

Uplyme Together

Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Public Meeting: the meeting in the Village Hall on 11th April was attended by about 180 people, and 120 questionnaires have been returned* with ideas on what people would like to see in the village. Perhaps because the meeting was at the start of the school holidays, there were very few parents of school-age children – and it is those children who'll be affected by the decisions we make now. So, if you are a parent and haven't yet replied, please make the effort to do so. The consultation is ongoing and even if you missed the deadline, your views are important and will be taken into account!

There will be at least one more public meeting, and also a meeting for landowners in the parish, before the plan is finalized, so please keep an eye out in the local press (or on the web site or the Uplyme Noticeboard on Facebook), for details.



Members of the public inspecting the displays at the meeting

* The preliminary results of the public consultation were collated and on display at the meeting, and are now available to view on the Council web site.

<http://uplymeparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan/>

Claire Rodway, EDDC's Senior Planning Officer, attended to advise people on planning issues, and she said "The display is very impressive, and the best presentation I have seen so far". So, congratulations are due to all the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, who put in so much effort to fill the hall with informative displays on various topics, including development, housing, youth, tourism, agriculture, the environment, footpaths, business, the village centre, and so on. (Not forgetting the tea ladies!)

Both EDDC and WDDC's local plans have been put back by some months because their housing figures were not well-enough supported by evidence. Since our plan has to conform to what the local plan says, and we have a duty to co-operate with neighbouring authorities, this is likely to hold up the completion of Uplyme's Plan, although we are not yet sure of how this will be managed.

To conclude, we hope you found the meeting worthwhile, and if you have any questions or opinions on the plan, please make sure you voice them – if you don't speak up, you won't be heard!

- The Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Working Group