

5. The environment

Many people expressed their appreciation of the countryside, coast, and its tranquillity when we asked them what was special about the place. We'd like to know which parts of the parish are dear to you so we can think about how to protect them.

a	What natural features do you think most contribute to the special character or Uplyme?
b	What man-made structures and buildings do you think most contribute to the special character of Uplyme?
c	Are there features (natural or man-made) that you think should be specially protected from change e.g. by creating conservation areas?
d	Are there features that you think detract from the parish character, or need improvement?

e: Are there any other comments on the environment you wish to make?

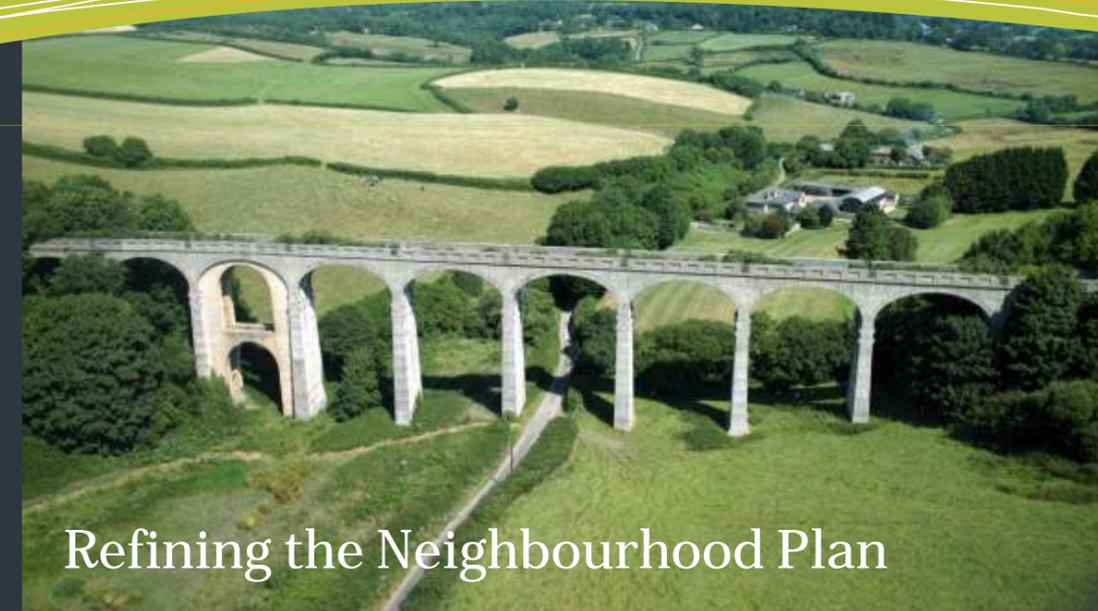
What's been happening?

Although everyone else may have been enjoying themselves on the beach this summer, your Neighbourhood Plan team has been hard at work preparing all the information necessary to start writing the draft plan later this year. We carried out a wide range of consultations with local and national organisations with interests in the parish, for example, and are speaking to local landowners.

The current phase also involves two important documents:

- * A new survey asking some more detailed questions
- * A specialised survey on affordable housing

See right for details...



Refining the Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Uplyme survey

On the rest of this newsletter you will find a new questionnaire based on the feedback we got from the previous one, the public meeting in April, and the stand at the Village Fête.

We got less than a 1-in-5 return from the last questionnaire and would be delighted if more people were able to respond this time, so we are offering a £50 prize draw as an incentive! Remember, you'll be helping to shape the future of the parish not just for yourself, but for the next generation too. Please return this to the Parish Council - there will be a box at the Post Office, or you can post, email or hand-deliver your replies, whichever is easiest. (See over for details).

2. Affordable Housing survey

Affordable housing was one of the most-requested facilities in previous replies, and to demonstrate the need in the Plan, we will have to get a decent number of responses to back it up. The Masters Close affordable houses were greatly over-subscribed, so if you missed out, or if the type or size of housing built wasn't to your requirements (for example, shared equity, one bedroom starter homes for couples or single people), you need to make sure you complete the survey and return it to the address given on the reply envelope.

Can you help us?

We still need more volunteers to help with the plan; you don't have to come to lots of meetings, but could take on a specific small task. Please consider giving a few hours of your time and expertise for this worthwhile project! Talk to either Peter Whiting (444174) or John Garland (07787 551924) if you are interested.

When you have looked at the questionnaire, if there are any topics on which you feel strongly, why not join one of the smaller working groups that meet very occasionally to discuss issues in more detail? If you don't speak out now, the opportunity may not come again for a long time.

