



Issue 1 of 7

Your Village

Your Say

6th May

This is the first of a series of newsletters to be produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Group ('NPG'). ***Please keep this and later issues –*** together they will provide an introduction to some of the topics on which we will seek your opinion at a Community Consultation Day planned for 6th May:

Issue 1 – Background and process

Issue 2 – Draft vision, aims and objectives

Issue 3 – Community, facilities and wellbeing

Issue 4 – Natural environment

Issue 5 – Historic and built environment

Issue 6 – Roads and parking

Issue 7 – Housing

Background

West Devon Borough Council, together with South Hams District Council and Plymouth City Council ('the LPA's'), have combined forces and are working to produce a single Joint Local Plan ('JLP').

"This Plan will set out the overarching strategy for the area, setting out where development will take place, what areas should be protected, and how the area will change".

The JLP covers a 20 year period i.e. 2014 – 2034.

The emerging JLP identifies a need for a minimum of 300 new houses across West Devon's 20 villages, including Exbourne, for this period.



The LPA's are intending to link the number of new homes that a village needs to plan for with the availability of services and facilities in that village. This "Village Sustainability Assessment" has not yet been completed but we expect an allocation of at least the 20 new houses previously suggested by "Our Plan".

The Neighbourhood Plan provides an opportunity for the whole community to have an influence over this development. Once adopted, it would have the same legal status as the JLP, meaning **it would have statutory weight when planning applications are considered.**

Where are we now?

A simple outline of the process that we are following for the Exbourne Neighbourhood Plan is shown opposite.

Following the guidance you gave us in the vision, themes and issues questionnaire, the NPG has been building an evidence base of factual information, analysis, and documents, that will help inform the Neighbourhood Plan. This work has also led to some key questions that we would like the community to answer to ensure the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are guided by you.

It is this evidence and questions that we will be setting out briefly in these newsletters and in greater detail at the **Community Consultation Day on the 6th May.**

Getting Started

Clarify why plan is needed

Determine neighbourhood area

Vision and aims

Vision, themes and issues questionnaire

First draft of vision, aims and objectives

Build evidence

Engage with stakeholders and build evidence base

Consult with community on key messages and questions

Write Plan

Develop policies and draft plan

Assess sustainability and delivery

Consultation

Consult community on draft plan

Amend draft plan as appropriate

Examination

Submit plan to LPA

Independent Examination

Referendum

Plan put to community

Referendum held

Plan is made

Plan is adopted

Plan becomes part of the JLP

Will my views count?

Yes they will. The Neighbourhood Plan, following Independent Examination and majority support in a referendum, will become part of the JLP and carry statutory weight.

Is the 6th May really that important?

Yes, yes and yes again! Please put the date in your diary. The Neighbourhood Plan is “Your Plan” and we need your views.

What do you need me to do?

Take time to begin thinking about the information in our newsletters so that, when you come along to the Village Hall (yes on the 6th May), you can give us a considered view.

How can I find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan and what the LPA’s are planning?

Go to: <http://np.exbournewithjacobstowe.org.uk/>
<http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/jointlocalplan>

What if I don’t have a computer?

The Burrow has one, there is access to computers at the library (and helpful staff), ask a neighbour, speak to a member of the NPG or pop along to the NPG meetings.

What if I can’t be there on 6th May?

Any comments you have on the content of these newsletters can be sent to the Parish Clerk or via the Neighbourhood Plan website.

PLEASE KEEP ME