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**1. Do you agree with the Vision and Spatial Strategy?**

Yes

A structured and sustainable approach must be appropriate although the Strategic Housing Market Assessment should be completed before any decisions are made.

**2. Draft Policies S1 and S2 set out the Council's approach and priorities for sustainable development. What is your opinion about these policies?**

Support

The status and protection of the AONB should not be diminished due to the support of S1 and S2

**1. 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?**

Other

Support Option 1 with a long-term focus (after 2026) on Option 2. But development in rural areas should still be restricted to the Option 2 figure of 1040.

**2. 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

There is a good existing infrastructure of roads, rail, airport and public transport with this option. Employment opportunities and retail/commercial/light industry would nevertheless need to be improved with this option

**1. 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?**

Object

SHMA must be completed before any action is taken. Types of property and associated developments should reflect the individual character of each settlement as reflected in their own housing needs surveys - particularly important in rural areas.

**2. 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

Retail developments should not diminish town centre provision. The vitality and viability of town centres should be the main focus of this policy.

**1. 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

Sustainable development is of paramount importance.

**2. 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

Development should be town-centric, cascading to large settlements which can meet the sustainable development criteria with suitable infrastructure paramount

**1. 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.**

Development in Hemyock would fail the criteria set out in the Local Plan for the following reasons: The school and medical centre are currently close to capacity There is limited existing employment and no new employment is proposed Poor public transport links; development would increase the number of cars using the roads and therefore increase carbon emissions There are currently high volumes of commercial traffic daily using the roads through Hemyock, servicing neighbouring districts which reduces the capacity of the current highways to absorb any more use The settlement is remote and the roads are narrow and over-used already, access into the village is steep due to the lie of the land The village is not self-sufficient; there is no fuel available and no mains gas The current infrastructure cannot accommodate more sewerage or storm water drainage - climate change has also led to regular flooding in the village in recent years which would be exacerbated by the proposed developments Any development would have a detrimental effect on the visual and ecological status of this village in an ANOB.

**2. 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 Response

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