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# **Your Village**

**Your Say** 

6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May:

## 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".

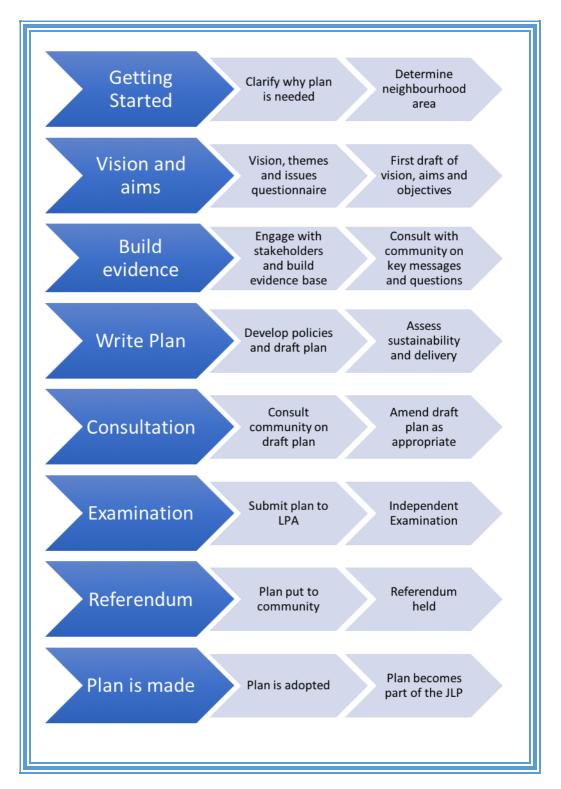
The Neighbourhood Plan provides an opportunity for the whole community to have an influence over this development. Once adopted, it would have the same legal status as the JLP, meaning **it would have statutory weight when planning applications are considered.** 

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> May.** 



### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>http://np.exbournewithjacobstowe.org.uk/</u> <u>http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/jointlocalplan</u>

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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