

Uplyme Together



May 2015

Work has continued on the Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan since the public consultation event and exhibition held in the Village Hall in January 2015. Some of the actions that have taken place since January include:

- The Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, entirely staffed by volunteers, has continued to meet regularly to work on the Plan.
- Members of the Group attended a Housing and Neighbourhood Plan conference in Dartington in February, and one attended a training day on Neighbourhood Plans.
- Two meetings have been held with an adviser from a government-funded organisation called Planning Aid, set up for neighbourhood plans.
- A number of possible small-scale housing sites were identified by the public at the January exhibition and a Site Appraisal Checklist has been prepared, to provide a structured and transparent assessment of their suitability for development. This will be undertaken shortly, as a result of which some may be included in the Draft Plan, which will be subject to consultation.
- In a related activity, the April *Parish News* included a Call for Sites, for landowners who wanted their land considered as a potential development site. Any landowner still wishing to propose a site is invited to send details to clerk@uplymeparishcouncil.org.
- An appeal was also issued for local businesses, which may be based at home, to notify the Group of their presence and the nature of their business, and invited to comment on the quality of broadband and mobile phone coverage. It is planned that a local Uplyme Business

Directory will be produced, so any business wishing to appear in this is invited to send details to the above email address.

- A meeting has been held with Devon County Council Highways officers to discuss traffic and transport issues affecting the Parish which may have implications for the Neighbourhood Plan.

One of the key public concerns arising from consultations was the narrow road near Crogg Lane and the danger it poses to pedestrians.

Highways Officers confirmed that a scheme design has been prepared to improve this section of the highway and provide a footway, plans for which have been provided to the Group and Parish Council. However, funding is not available at present to implement the project. If there are new sites proposed for development in the Neighbourhood Plan, then there is potential to seek financial contributions to help pay for this much needed improvement.

As an interim measure, a sign advising motorists of the road narrowing and likelihood of pedestrians being in the road is proposed.

- The potential for involving local children and young people in identifying features of interest and value that add to the Local Distinctiveness of the area has been investigated, with a view to taking this forward as an integral part of the consultation process.
- A draft framework for preparing the Draft Plan has been prepared. Members of the group will be writing the different sections of the Plan on housing; employment; conservation; transport etc. It is hoped that this important part of the project will be completed by the autumn.
- A small exhibition providing an update on the Plan will be at the Uplyme Fête being on the afternoon of Saturday 13th June. Please come along and see what's happening.

John Garland, Chairman



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- The Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

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