The community have protected their heritage well and a wonderful state of the art “Heritage” visitor centre gives us a wonderful insight into the natural world. There is a brilliant education facility envied by similar coastal towns in the south west.

There are some wonderful shops providing many items which, years ago, the residents would have had to travel to Exeter for. Most people are employed locally and travel has been reduced. The air quality is exceptional.

With you were here.

R.

Dear Ann

Writing from my hotel bedroom over-looking the seafront.

The new sea defences have taken quite a chunk of beach but the tides are extremely high, and they are needed.

We went into the town centre yesterday and the cafe quarter looked very Parisian with the tables and umbrellas dotted about but there didn't seem to be many customers.

I wanted to visit my Mother-in laws house on the Colony but unfortunately the whole area is now under water. The estuary now extends along the Exeter Road as far as The Parade and we only had shops on the left hand side coming into the town centre. A sea wall has been built to hold back the water and prevent further flooding of the town centre.

All the fancy flats and the Marina have disappeared.

All in all Exmouth is a much smaller but cosier place to visit.

Love Sue

Having a wonderful week in Exmouth. Beautiful. Stunning beach. Fantastic shopping.

Wish you were here.

Just been to Exmouth and the weather was very good!

They do have some lovely gardens here especially the Strand and Manor Gardens. The Strand is open and sunny and I was able to sit and enjoy a sandwich etc under the young trees. There was a group of musicians and the platform at one end.

The Manor Gardens are like a beautiful park with flowers and seats.

The seafront is really good with a boating lake and a bowling alley with restaurants and good views. There are also some smaller cafes and a very interesting visitor centre where I found out about the Jurassic Coast (could get a boat trip).

The town is clean with small shops, supermarket and cafes etc.

There is entertainment at the Pavilion on the sea front and a live theatre. Also a cinema with 3 screens.

The streets have floral displays and hanging baskets everywhere.

Hi Jo!

We have just arrived here in Exmouth by train. Excellent trip with comfortable train and good facilities at the station. What a view. Good all the way along the Estuary and then the amazing buildings close to the station. Easy to find our way around the town centre, with its small bustling shops, large open space at what is called the Strand and on by the pathways to the Esplanade and the beach. We had a cupper at an intriguing cafe with lots of photos of old Exmouth. It is so much nicer now by the looks of things. We took the light rail tram along the Esplanade to Orcombe Point where we walked up the cliffs. Hence we learnt the local geology and admired the views across Lyme Bay and north to Woodbury Common. This evening we are off bowling before having a meal at a local restaurant. Tomorrow a boat trip along the coast and a visit to the theatre in the evening. So much to do here – a great find.

Cheers for now.

Frank.

Clean! Streets

Bright, modern and old

Nice shops, well kept

Flowers & Trees

Clean beach

Lots to do!

Music playing in parks!

Views from Exmouth

The blot on the landscape is the seven storey “Barrack Blocks” on the Docks development obstructing the views of the estuary to the shame of the town.

Our sea and estuary views are under threat, as are the green surrounds to the Town. We try to protect our remaining Public Open Spaces. We could be such a beautiful place again, but can we hold off the “Greed Merchant” from covering the last square yard with concrete? We try to protect this fading jewel but are we trying hard enough? We must protect all our green open spaces our views of sea and estuary.

2030

Guess what, it only took an hour today to get from the M5 to Exmouth - A huge jam at Exton past the new hospital. It is all houses now from Clyst St Mary to Exmouth – more like Tokyo than Devon.

Exmouth is wonderful – Charity Shops in Exeter Road are the best I have ever come across – and so many of them.

The sea front hasn't changed – Long, long sandy beach – quite unspoilt – I wonder how it survived? The Marina has fallen into decay – half of it has fallen into decay – half of it has caved into the old dock – much like the old sailing club! Poor workmanship.

Wow

What wonderful community facilities – a lot of places that are so accessible for all. We were able to take our daughter in her wheelchair on the bus to many places. The restaurants were very accommodating and the hydro pool was an amazing bonus.

The beauty that is Exmouth

The loveliest thing about Exmouth is that people really only come here because they wish to. It nestles in a corner of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and enjoys a wonderful coast line and a fabulous estuary – each a natural wonder which should be cherished and maintained for our children's children.

