

Welcome to our consultation about Plan Mid Devon

What is this consultation about?

We are preparing a new Local Plan for Mid Devon which we have called '**Plan Mid Devon**'.

The first step will be to make sure we have identified all of the most important matters that **Plan Mid Devon** will need to address to help us plan for the future well-being and prosperity of the district and its communities.

This consultation on an Issues Paper provides you with an opportunity to tell us what you think **Plan Mid Devon** should focus on and we very much look forward to hearing from you.

We are also consulting on:

- Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report
- Equalities Impact Assessment Screening Report

Please take a look around the exhibition and ask one of the Forward Planning Team if you have any questions.

What is a Local Plan?

This is a plan for the future development of the area. It includes a written statement with planning policies, and maps showing where development can take place and which parts of the area will be protected. The plan is drawn up by the Council in consultation with community.

Why do we need a new Local Plan?

There is a legal requirement to review Local Plans every 5 years. This ensures that we have an up to date Local Plan for the district, and that Mid Devon will continue to benefit from a plan-led approach for development to meet our current and future needs up to 2043. The review will mean we can take into account the latest national planning policies and guidance, and fresh evidence regarding the need for new homes, jobs and infrastructure. A new Local Plan presents an opportunity to introduce new policies to help respond to climate change and move towards net-zero carbon.

This consultation is not about choosing which sites will be developed across the district. No decisions have yet been made about what will be included in the new Local Plan. A lot of technical work still needed to help us prepare Plan Mid Devon. There will be further stages of consultation where you will be able to have your say and influence the decisions taken on how the district will be planned in the future.



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