

**DUNKESWELL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

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Consultation Statement - Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan

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Preface

This Consultation Statement has been prepared by the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to conform to the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should:

- (a) Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan
- (b) Explain how they were consulted
- (c) Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted
- (d) Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan

Part 1 of this Consultation Statement summarises all statutory and non-statutory consultation undertaken with the community and local stakeholders in developing the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan.

The aims of the consultation process were to:

- 'front-load' the consultation, so that the Plan could be informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the earliest stage
- ensure that consultation events and drop-in sessions enabled people 'have their say' and get feedback on the emerging Plan at key points in the process and when decisions were required
- engage with as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of events and communication techniques
- ensure that the results of consultation and updates on the Neighbourhood Plan were provided for local people as soon as possible after consultation events through the most appropriate and widely read media



Part 1: Community Consultation Statement

Dunkeswell Parish Council has been keen to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan was a community-led document. The Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was established from community volunteers with Parish Council representation and the widest range of people and groups have tried to be engaged.

Community consultation was undertaken by members of the Steering Group working to a strategy and programme that was prepared, with guidance from our consultants, Stuart Todd Associates Ltd. We have also worked closely with the relevant authorities, East Devon District Council and the Blackdown Hills AONB and been grateful for their advice, support and encouragement in this regard.

Consultation events and surveys took place at the following stages in the neighbourhood planning process:

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation Events		
Event	Dates	Purpose
Launch event - business	Thursday 29th May 2014 The Aviator, Dunkeswell Airfield	Promote the concept and benefits of a NP, recruit for Steering Group but most importantly receive initial comments to inform the surveys for businesses and individuals.
Launch event - individuals	Tuesday 3rd June 2014 Throgmorton Hall Dunkeswell	Promote the concept and benefits of a NP, recruit for Steering Group but most importantly receive initial comments to inform the surveys for businesses and individuals.
Community Survey	21 July – 8 August 2014	Questionnaire to gather views on a wide range of topics to guide the development of the aims and objectives
Public Housing Forum	Saturday 11 th October 2014 Throgmorton Hall	Clarify and discuss results of the surveys and ask further questions
Community consultation on draft Vision, Aims and Objectives	Saturday 15 th November 2014 Throgmorton Hall	To check our interpretation of data into aims and objectives, ensure all were commonly agreed upon and gauge strength of feeling on issues
Consultation on 1 st Draft Plan	February 2015	Consultation of 1 st draft version of the Plan
Up-dated housing consultation with community	19 th March 2016 Throgmorton Hall	Feedback on Local Plan and review of local housing priorities
Consultation on Pre-submission version (Reg.14)	September – November 2016	Consultation on Pre-submission version of the Plan (Regulation 14)

1. Background to Consultation on Neighbourhood Plan

Dunkeswell Parish Council agreed to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan in April 2012. A community-based steering group was established by recruiting members of the local community to join the group via the parish magazine, website, direct approaches, at parish events and meetings as well as continuing this drive at the launch events.

The level of consultation that has been undertaken for the Neighbourhood Plan goes beyond that required by legislation as the Parish Council. Its Steering Group has sought continuously to work with the local community to ensure that the Plan, as much as possible, reflect its collective views and wishes.

In preparing the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group has endeavoured to ensure that residents and other stakeholders including local authorities, interest groups, land owners, businesses and statutory bodies have been consulted regularly and their comments have been noted and, wherever appropriate, incorporated into the Plan as it evolved.

In order to make information, minutes and notices widely available, and update residents and stakeholders on the progress of the Plan, an early decision was taken to provide a Neighbourhood Plan page on the www.dunkeswell.net website. This has been kept up-to-date so that all the relevant documents are easily accessible online. It has also provided a convenient and rapid method of feedback.

2. Summary of Consultation Approach to Engage the Community

A number of key community consultation stages were identified at the outset and set as key milestones in the Project Plan. A Community Consultation and Engagement Plan including method statements was agreed. Its purposes included:

- enabling each consultation stage to be properly planned for
- ensuring the community at large understood when and why they were being consulted

The Community Consultation and Engagement Plan for the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan has been available online since July 2014 and can be found at: www.dunkeswell.net. It is founded on a number of important principles:

- Publicising as widely as possible
- Utilising a variety of methods
- Applying the right method to the task and the required outcomes
- Providing appropriate levels of assistance, explanation and interpretation
- Maximising access and opportunity
- Encouraging reaction and feedback
- Reporting back on what was said and how it has been interpreted

Aside from some highly programmed and organised consultation ‘events’. The Steering Group has been keen to facilitate a continuous two-way dialogue between the planning group and the community at large. This has been achieved by:

