

Local Plan Review: Options Consultation

The Local Plan Review is intended to supersede existing adopted planning policies for Mid Devon, including the Core Strategy (adopted 2007), the Allocations and Infrastructure plan (adopted 2010) and Development Management policies (adopted 2013). Initial consultation on the scope and broad options for planning strategy took place in July/August 2013 and the Council has now produced draft policies and options for consultation.

In order to take part in the consultation, please ensure you read the options document, available at www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview, and submit your response by 24 March 2014. Thank you for your time.

Do you agree with the Vision and Spatial Strategy?

Yes

No

Not sure

Is there anything else we should change or include in the Vision and Spatial Strategy?

1) Increase emphasis on history & heritage as tourist attraction
2) Reduce the pre-occupation with things - housing, commercial developments to re-focus on people - well-being & included and supported where necessary.

Draft Policies S1 and S2 set out the Council's approach and priorities for sustainable development.

What is your opinion about these policies?

Support

Object

Other

Do you have any specific comments about these policies?

a) more care needed to mitigate the inevitable adverse consequences of developments e.g. reflective sound barriers where new roads are planned to minimise noise pollution
b) visual and noise barrier for skate parks / leisure facilities to minimise impact on existing residents

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Policy S3 includes two options for the distribution of development over the plan period (2013-2033). The first option is to continue focusing development in the three main towns according to their current sizes and roles. The second option is to provide for long-term growth (post-2026) in a new community. A separate question deals with the location of a new community, but please indicate your opinion in principle below.

Which option do you prefer and are there alternative options we should consider?

- Option 1: Continue to focus most development in the towns up to 2033
- Option 2: Focus development after 2026 in a new community
- Other

Are there any alternative options we should consider?

There is urgent need to improve Cullompton's road infrastructure to prevent traffic damage in the town centre. Funding for the East Relief Road and A15 J28 re-structure could start in 2026. Development focused on the towns may provide funding without precluding the new community in 2026.

If the Council chooses to pursue Option 2 under Policy S3 (the new community option), which location would you prefer and why?

- Option 2(a) - Land at Junction 27 and adjoining Willand
- Option 2(b) - East Cullompton (east of Junction 28)
- Other

Are there other locations we should consider and why?



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Policies S4-S6 are strategic housing policies setting out a potential target for annual rates of housing across the district, the proportion to be affordable and adaptable, the amount of public open space to be provided, and the Council's approach to ensuring housing delivery.

Do you support these policies or have suggestions on how they could be improved?

Support

Object

Other

Do you have suggestions for how these policies could be improved?

Encourage diversity of housing design with the random layouts that provide interest and intrigue in town planning - opportunities for creativity in housing development.

Economy and infrastructure policies are set out in Policies S7-S9 of the options document. These propose 154,000 square metres of commercial floorspace (including retailing) over the plan period (2013-2033) and set out the Council's approach to town centres and infrastructure delivery.

Do you support these policies or have suggestions about how they could be improved?

Support

Object

Other

How could we improve these policies?

Ensure that buildings "fit in" Having moved from Blackburn Lancashire. I believe that is of paramount importance to ensure sympathetic building design. Enormous resentment built up against the building of mosques & madressas with huge green domes - religious communities should be free to pursue their beliefs, but inside building that fit in with local surroundings. local residents abhor the nature of their community being changed so dramatically - it leads to racial and religious tensions unnecessarily.

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Policy S10 seeks to sustain the quality of Mid Devon's environmental assets and minimise the effects of development on climate change.

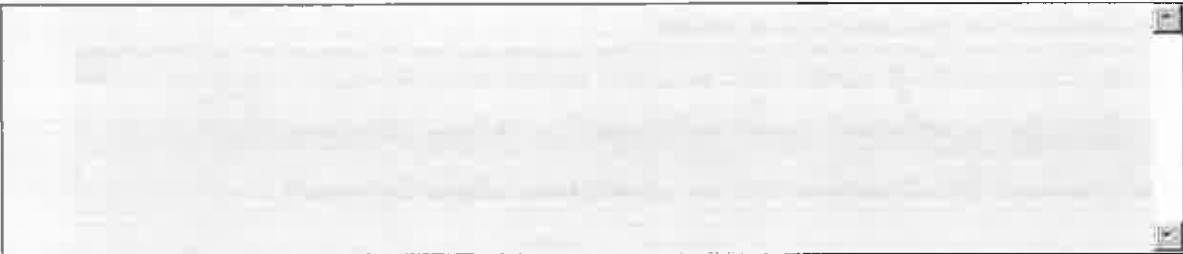
Do you support this policy and do you have suggestions about how it could be improved?

Support

Object

Other

How could the policy be improved?



Policies S11-S15 set out strategic policies for the towns, villages and countryside, including expected annual rates of development for the towns which can vary depending on the options discussed under Policy S3 (amount and distribution of development).

Do you support these policies and do you have suggestions about how they can be improved?

Support

Object

Other

How might these policies be improved?



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The Site Allocations section of the Local Plan Review options document includes numerous options for development sites in the towns and villages. These exceed the amount of development likely to be required, but the Council wishes properly to consider all the available sites before making decisions on which are most appropriate.

Please tell us your opinion on specific sites in this chapter of the plan, continuing on a separate sheet if necessary. Providing detailed reasons for any objections will help us evaluate and compare the suitability of different options.

No objections

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The Council adopted its Development Management Local Plan (LP3) in October 2013. This plan is included in the options consultation without modification, but pages 102-107 explain where amendments or new policies are being considered.

Do you have anything to say about the amendments or new policies being considered, or comments about the existing adopted policies included within the consultation document?

No objections

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