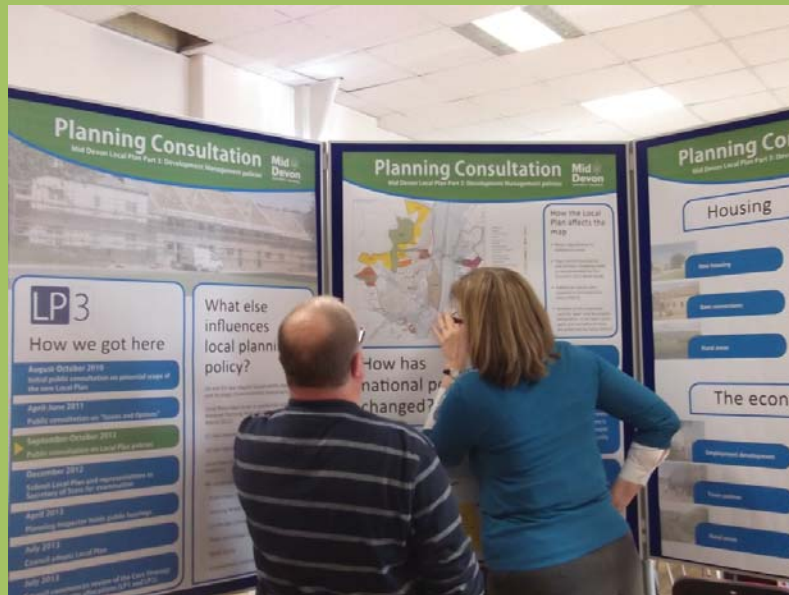


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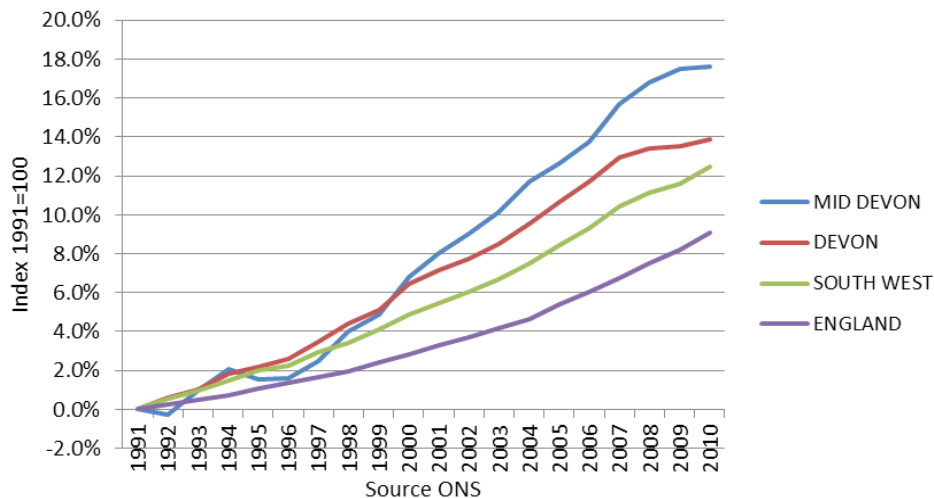
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Key facts about Mid Devon

- Population: 77,750 (up 11% since 2001)
- Service sector accounts for 77% of employment
- 20.3% of households include a member with a disability and 60+ age group is increasing
- Housing costs 7.82 times annual earnings on average (2010 figures) but prices have been dropping since 2011
- Second home ownership is below Devon average

Population change compared with county, region and England



Sustainable communities and the environment

- 59% of new housing is on brownfield land
- Efficient use of land – 50% of housing built at over 30 dwellings per hectare
- 57% of new employment development is on brownfield land
- Renewable energy capacity is nearly twice that installed last year
- No applications were approved where there were outstanding objections from the Environment Agency
- Social deprivation is increasing (2010 figures)
- Conservation Area Appraisals are progressing slowly
- £150,000 spent on public open space (from developer contributions)

Employment

- 85 hectares of employment land available
- Poor market conditions – low take-up of allocated sites
- Little change in town centre activity (pedestrian footfall)
- Town centres vulnerable to national retail trends and internet shopping
- Unemployment is rising but remains lower than regional average

Progress on Local Plan preparation

- Adopted policies in place for planning strategy to the year 2026, plus supplementary policies on air quality and public open space
- New Local Plan (LP3) final draft published September 2012 – expected adoption August 2013
- Community Infrastructure Levy examination in progress
- Revised Supplementary Planning Document 'Meeting Housing Needs' adopted June 2012
- New Statement of Community Involvement adopted August 2012
- Draft Green Infrastructure Plan published October 2011
- Core Strategy review to commence 2013
- Parking standards Supplementary Planning Document – target adoption July 2013

Housing

- Available land for housing over the next 5 years is at 136% of the required amount
- 761 dwellings with planning permission
- 508 dwellings under construction
- 212 dwellings built, including 28 affordable dwellings (target not met)
- Delivery of gypsy and traveller accommodation is on target