

Culm Garden Village



The Culm Garden Village proposal is one of only 14 areas awarded Garden Village status by the Government in January 2017. Mid Devon's expression of interest for the Garden Village identified the potential to deliver up to 5,000 sustainable new homes in a country park landscape, with jobs, community facilities and transport, all integrated with Cullompton itself.

Culm Garden Village will be a flagship development for the district, and will have an important role to play in showcasing high-quality design of new development. The planning of the Garden Village will embrace 'Garden Community Principles' based on those first introduced in the late 1800s and which have been tailored for the 21st Century.

Garden Community Principles aim to create diverse and healthy communities with high-quality affordable housing and locally accessible work. They are intended to enhance the natural environment, protect biodiversity, utilise zero carbon and energy positive technology, and create green infrastructure networks. Integrated and accessible transport systems, with walking, cycling and public transport at the forefront, should be designed to be the most attractive forms of local transport.

Plan Mid Devon will carry forward the current planned development of 1,750 new homes at East Cullompton, which will form part of the Garden Village proposal. This will include detailed policy for the area, including the provision and phasing of new infrastructure and transport improvements. Culm Garden Village will need to include new schools, shops, services, health care, employment, and supporting infrastructure. It will also offer other benefits such as new open space, recreation and sports facilities, and access to the countryside. Our understanding of what is required will be informed through ongoing technical work.

The Culm Garden Village is subject to continued masterplanning work with development expected to extend beyond 2043, which is why Plan Mid Devon will have a vision that looks further ahead (to 2053).

We would like to hear what you think should be included in the planning of Culm Garden Village to make it a successful place to live, work and visit

