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Q1: The masterplan will need to take account of and enhance natural/environmental features of the site and its surroundings. Are there existing environmental features you would particularly like to be protected or enhanced?

The little dip near St George's well is of real character and should be protected/enhanced.

Q2: Planning policy allocates the site for 1100 dwellings and employment. Due to site constraints, this cannot be achieved. Only 700 houses are likely to be provided on the allocated site. It is unlikely that this will be enough to pay for the infrastructure that would be required including the new road, primary school and other community facilities. Should the boundaries between the green infrastructure and housing land be amended in order to increase the amount of housing to compensate for this and pay for these facilities?

The town definitely needs a new road and a primary school even before an additional 700 houses are built.

The houses being built should only be built if they cover the cost a new road and appropriate facilities associated with the increased population numbers.

Also how come the policy allocates the site for 1100 dwellings and employment but they already know they cannot achieve this number!!

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Q3: The development will increase traffic. How should this be dealt with and where should the proposed road connect into Tiverton Road and Willand Road?

The new road should be located such as to disengage the traffic through Fore Street, and so should connect up Tiverton Road (past Trumps Barn).

Q4: The residential element will provide a range of housing types and affordability. What types of housing would you like to see?

A large range (both in terms of price and sizes (including flats)) should be provided.

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Q5: The urban extension proposes employment floorspace. What types of employment should this include and where should it be located?

It depends what type of businesses can be attracted. There is already a "new" business park in Willand plus the Cullompton one (near Culm Lea) so it will be worth checking with them what they think.

Q6: Where should the new primary school be located?

Somewhere near the Health Centre, where the access to the school is the easiest.

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Q7: The masterplan will provide major areas of green and recreational space. What should this include? Where should new sports pitches be located?

As well as possibly new sports pitches, Cullompton really needs a swimming pool and has needed one for decades. The Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign is doing a tremendous effort and work to raise funds to build a swimming pool complex in Cullompton. The location has already been found for it, and plans drawn up by architects. They know only need more money to make it actually happen.

I would like to ask the developers of this extension to make a contribution to Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign, a registered charity which is trying to raise the money to build and operate one as a community based pool. A pool in Cullompton would attract home buyers, so the developers would be able to sell their houses more easily.

Q8: The policy proposes a new community centre and youth facilities. What new community facilities are needed? Where should they be located?

We already have a few community areas in Cullompton, including a brand new Community Centre, the Hayridge and the newly renovated Walronds. There is also the John Pallack Centre that is being close which was providing great facility for Cullompton Youth.

Instead of building yet another centre, investment should be made to maintain, run and improve existing facilities.

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Q9: Please comment on the two emerging development options. Of the two options put forward, do you have a preference?

It looks to me that one option (Option 2) has already been favoured by the decision makers. I think both options are viable and have pros and cons, but the main thing for is that whichever option is chosen, the developer should ensure that the new road, that has been promised for years to reduce town centre traffic, is actually built, that traffic problems at the motorway junctions are considered as well as provision for a primary school and other necessary services (such as GPs) are being made to counterbalance the massive increase in population number that this development will create.

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Q10: Overall, do you agree with the proposed scope and content of the proposed masterplan document?

Not really as at present Cullompton has been growing, leading to increase pressure on roads, schools and utilities (especially sewage). These issues need to be properly considered and dealt with and not just promised by the developers as has been the case so far.

If the new houses being built are not properly integrated within the town, the people living in them will not want to get involved in the life of Cullompton. It is striking that in the past 10 years Cullompton has grown massively, but the numbers of people volunteering in different local charity and community groups have reduced to almost nothing.

So I would agree with any plans that will not create yet another "dormitory" housing estate.

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Q11: Do you have any other comments to make on the proposed masterplan document?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Are you

c) A member of the public

Q13: Members of the public only – do you live

b) Elsewhere in Cullompton

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Q14: NOTE: RESPONSES CANNOT BE REGISTERED WITHOUT A NAME AND ADDRESS

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