Communication Methods:	Brief Description:
Website	www.Dunkeswell.net www.blackdownhillsonline.net this allowed for quick updates and as a permanent link for community to check progress and find documents
Reporting in person	Parish council meetings, coffee mornings and groups were all used as a public forum for reporting progress and checking views.
Social Media	Youth club facebook page We listened to horse-riders via their Dunkeswell Bridleways Facebook Page and also Dunkeswell Dog walkers via their blog site ‘Dunkeswell Dogs’
Local newspapers and newsletters	Notices and updates have been included monthly in the Dunkeswell and Sheldon Parish News. There have also been articles in the Midweek Herald and View from the Blackdown Hills newspapers
Flyers	We also printed flyers to advertise the Aims and Objectives consultation and delivered these with the parish news to catch attention of those who don’t read the whole publication
Wider email network and e-steering group option	We opened up the steering group to include an email only option to engage those who might not be able to attend meetings but still wanted to be involved
Notice boards	Parish noticeboards were used for reports and posters, advertisements and updates
Banners and boards	These were placed around village to promote events and promote a response to the questionnaire

3. Equality and Inclusivity

We recognise that the foundation of a good neighbourhood plan is an effective and inclusive programme of consultation and engagement. Our aim was to reach everyone with a stake in the future of the area including people living, working or doing business here, those who deliver services to the local communities and people who have influence over the future of the area. We wanted to communicate and listen to everybody with a view; regardless of gender, ethnicity, colour, disability, religion, family responsibility, age, occupation, marital status, sexual orientation or trade union affiliation. We made efforts to reach those that others have traditionally found hard to reach and hard to hear. We agreed a communication strategy as part of an overall consultation and engagement plan, both to guide our approaches and monitor our effectiveness.

4. Initial Launch

It was decided to 'launch' the neighbourhood plan process with a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th April 2014. This was followed up by holding two 'drop-in-type' events to focus on:

- raising awareness and informing the community about the process and timetable;
- what a neighbourhood plan is and can achieve; and
- asking the community to get involved in producing the Plan.

It was also an opportunity to discuss some of the key planning and development issues that residents feel could be addressed in the Plan.

At the same time, to maximise the effectiveness of the launch period, the full range of local and strategic stakeholders were informed about the Parish Council's intentions and the launch event. (We report on their response in Part 2 of this Consultation Statement.)

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Launch Events	
Date(s)	Thursday 29th May 2014 11am - 7pm
Location(s)	The Aviator, Dunkeswell Airfield
Attendance (Nos.)	22
Date(s)	Tuesday 3rd June 2014 11am - 7pm
Location(s)	Throgmorton Hall Dunkeswell
Attendance (Nos.)	57

4.1 Who was consulted?

An open invitation was made to individuals and local businesses, as well as visitors to the airfield and employees at the various businesses in the Parish. The events were publicised in the local press, based on a press release issued as part of the '10 Parishes Initiative'¹ (see Appendix 1C). A special effort was made to ensure posters (see Appendix 1D) were on display in the halls and at the Pre-School as well as on the noticeboards and at other prominent places. We also sent letters to many local community groups and voluntary organisations as well as local service providers such as the Blackdown Hills Practice and the Police.

4.2 What did they say?

Members of the Steering Group were in attendance at the launch events. At these events the issues raised were noted and discussed informally, as a way to get people talking rather than just walking around the display and not engaging. There were also comments slips available (26 were completed) to enable people to record issues more anonymously. Not every topic raised was

¹ Explain the 10 Parishes Initiative

appropriate for the Neighbourhood Plan however. We passed these 'other', non-planning matters on to the Parish Council for its consideration as to what action might be taken.

Individual members of the community were encouraged to join the steering group or participate in an 'e-steering group'. We explained that the comments received at this stage would inform the questions to be asked in the business and individual questionnaires, which were to follow shortly.

The response we received is summarised in the tables below:

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan launch 29th May & 3rd June 2014	
<i>three most important issues that should be addressed in the NP</i>	
Roads/potholes/safety/speed limits	13
Development scale, design and sustainability	9
Footpath old to new village	8
Primary school	8
Growth and employment-related matters	7
Bypass to industrial estate	5
Support airfield, flying, skydiving	5
Dog poo/litter/grass cutting	3
school	2
Tennis courts	2
Support agriculture, protect food production land	2
Stop acrobatic aircraft	1
Bus service (especially evenings and Sundays)	1
Getting community involved in parish activities	1
sewerage	1
noise	1
Facilities for the elderly	1
Day centre	1
Warden controlled housing	1
Better signage/clearer/less obtrusive	1