It's good to be here.

1 ½ miles of glorious beach, plenty of sea sports.

Lovely cafe's and shops.

Beautiful gardens and parks, lots of facilities for the children.

Arrived in Exmouth, bright and sunny today so went for a long walk along the unspoilt, clean seafront. Even the beach looks inviting. Had to ask somebody which way to the town as I was wandering around the Jurassic coast looking for it – turns out I was at the wrong end!

The town is disappointing, which is a shame as an otherwise beautiful place. Faded grandeur in some places, seedy low-run down shops elsewhere?! Not even a decent trendy wine bar, just regular pubs all selling the same old cheap pub grub. Went to Italian Place called Prezzo's – waited an hour for food – not impressed!! However some of the old parts are lovely and the number of blue plaques around signify what an important, historical place this once was – I say once was, cos it seems to have lost its history by not promoting it – who would know about its history unless you read about it before you came cos there is no promotion of it in the town. I hope it is not raining tomorrow because I would struggle to find something to amuse myself – still there is always the train to Exeter – if I can find the station that is!!

As a local resident I am pleased to say that my grand children love to visit us here, and the main activities they enjoy are games and gymnastics on the beach and walking along the Esplanade, but oh please get rid of the cycle path between the Docks and D.J's Cafe, as they love to get an ice cream on the sea front without being shouted at by cyclists.

They would love to use the bowling alley when finished, and are lucky to be able to walk there as there seems to be no car parking provided.

We are all looking forward to the completing of the Strand and hope it works out ok.

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Future

To have a balanced community.

Encourage tourism – enhance, conserve environment

Increased tourism facilities (leisure) Slipway,

Boat storage, boating/sailing – marine related industries, Tourism related industries.

A unit to start/help new small businesses.

Better transport links to M5, Exeter Airport, Exeter Proposed Science Park and Sky Park.

Exmouth to have smaller/tighter shopping centre.

Exmouth is an absolutely brilliant place. However there are a few things which could do with a bit of attention.

The shopping area is very poor for a town of this size – it really needs an iconic store like M&S to move in and shake things up a bit. Fortunately the weather has been good because what we would find to do on a wet day I shudder to think! There is a cinema and a half finished Bowling Alley and that's about it.

The town doesn't really make enough of its location – it's bounded in a triangular shape by sea, estuary and common, simply idyllic, but it doesn't market itself very effectively.

Getting here by road was a bit of a problem – the road in is nothing like good enough for volume access. Rail links are good but – they don't synchronise with the local buses – how silly is that! In spite of all this I still think – Exmouth is an absolutely brilliant place!

Trevor Brown BrowBrBroBrown

Dear Flossie

I've been back to Exmouth today and spent the day on the beach, it was clean and lots of activity going on. The Water sports Centre was great and I tried windsurfing and jet ski-ing. There was a great Bar B Q area on the Maer where your mum and I had a lovely dinner.

See you soon.

Dad

Dear Matt

Having a restful time in Exmouth. It was fabulous to walk along the beach to Orcombe Point as the sun was going down. It could have been the Costa Wherever! The beach is very clean. Shame there wasn't a coffee bar in sight. So ... had to walk into town but that was pleasant going through Manor Gardens. There was a concern on and lots of people sitting around on rugs with picnics. Absolutely delightful. Found a selection of restaurants – but very few of them open beyond 9pm – oh well fish n chips it is..!

Best wishes C.

Hi my friend

Here I am in Exmouth,

- Great beach – too many dogs and those xxxxx jet-skis
- Found the estuary – what a beautiful place but almost nobody there. Needs proper planning by walkers and people who want a nice meal while watching the sunset.
- I can't understand this place: lovely water sports opportunities but how do people get their boats launched and then park their trailers?
- After 3 days we found the shops – why are there not clear signs and really it would be good if the space (wanted) at Imperial Hotel was a good access linking to the Strand and beyond.
- As for the shops – at last it looks as though there may be some quality around the Strand and better restaurants in that area. But the town centre needs a quality food store.
- I met young people who want to carry on studying after 16, but don't want to do 'A' levels – they have to travel to Exeter to get vocational training. No wonder they drop out!
- So, it's a great place but could be so much better with property planning.

