



Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan

– Update October 2015

Good progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan over the past nine months since the last major consultation event, held in January 2015. This has included:

- Analysis of the January consultation exercise results
- Exhibition & further community engagement at Uplyme Fete
- Preparation of the text for the Neighbourhood Plan, under the different Land use Sections: Housing, Business, Community, Environment, Infrastructure
- Undertaking a local business survey (*please respond to the questionnaire if you haven't done so yet!*) & analysis of results
- Development of Planning Policies for each land use as above, drawing upon consultation, the National Planning Policy Framework, the East Devon Local Plan and general good planning practice
- Liaison with East Devon District Council with regard to the content of the Plan and related matters
- Representations to the Highway Agency in relation to the A35 Junction Improvement issues and to Devon County Highway Authority, in relation to local highway improvement needs and their funding
- Securing government grant aid from 'Locality' to support the plan development work
- Development of ideas for a Conservation Area for Uplyme and associated plans

- Preparation of a Design Guidance Document to accompany the Plan
- Preparation of detailed site appraisals for sites identified in the January Consultation exercise as having potential for being included in the Plan as 'Exception Housing Sites' aimed at meeting local housing needs
- Initial preparation of Project/Action Plan to accompany the Neighbourhood Plan, identifying improvement to be made within the Parish
- Coordination of the working draft of the Neighbourhood Plan ready for further liaison with East Devon, as well as Environment Agency, Natural England, Heritage England etc. in November/December 2015 and prior to further Community Engagement exercise planned for January/February 2016
- Subject to a successful outcome of this work, there will be a final public consultation exercise in Spring 2016, followed by Examination of the Plan by an independent Planning Inspector and a Referendum later in the year
- Finally the Plan will be formally adopted and become a 'Material Planning Consideration', and part of the Development Plan for the area, to be used to help determine future planning applications in Uplyme Parish.

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Plan Group**