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan launch 29th May & 3rd June 2014	
<i>three things you value most about the Parish</i>	
Landscape character & views/history	13
Peace and tranquillity	11
Friendship/community spirit/people	9
Local shops and services	8
Mix of housing and employment centre	7
Accessibility to coast/walking/footpaths/bridleways	3
Airfield, flying, skydiving & continued good relationship with village	3
Traditional farming	3
Privacy/seclusion	2
Dark skies/clean air	2
Bus service	2
Community halls/parks/play areas	1
Fuel station	1

4.3 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

A report of this consultation was considered at the Steering Group meeting of 16th June 2014. The Steering Group noted the response and agreed to explore many of the issues raised in a Community Survey. The report has been available online since July 2014 and can be found at:

www.dunkeswell.net

5. Community Survey

With the help of Devon Community Council, a standard form of neighbourhood plan questionnaire was designed in conjunction with nearby parishes as part of the '10 Parishes Initiative'. The Dunkeswell NP Steering Group decided to customise the standard questionnaire with additional questions that took account of more local issues and opportunities.

The community questionnaire:

- provided some feedback from work we have done on understanding the key issues for the area (i.e. help to set out some context)
- asked questions about some of the local issues which have come to light so far during the process
- asked questions to help fill gaps in our understanding of key local issues and problems
- asked about people's aspirations for their themselves and their neighbourhood

The questionnaire/survey was delivered to each household in the Parish.

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan NP Questionnaire	
Date(s)	Return date 8 th August 2014
Deliver Method(s)	Postal and via online (Survey Monkey) link which was posted on the parish website and advertised on the questionnaire and in the parish magazine as well as on posters.
No. of dwellings delivered to	750
No. of completed questionnaires returned	298 (268 paper responses and 30 online) Therefore 19% of the local population took the opportunity to respond
Return Options	Prepaid post or drop into garage, Aviator restaurant or shop/post office

5.1 Who was consulted?

Everybody who lived, worked or visited the Parish was given the opportunity to complete a Community Questionnaire (see Appendix 1E). It was delivered to every dwelling in the Parish and additional copies were made available at the Garage, Shop/Post Office and Aviator.

The questionnaire was also available online via Survey Monkey. A link to this was provided on our webpage. Banners were also displayed around the Parish, reminding people to complete and return their questionnaire.

A total of 298 completed questionnaires were received; 268 paper responses and 30 online. Dunkeswell Parish's population is circa 1,584, therefore the response rate was 18.8%. However, feedback and observation indicated that many questionnaires came as a household response, rather than as an individual one., Few addresses were duplicated, therefore we calculate that the response rate may be around close to 37%.

5.2 What did they say?

The community response to most of the questions was clear, there seemed to be few issues where the community was divided. A report with a full analysis and conclusions was carried out on our behalf by the Community Council of Devon. Its report was considered by the Steering Group on the 1st September 2014. The full report is available at www.dunkeswell.net.

5.3 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

We did identify aspects of local life that we wished to explore further particularly on housing and to gain a young person's perspective, as few young people had completed the questionnaire. We

held a Housing Forum, and visited the toddler group to speak to young parents, as well as the youth club holding their own on-going discussions and debates.

The Community Survey of 2014, and its key findings, were central to the development of the aims and objectives of the Plan and considered in detail at a Community Workshop held in October 2014.

6. Community Sector Follow-up

The Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group made it known that it was prepared to hold specific consultations and discussions with formal and informal local groups and organisations as necessary, to ensure that their views and opinions were heard. The Steering Group, at its meeting in July 2014, agreed a list of groups that needed to be consulted. The list of targeted groups can be found in Appendix 1H.

Spreading the word via networking proved most effective in engaging a small rural community where so many people wear 'multiple hats'. For example, the Chair of the Steering Group rallied all the dog walkers via a designated 'Dunkeswell Dogs' blog site to talk about dog walking issues in the parish (many of the outcomes are being tackled by the parish council currently and others by the group themselves); Horse Riders via 'Better Bridlepaths for Dunkeswell' Facebook Page; Parish Councillors include farmers who are significant landowners in the Parish, the owner of the village shop and members of the WI and those whose children/grandchildren attend the pre-school. Local employers in the Parish were well also represented on the e-steering group and on the Plan Steering Group.

6.1 How we consulted?

Different formats were used from the informal 'chat' over a cup of coffee to the more formal structure of a focus group. Meetings were arranged as necessary to:

- Meet the specific request of a local organisation or interest group for a meeting
- On our instigation, to help us fill 'gaps' in our knowledge or understanding
- Help further awareness of and involvement in neighbourhood planning for targeted 'harder to reach' groups

6.2 Who was consulted?

Further discussion (particularly with some of the groups where questionnaire responses were lower) were carried out throughout the summer of 2014. The Youth Club leader took a structured approach using discussion groups with young people, dog walkers, youth, older people and young mothers were all engaged in focused, yet relaxed discussions; Youth club (100 young people), Toddler Group (approximately 20 people) & Coffee mornings (approximately 20 people) were attended by members of the Steering Group and their views influenced the aims and objectives workshop.