Glad you're not here!

Dear Roger

Having a lovely weekend break here in Exmouth. Thanks for your recommendation which has really lived up to expectations. The train from Exeter along the estuary was stunning, tide in and lots of interesting birds, lovely comfortable carriages. The hotel was very welcoming and its place on the seafront with further lovely views across the sea an added pleasure.

Fortunately the weather has been beautiful so we have been "promenading" and enjoying the open spaces and walks along the beach and Madeira Walk.

Plenty of restaurants and cafes and the centre of Exmouth is looking very "continental". Will come back again!

Love

Maureen

Town Core Strategy Consultation Event Feedback

March- May 2010

Method

Six workshops were organised in each of the six main towns in East Devon (Sidmouth, Exmouth, Ottery St. Mary, Honiton, Axminster and Seaton). These workshops were part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy Consultation. The LDF will set planning and development guidelines for East Devon up to 2030.

After the workshops each of the participants was asked to complete a feedback form to let us know what they thought about the event. These results from these feedback forms was put into SPSS and analysed. The opinions of the 56 participants that completed this form on the various aspects on the event are shown in the bar graph on the next page.

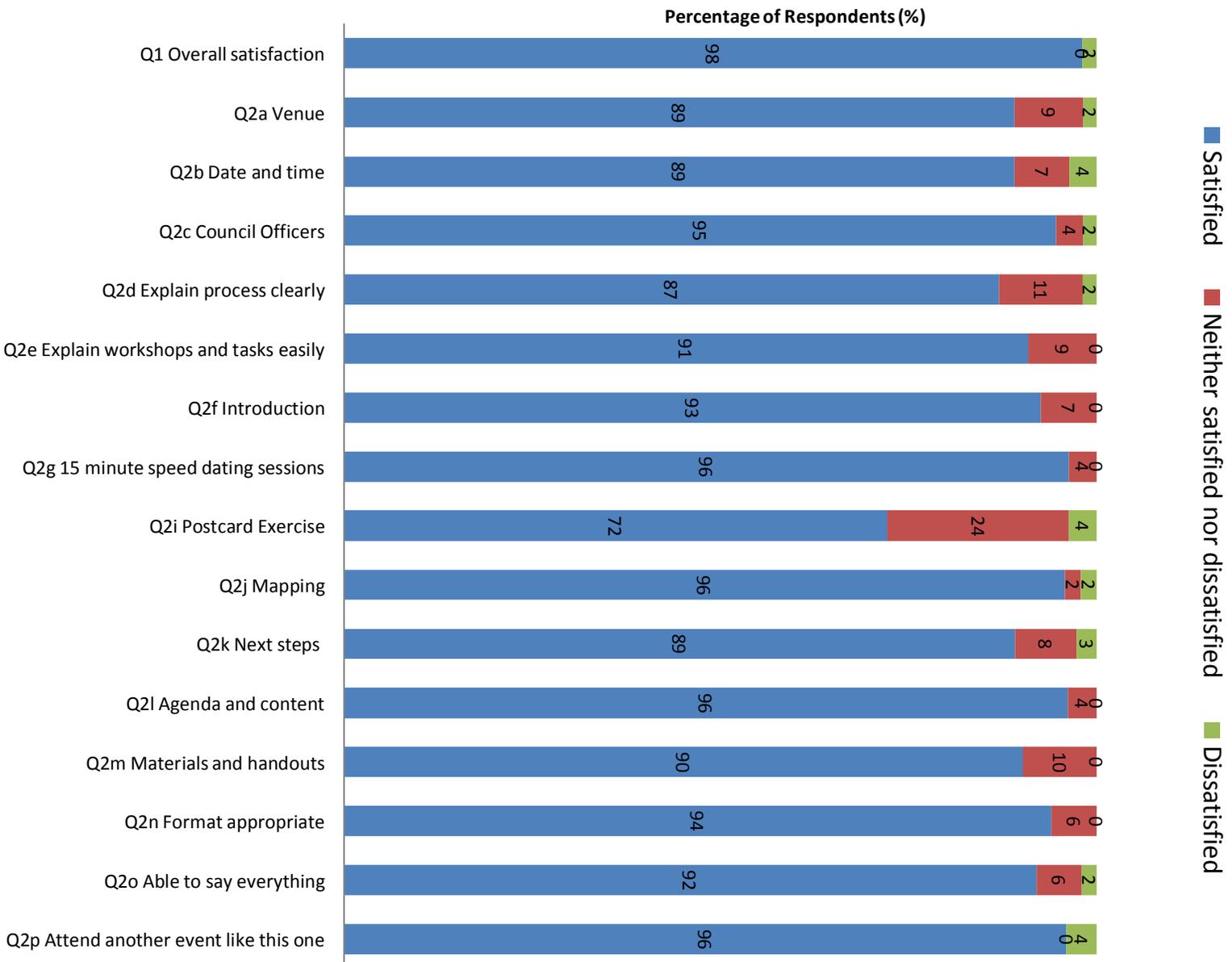
Summary

- Between 72% and 98% of participants were satisfied with all of the aspects of the event that we asked them about. Across the 16 areas we asked them about there was an average of 91% satisfaction.
- In the comments section participants generally felt that the event was interesting. However several felt that there should have been more time allowed for the speed dating workshop, and that it was sometimes difficult to hear what was being said. This could be remedied by a microphone system or by having larger venues.

Results

The full results follow on the next 3 pages.

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Q3. Please provide us with any comments/ suggestions based on the questions above:

21 respondents commented

- I think the format works quite well
- worthwhile experience - even say i enjoyed it!
- Speed dating - not enough time to answer or discuss more than 3 rounds
- 10 minute speed dating could have be 5 minutes longer
- presenters difficult to hear throughout the entire room
- some concern that Ottery st Mary seem to be on the west/ east divide of the district
- A very positive exercise which it was good to be involved in.
- Apologies for having to leave the event before the ending. Found the afternoon interesting and informative from other participants in particular.
- Would have been good to know what other groups were represented
- Afternoon very suitable
- More time for discussions
