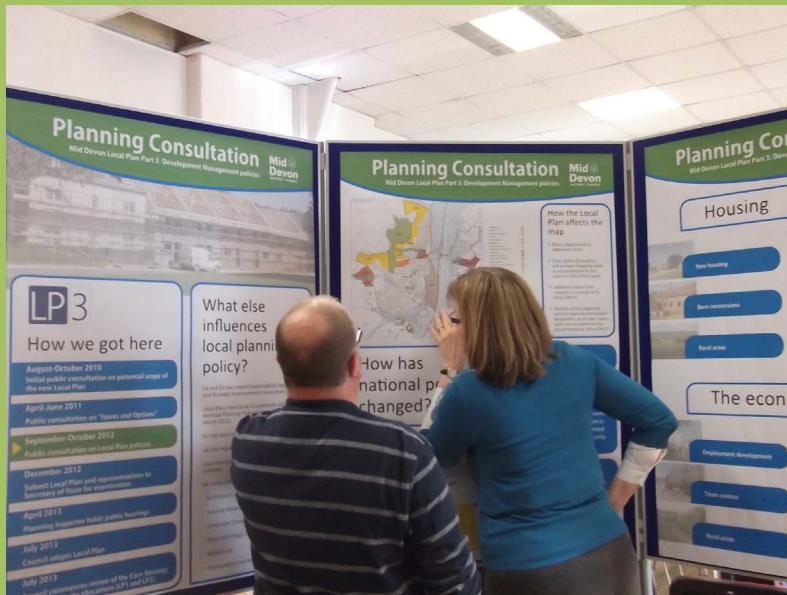


# Authority's Monitoring Report

Summary Leaflet



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# Key facts about Mid Devon

- Population: 78,600 (up 12% since 2001)
- Population has grown at a faster rate than the rest of Devon, the South West and England
- Service sector accounts for 75% of employment, but recent growth in the industrial / manufacturing sector
- 20.3% of households include a member with a disability and 60+ age group is increasing
- Housing affordability remains an issue, though house prices have dropped slightly this year
- Second home ownership is below Devon average

## Sustainable communities and the environment

- 43% of new housing is on brownfield land
- Efficient use of land – 56% of housing built at over 30 dwellings per hectare
- 91% of new employment development is on brownfield land
- Renewable energy capacity is 58% higher than that installed last year
- No applications were approved where there were outstanding objections from the Environment Agency
- New Conservation Area designated at Blundells, Tiverton
- Conservation Area Appraisals are progressing swiftly
- £106,280 spent on public open space (from developer contributions)

## Progress on Local Plan preparation

- Adopted Local Plan in place for planning strategy to the year 2026
- New Local Plan (LP3) – Adopted October 2013
- Local Plan Review progressing towards publication and submission
- New Community Infrastructure Levy progressing towards publication and submission
- Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document adopted
- Provision of Parking In New Development Supplementary Planning Document adopted
- Progressing Landscape Sensitivity Assessment Supplementary Planning Document
- Progressing North West Cullompton Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document

## Housing

- Number of planning permissions at four year high.
- Over five year supply of housing
- 1013 dwellings with planning permission
- 356 dwellings under construction
- 320 dwellings built, including 68 affordable dwellings (target not met)
- Delivery of gypsy and traveller accommodation is on target

## Employment

- 80 hectares of employment land available
- Poor market conditions – low take-up of allocated sites
- Little change in town centre activity (pedestrian footfall)
- Unemployment at lowest level for many years