6.3 What did they say?

Informal discussion was used to give real focus and clarity to the issues raised as well as giving a further dimension to answers on the questionnaires and how local people envisage solutions.

Details of the meetings held and the notes of what was said can be found at: www.dunkeswell.net

7. Housing Needs and Issues

7.1 How we consulted?

Housing was considered a most important 'issue' for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group organised an initial Housing Forum event in October 2014.

7.2 Who was consulted?

25 people attended a two-hour session, which not only explored current housing need and future housing provision, but also touched on other issues and opportunities (see Appendix 1F).

7.3 What did they say?

There was general agreement that the amount of future housing development should be restricted/limited. Therefore, any new housing development should be that which is most useful housing in meeting local needs and be appropriately located.

There was strong support for allowing people to extend their current properties where suitable, as well as allowing houses to be divided to provide an annexe. There was general support for:

- sheltered housing built near the shop.
- a small amount of shared housing for young people who have grown up in Dunkeswell or have a local tie
- a small amount of 3 to 4 bed housing specifically for growing families on the estate who need larger accommodation

Following a wide-ranging discussion, the meeting also concluded that:

- public transport is very important
- more bus shelters are essential - location for a further four were identified
- need to create a footpath linking the old and new areas
- a high level of support for retaining and increasing community facilities.
- desire that Dunkeswell Parish Council bring vital facilities into community ownership
- having a primary school (ensuring the viability of the pre-school)
- work/live units are needed
- an increasing number vehicles are being parked on the roads
- designing to enhance community spirit / interaction

7.4 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

The output from the Housing Forum event was a part of information base that was considered at a Community Workshop in October 2014 and used to develop a set of draft aims and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan.

A full report of this consultation has been available online since November 2014 and can be found at: www.dunkeswell.net

7.5 Housing Forum Follow-up

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held an update housing consultation event on the 19th March 2016. Both morning and evening sessions were well attended and many attendees completed a short questionnaire which was used to test the current validity of the previous housing seminar outcomes. The results supported our previous finding and confirmed that we were still on track (see Appendix 1F).

7.6 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

A report was made to the Parish Council on 21st March 2016. It reported that 24 people attended the open forum / public meeting on the 19th March 2016. People completed a short questionnaire and the response showed that there were no significant changes in views and attitudes from the 2015 consultation.

The survey demonstrated that a majority of people would like to see:

- No major new development
- Support for a small amount of:
- sheltered housing for the elderly
- shared housing to enable local young people to stay in the area
- 3 and 4 bedroom houses specifically for growing local families
- Extending local properties, annexe etc. (where the situation is appropriate)
- Agricultural housing, especially for 'succession' farming
- Work live units (located appropriately)

8. Local Businesses

8.1 How we consulted?

The Steering Group commissioned a business survey to be undertaken by Catalyst² during September 2014. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group contributed to the development of the Questionnaire.

8.2 Who was consulted?

The Business Survey Questionnaire was sent to a list of 220 business addresses within the Parish that was provided by East Devon District Council. In addition, the survey was distributed at a local Farmers' Market and promoted within the parish newsletter. Of the 220 surveys sent out, 57 were returned as undeliverable.

In total 9 businesses took the opportunity to respond to the survey.

8.3 What did they say?

The response rate was very poor and difficult to draw general conclusions from. A Report of Survey³ was produced by Catylyst and considered by the Steering Group in November 2014. Most of those that had responded conduct the majority of their business within Devon, and a significant proportion of this is within the Blackdown Hills. The most discernible conclusions we could make from the limited response we received to the survey were:

- Security seems to be the main concern, with 67% of respondents considering it to be poor or very poor
- Better public transport, safer walking, safer cycling, and faster broadband would be of most benefit.
- More tourists, parking and a hot desk facility are perceived to offer little benefit.

These comments were taken into account whilst the Steering Group developed its aims and objectives.

Improve communication and dialogue an email list of local businesses was established (see Appendix I).

² The survey arm of the Community Council of Devon

³ See Business Survey Report www.dunkeswell.net

9. Vision, Aims and Objectives Consultation

The Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gathered a great deal of relevant information and opinion through various surveys and consultation events. We used all this 'evidence' to prepare a set of draft aims for the Neighbourhood Plan. These were then used to develop draft objectives and an overall vision statement. A Steering Group Workshop was carried out on the 15th October 2014 at which a first set of aims and objectives were produced. This 'set' was then shared with the public.

We held a community consultation during November 2014, which presented a summary of our survey and research findings and also set out, for the public to consider, the key neighbourhood planning and development issues and opportunities presented to us to date.