- Sometimes too many people speaking at the same time. Could not always hear adequately.
- Really enjoyed the event and found it very useful
- A good opportunity to share and give views
- Needs some firmer chairing- keep motor mouths under control!
- I hope you will take note of the many points that were raised.
- Slightly longer discussions of same topics.
- Table was too unbalanced- 4 Town Councillors, 2 District Councillors amd 2 Officers of ETC
- It would have been beneficial to have an overview of what organisations and voluntary bodies were represented at the consultation.
- I get the feeling that EDDC and DCC have not listened to Exmouth Town Council re the land and buildings at the Rolle site. This will cost us more in the long run re training, education and community events.
- Covered alot of ground in an efficient way given the format of this meeting.

Q4. What could have been improved:

15 respondents commented

- Provide more information before hand to allow better preparation. Existing plan, agenda and population data
- LDF Explanation
- Needed a public address system at times
- Better prior notice, and a great deal more clarity in advance as to the format of the event
- speed dating - very good but more time
- probably, too long winded need to keep it shorter
- Better attendance, but not EDDC fault we tried hard to attract others
- Timing was a little difficult- maybe some groups invited were not reprsented at the event as in work time.
- Larger venue
- Larger venue
- Did not hear all of the speakers- a microphone should have been used.

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- Keep motor mouths quiet! Some people want to listen as well as speak.
- Tea a little earlier!
- Maybe 20 minute sessions
- Hard to hear quite a few contributions- microphone

Q5. What would be your preferred means of consultation:

10 respondents commented

- Face to Face, email and telephone in that order
- I think these comments and plans should be consolidated and publicised both physically and on the internet. These should encourage more feedback from the wider community
- today's event was fine - Put on an event to consult with young people??
- Internet
- I found this format very instructive and was able to voice my opinions. This will be alright for me in future.
- This included a wide range of local organisations however there were no young people present. I feel this exercise should be available for Year 11 pupils at the Community College under the heading of Citizen Training. Young peoples views together with the experience of older folk would give a more balanced result.
- E-mail
- It was good to have much opportunity for discussion.
- This was fine (+ questionnaire). Space on a form like this to augment discussions. An opportunity to put in writing anything you personally feel strongly about that may have not come up in discussions.
- Press release in local paper.