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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?

Huge mistakes have been made in the past regarding the provision of a multitude of tiny recreational areas, such as very small childrens play areas which are underused, and when wet have proved to be very dangerous as they are slippery underfoot, resulting in a waste of space and the extra expense of maintenance. There has been inadequate provision of our public facilities in the past, and if lessons have been learned, the planning of decent public recreational facilities, such as a swimming pool and hydrotherapy pool, would be very successful with an ever growing population. (Our catchment area for a swimming pool in Cullompton has well over 40,000 residents. For hydrotherapy facilities in particular it is far more because there is a desperate need due to this facility not being easily available, particularly in Exeter). The situation at the moment is that Cullompton has too many underused tiny play areas. Why not use the play area in Spindlebury to build another bungalow? There is another play area with two minutes walk.

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?

I don't know enough about this to comment.

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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?

Heavier traffic is always a problem for residents. There has already been a heavier traffic flow through Swallow way since the new housing developments at Kingfisher Reach. While we accept that some extra traffic would almost certainly be using Swallow way we would like to see traffic encouraged to divert from Willand Road through Millennium Way to link up with a new link road between Station Road and the B3181 via a road placed as close as is practical to the railway line and the motorway. This is the ideal link road for Cullompton in our opinion.. PLEASE find a way of providing plenty of cycling paths in and around Cullompton. On road cycling is so dangerous.

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

A mixture of homes, especially starter homes for the young people for whom buying a property at today's prices is prohibitive.

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

Manufacturing, encouraging small businesses. It would also be great to see local crafts revived, especially in the textile areas, and traditional farm skills, such as hedging skills, which is part of our local history.

Q6: Where should the new primary school be located?

Unable to comment on this.

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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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

In the latest copy of the Cullompton Crier, nothing was mentioned about the latest survey in our local Cullompton Community College resulting in 70% of the pupils wanting a swimming pool facility in Cullompton. For over 70 years, the people of Cullompton have wanted a local swimming pool. Access to the pool in Tiverton is a nightmare, with not only an inadequate bus service and a two hour round trip, and there is no point in going when the pool is sometimes full when we arrive.

There is also an increasing and desperate need for a good hydrotherapy pool in Cullompton to serve the whole catchment area of over 40,000 people, not counting the residents of Exeter. The hydrotherapy facilities in Exeter are practically non-existent, except for children, and that is available in term time only, useless for children with disabilities needing continuous hydrotherapy. Large numbers of people would be helped from regular hydrotherapy sessions, from birth to special needs, to people recovering from injuries, to the elderly. All would benefit psychologically, emotionally, physically, medically, and socially.

What about our young people, and families? They are also desperate to have regular local swims. The campaign for a swimming pool in Cullompton has a huge following with many of our supporters willing to volunteer on a regular basis to raise funds. We are getting lots of advice from successful community run pools countrywide. Our schools have raised nearly £1,000 this year alone, and we know they are keen to use a local swimming pool. With pledges and money in the bank Cullompton residents have raised nearly £110,000. We have a large indoor site at Padbrook in which to install the pools.

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

unable to comment

Q10: Overall, do you agree with the proposed scope and content of the proposed masterplan document? *Respondent skipped this question*

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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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