The consultation also presented the key emerging themes for the Plan. We shared what we considered could be the Vision, Aims and Objectives of the Plan. We asked the community if these set the right agenda and direction for the Plan. Our purpose was leave this phase of consultation with a good idea and some certainty of the sorts of policies and proposals that the Plan should contain and, importantly, which the community support. From the consultation, we also wanted to be in a position to draw-up a range of options, where options were possible, for certain policies and proposals that might be in the Plan.

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan NP Vision, Aims and Objectives	
Date(s)	Saturday 15 th November 2014 10am – 7pm
Location(s)	Throgmorton Hall
Attendance (Nos.)	53

9.1 Who was consulted?

Everyone who works or lives the Parish was encouraged to attend the consultation event via posters, advertising banners and leaflet advertising, Dunkeswell Parish Magazine and information on the village website. As before, representatives of local groups and organisations were involved.

9.2 What did they say?

The format used was issuing dot stickers to everyone who entered and asking them to use a green or blue on any aim or objective they valued highly and put a red sticker on anything that they disagreed strongly with. This method proved successful. The opportunity was also provided for people to write additional comments if they felt anything was missing and post them on the board as well.

There were only two red stickers both on small scale wind turbines, which we knew might be emotive to some individuals who are adverse to wind power in terms of aesthetics.



9.3 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

We used this ratification of the aims to turn the objectives into policies ready to consult in our draft plan. The feedback was taken into consideration when finalising the aims and objectives for the next phase of developing the Plan, but, based on the favourable response and endorsement we received, no changes were felt necessary. Further details relating to the Vision, Aims and Objectives Consultation Event are included as Appendix 1G.

10. 1st Draft Plan Consultation

The Dunkeswell Parish Council decided that it would carry out a consultation on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, prior to the formal Regulation 14 Pre-submission consultation stage. This took place during the spring of 2015.

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Draft NP Informal Consultation	
Date(s)	March - April 2015
Method(s)	Online and on deposit in public buildings
Location(s)	Aviator Coffee Bar, Highfield Garage, the Shop, the Surgery and at Parish Council meetings
Written responses (Nos.)	0

10.1 Who was consulted?

The community was encouraged to view the draft Plan online (see Appendix 1J). We also made paper copies of the Plan document available for inspection at public venues in the Parish.

10.2 What did they say?

Whilst comments were received from several local organisations, no written comments were received from individual members of the community. The community at that time, had its attention focussed on the last-minute changes that had been made to the draft Local Plan at a meeting of East Devon District Council on the 23rd March 2015. Dunkeswell, it was decided by the district council, should be added to the draft list of settlements that would retain its built-up area boundary, thereby ignoring the recent Small Town and Village Development Suitability Assessment and disregarding the evidence and emerging planning framework of the Neighbourhood Plan. Community interest and effort was put in to responding to this unanticipated decision. The Parish Council expressed the community's views in a detailed response to East Devon District Council in June 2015. Disenchantment with the planning system is reflected in the lack of responses we received to the 1st draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

10.3 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

Because of the wider issues and implications of the draft East Devon Local Plan, it was decided to delay progress on the Neighbourhood Plan pending the examination and adoption of the Local Plan. It was felt that certain of the policies in the Local Plan could have a significant impact on the content of the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan.

All comments that were received on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan therefore were held in abeyance until it was judged appropriate to make further progress on the Plan. As the Steering Group Chair's report-back to the community indicates (see Appendix 1L) we are glad we did pause. The process towards a pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan recommenced in early 2016. The minutes of the Parish Council of 18th January 2016 record that *"the Neighbourhood Plan can recommence now we are assured of the Inspector's comments on the Local Plan. The housing strategy having changed considerably and the village losing its built-up area boundary will mean we must revisit the Housing section and may need to re-consult in order to affirm the position"*.

At this point we conducted a housing focused consultation in March 2016 as detailed in paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6 of this statement.

Local Evidence was up-dated and the list of comments received on the 1st Consultation Version of the Plan were analysed during the spring of 2016. The implications of the comments and reaction we received was then discussed in detail at the Steering Group meeting on 11th July 2016. Several changes/amendments to the draft Plan were agreed at this and the following meeting on the 8th August 2016, when policy statements were also refined in the light of a recent examination report on the Neighbourhood Plan for, nearby, Stockland Parish.

11 Regulation 14 (Pre-submission Stage) Consultation

Neighbourhood Plan regulations require that a statutory consultation period of six weeks is undertaken by the qualifying body (the Parish Council) on the final draft plan prior to its submission to the Local Planning Authority, in advance of their statutory Regulation 16 consultation.