If you would like to be entered for the prize draw, please give us your name and phone number below. This information is confidential and will not be used to identify your answers above.



How to complete:

Please tick the boxes to show which statements you agree with, or put a cross to disagree; if you leave them blank, you have no specific opinion. For any questions, you can write on a separate piece of paper if you have more to say.

Completed questionnaires should be returned by 30th September 2014 to Uplyme Post Office or sent to:

Clerk to Uplyme Parish Council, Horseman's Hill Barn, Gore Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis

DT7 3RJ, or you can download a copy from the web site and email it to the Clerk.

If other members of your household would like an extra copy to complete, you can collect one from the Post Office, or download it from the Parish Council web site

Anyone running a business in Uplyme but living elsewhere is also eligible to contribute.

1 Population, homes and housing

There has been continuous development in Uplyme over the last 15 years, and the trend is likely to continue. Uplyme will need to grow, and EDDC's draft Local Plan specifies a need for 20 houses in the next 15 years (of which a proportion – between 40-50% – must be affordable). Because people are living longer and property prices are high, many find it hard to locate or afford a home locally. In fact, the last two Censuses show that the number of residents aged 20-50 has declined, as working-age people have to move away. This section asks some questions to help us see what you would like done about this.

a Which of the following types of housing ownership do you think should be encouraged?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Privately owned	<input type="checkbox"/>	Privately rented
<input type="checkbox"/>	Part ownership (shared equity)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community self-build housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community-owned affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	EDDC rented affordable housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Association rented affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

b What sort(s) of housing would be best for the parish in the next 15 years?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	New detached houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion of non-residential buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	New semi-detached houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple occupancy (e.g. 'granny flats')
<input type="checkbox"/>	New terraced houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nursing/care home / respite accommodation
<input type="checkbox"/>	New flats or apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small retirement units (communal grounds)
<input type="checkbox"/>	New bungalows	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small retirement units (warden on call)
<input type="checkbox"/>	New estates of many houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small developments of a few houses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Development in Uplyme centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	Development in hamlets outside the village

c Do you think new housing will affect any of the following?	
Traffic congestion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parking on roads	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface water drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flood risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport (rail, bus)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency services (police, fire, ambulance, coastguard)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>

d: Are there any other comments on housing you wish to make?

2. Economy, employment and tourism

a What would improve employment prospects in the parish?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small industrial units e.g. on farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	More visitors / tourists
<input type="checkbox"/>	Live/work units	<input type="checkbox"/>	Better public transport
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faster broadband connections	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safer walking / cycling routes
<input type="checkbox"/>	More guest accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

b: Are there any other comments on economic issues you wish to make?

3. The village centre

Previous comments mentioned the lack of a defined focus or "hub" for the village of Uplyme. Taking the central area bounded by the Talbot Arms/Church/new School site/Village Hall and back to the Post Office, what improvements would you like to see?

a What would improve the village centre?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A weekly market (travelling shops and/or local stallholders)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic calming which may enable a footpath between Cook's Mead and the old Post Office
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral tubs or beds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community cafe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____		
Would you accept more traffic calming to allow a "village square" between the Village Hall and the site of the new school? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. Roads, footpaths and traffic

Many people expressed concerns over roads and traffic. The Plan cannot address issues like potholes, but there are other things that could be considered.

a What would improve footpaths, roads and traffic in the parish?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A permissive path down the valley from Yawl to the village centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	A permissive path joining the Undercliff nearer Pinhay / Rousdon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Better footpath signage and waymarking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maps or guide to local walks/rides
<input type="checkbox"/>	A pedestrian crossing from the footpath steps to the village hall?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking restrictions opposite the end of Venlake Lane on the B3165
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunter's Lodge and Red/Green Lane cross improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____
Would you support lower speed restrictions on the B3165? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Would you prefer : Dark skies/directed lighting <input type="checkbox"/> More street lighting <input type="checkbox"/>			

b: Are there any other comments on road, footpath and traffic issues you wish to make, including those affecting the village centre?

Downloads



Scan the QR code above, or go to

www.uplymeparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan

to download an extra copy of the Uplyme Survey to print and complete.

Replies can be emailed to clerk@uplymeparishcouncil.org

What next?

The NP Group will be drafting the plan, making further consultations, and eventually submitting the plan to an examiner. Finally, it will go to a referendum to see if the local population supports it.

But that won't be for some months yet.