11.1 Who was Consulted?

The Regulation 14 consultation is specific about organisations and stakeholders that should be consulted. The legislation requires that prior to submitting the Plan to the local planning authority the qualifying body (the Parish Council) must:

- publicise it in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area
- consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan
- send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority

We endeavoured to consult with all the residents and businesses of the Parish, together with a range of organisations and agencies with an interest in the Parish. A copy of the Plan was also sent to the Local Planning Authority, East Devon District Council, for comment, although its officers had been involved in the consultation process and finalising the draft Plan.

11.2 How were they consulted?

The Steering Group circulated a letter and response form to all dwellings and businesses within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. This directed people to an online copy of the Plan, or hard copies that could be viewed at various locations in the Parish, or information as to how an individual copy could be requested. An article was published in the Parish Magazine promoting the consultation (see Appendix 1L) to and reminders were issued via the Dunkeswell Youth Club Facebook site. The Dunkeswell website also directed people to the Plan from its home page. The letter indicated how to respond and provided the deadline by which representations needed to be returned. A free post service was provided and drop off points at the local shop and post office were also offered. Posters were also placed at key public points in the Parish (see Appendix 1M).

Notice of the Plan was also sent by email to a list of local bodies and groups (See Appendix 1I) with explanation of what was required for the consultation and the date when responses were required by. The formal consultation period was set for 8 weeks from 1st October 2016- 30th November 2016.

11.3 What did the Consultees say?

The comments we received in writing from members of the community are summarised in a table in Appendix 1N. We received 32 comments in total from the community. Many were general in nature, rather than policy-specific. Most were supportive. Few changes were thought necessary to the Plan document because of these comments. The Steering Group's response to the comments is listed in Appendix 1N. It was heartening that so many people had taken the time and trouble to let us know how they felt about the draft Plan and the work that had gone in to it.

12 Conclusions

The level of community consultation and engagement undertaken during the production of the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan has been varied and extensive. It has reached a wide range of the local population especially through a variety of methods and mediums. A wide variety of groups and different sections of the community have participated or commented on the emerging draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The comments received at each stage of the Neighbourhood Plan have been fully considered and have helped to guide and shape the form of the Plan so that it is truly reflective of what local people wish to see happen for their village.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting appendices are considered to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

Appendix 1A

Application for Neighbourhood Area Designation

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Application for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area



This information is intended to assist the Local Planning Authority in making a decision but please note that further information may be required.

Which Town or Parish Council is applying to designate a neighbourhood area? DUNKESWELL

contact details –

John Barrow j.barrow001@btinternet.com Geoffrey Sworder g.n.sworder@googlemail.com Tracey Bell info@theoldkennels.co.uk

Please confirm that all the parishes listed above agree to the application

Please confirm that the organisation/s or body/ies making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Please advise what, if any, discussion has taken place with neighbouring Parishes with a view to partnership working? We have consulted with Sheldon, Combe Raleigh and Luppitt. It was concluded that Luppitt and Combe Raleigh might have a better affinity; Sheldon's inclusion remains a possibility, but is undecided.

Please append a map identifying the area to which the area application relates. Parish boundary of Dunkeswell (map not included)

Please explain why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area

Parish is a suitable area and population with a diversity of residential and commercial development; we have recently completed our third Parish Plan and wish to produce a neighbourhood plan to reinforce the contents in a legal manner.

Signed Tracey Bell Date; 5th April 2012

Position clerk Organisation; Dunkeswell Parish Council

The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations can be downloaded at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2012/637/made>

A summary of the next steps is provided below

Publicising an area application

Once we have received your neighbourhood area application we must, as local planning authority, publicise the following on our website and in any other manner that we consider is likely to bring the application to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area to which it relates -

(a) a copy of the area application; (b) details of how to make representations; and (c) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.

To help us meet these requirements: Are we able to publicise the application in any widely available local newsletters/magazines? If so, please give contact details and advise how often the newsletter/magazine is published.

Do you have Parish Noticeboards? If so, please give contact details of the person responsible for their content. CLERK Tracey Bell Are there any other means of communication which could be used to advertise the proposals eg local website, social media, local interest groups? Please provide contact details. Website CLERK Tracey Bell as above Parish Magazine Tina Churchill parishmagazine@msn.com

Publicising designation of a neighbourhood area

As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood area, we must publish the following on our website and in any other manner that we consider is likely to bring the application to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area:

(a) the name of the neighbourhood area; DUNKESWELL PARISH (b) a map which identifies the area; and (c) the name of the relevant body who applied for the designation. DUNKESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

If we refuse to designate a neighbourhood area, we must publish the following on our website and in any other manner that we consider is likely to bring the application to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the area

(a) a document setting out the decision and a statement of our reasons for making that decision ("the decision document"); and

(b) details of where and when the decision document may be inspected.

Further information is available from:

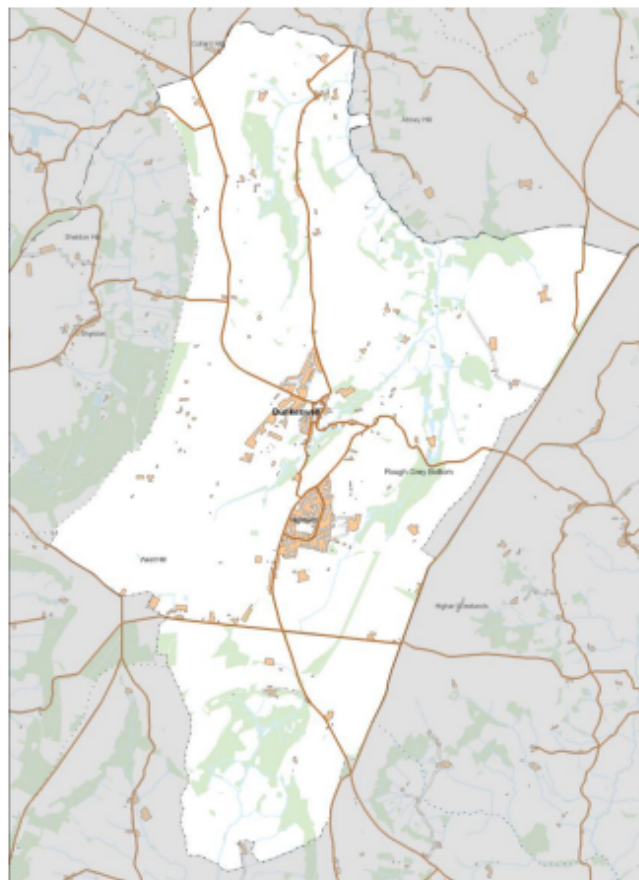
Planning Policy, Economy Directorate, East Devon District Council, Knowle, Station Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HL 01395 571533

**The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations
2012**

**Application for Designation of a
Neighbourhood Area**



We have received an application from Dunkeswell Parish Council for the designation of the Parish of Dunkeswell as a Neighbourhood Area.



You can view the proposal on our website at:

www.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood_plans

or by appointment with Dunkeswell Parish Council

You can also view or make comments on this proposal by writing to us at Planning Policy, East Devon District Council, Knowle, Station Road, Sidmouth, Devon, EX10 8HL (8.30-5pm Mon-Fri). If you write to us your comments will be kept on a public file and they may be reproduced in writing or on our website.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS IS 4 JULY 2012

PRESS RELEASE

15/5/2014

TEN BLACKDOWN HILLS PARISHES EMBARK ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS - 'A VOICE FOR THE HILLS'

Ten East Devon parishes have been designated 'Neighbourhood Areas' and have been approved for funding by Department for Communities and Local Government. *Neighbourhood Plans are a new type of planning strategy produced by the local community that will enable the parishes to set their own detailed planning policies to guide future development and conservation.*

The ten parishes which are united by our distinctive Blackdown Hills landscape are working alongside one another for support, sharing resources and expert assistance. Geoffrey Sworder of Dunkeswell Parish Council said 'the economies of working together have allowed every parish to produce a plan whereas alone the cost and enormity of the task may have been prohibitive'.

Each parish will be holding a launch event during June and July where parishioners are encouraged to come and find out about Neighbourhood Planning, join the team, or simply have their say on local issues. These and other issues will be the topic of a household survey during June & July, the results of which will inform the next stage of the plan.

Lisa Turner of the Blackdown Hills AONB said "we hope as many people as possible will complete their survey form and add their voice, this is a valuable opportunity to shape our future"

The Parishes are being supported by DCLG, East Devon District Council and the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in their quest to plan for the future of our beautiful, living, working landscape and ensure future housing, community facilities, renewable energy production, employment and other development fits with our community needs as well as our built and natural heritage.

In line with the EDDC Local Plan, the Neighbourhood Plans will cover the period 2015 – 2031. Paul Diviani, Leader of EDDC said "this really is a fantastic opportunity for people to decide the future of their immediate locality and the District Council are pleased to offer their support".

Neighbourhood Planning launch events are being held in the following locations - please attend your parish event and fill out your survey form – USE YOUR VOICE, HAVE YOUR SAY!

Dunkeswell

Thursday 29th May 2014 11am – 7pm, The Aviator, Dunkeswell Airfield and

Tuesday 3rd June 11am 7pm, Throgmorton Community Hall

Stockland

Friday 6th June: 2-8pm , Sat 7th June: 10am-6pm & Sun 8th June: 10-12am and 2-4pm, Victory Hall, Stockland

Upottery Fri 13th June 10am - 7pm, The Manor Room

Cotleigh Saturday 14th June 11am - 5pm, Cotleigh Village Hall

Membury Friday 20th June 3pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 21st 9am – 1pm, Membury Village Hall

Broadhembury Tuesday 24th June 6-8pm, Memorial Hall Broadhembury

Luppitt Thursday 26th June 4pm - 8pm and at the Friday Market on 27th June 10am - 12noon, Luppitt Village Hall

Chardstock Friday 4th July 7-9pm and Saturday 5th July 10am-5pm, Chardstock Community Hall

Yarcombe Saturday 12th July 10.00am - 12 noon, Yarcombe Saturday Village Market, Jubilee Hall, Yarcombe

Monkton (TBC) Please see parish notice boards

ENDS...

Tracey Bell (Clerk to Dunkeswell Parish Council)

**DUNKESWELL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
LAUNCH EVENTS**

*WE WANT TO
HEAR YOUR VIEWS
WHETHER
YOU LIVE, WORK
OR PLAY IN DUNKESWELL*

Please drop in and have your say;

*Thursday 29th May 2014 from 11am – 7pm
at The Aviator, Dunkeswell Airfield*

or

*Tuesday 3rd June 2014 from 11am – 7pm
at Throgmorton Community Hall, Highfield*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

DUNKESWELL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Neighbourhood planning is an exciting opportunity for us as a parish to influence how and why development will take place in our parish over the next fifteen years and more.

*Please take the time to fill out your **individual** questionnaire and be part of this.*

AS A 'THANK YOU' FOR YOUR TIME THERE WILL BE A DRAW FOR

CASH PRIZES OF £100, £50 & £25

Want to know a little bit more...

This questionnaire is largely formed on your comments from our launch events and will help us understand what is most important to you and what our Neighbourhood Plan should focus upon.

It is important to make clear that a 'Neighbourhood Plan' has a focus on land use and development – and is not to be confused with our 'Parish Plan' which identifies all manner of wider local issues which we have already achieved or are still working towards.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision for what the Parish should be like to live and work in over the next fifteen years and how that vision can be achieved. The process of making our Plan will include a series of consultations, in which we will try and listen to everyone in our community.

Our Plan needs to conform to strategic local and national policies but can enable us to put in place our own detailed local planning policies relating to infrastructure, economic, housing and other development where the community thinks it is necessary or beneficial to do so. Our plan will go before an independent examiner, and then be subject to a referendum in our Parish where, under the regulations in the Localism Act 2011, over 50% of those voting must be in favour of the Plan. Once approved it will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area. To read more <http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/>

You can see from this, just how important it is that you make your views known so that they can be reflected in the final document.

There are a number of ways you can respond:

- 1 Fill in this questionnaire and post it back to us in the reply paid envelope **by 8th August 2014**
- 2 More forms can be collected from Dunkeswell Shop, The Aviator or Highfield Garage or printed off from the parish website www.dunkeswell.net (only one draw entry per person!) and returned in the envelope provided or put in a box at any of the collection points.
- 3 Or simply take the survey online at the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dunkeswellnp>

The questionnaire is straightforward and self-explanatory, but If you encounter any difficulties, or require more information about our Parish Neighbourhood Plan process or to join our steering group, please contact the Parish Clerk: Tracey Bell email; clerk@dunkeswell.net tel; 01823 681138

Thank you for taking the time to

USE YOUR VOICE & HAVE YOUR SAY!

OUTCOMES OF HOUSING WORKSHOP (October 2014) are below we need to check what's changed (if anything) and ask you if you have new views or opinions to add.

PLEASE TICK ALL STATEMENTS YOU AGREE WITH:

It was agreed that future housing development should be very restricted / limited, therefore they would like it to be the most useful housing & well located.

There was general support for:

Sheltered housing (1 bed communal garden, probably owner occupier) built near the shop. (This may require the relocation of the tennis courts.

A small amount of shared housing for young people who have grown up in Dunkeswell or have a local tie.

A small amount of 3 to 4 bed housing specifically for growing families on the estate who need larger accommodation.

Strong support for allowing people to extend their current properties where suitable, as well as allowing houses to be divided to provide an annexe.

Work live units should be allowed with the hope of improved security and tidying of the industrial estate and reducing commuting traffic through village

Agriculturally justified housing for succession farming for instance

PLEASE ADD YOUR COMMENTS/ADDITIONAL INPUT BELOW...

Local Economy

Draft Aims:

Objectives; small scale tourism (Yurts & Camping) - Building a working community - work from home

- Promote a sustainable diverse and vibrant local economy
- Broadband
- Work live and flexible work spaces
- Encourage and support all local enterprises
- Sympathetic to farm diversification in the interest of overall viability

Energy and Low Carbon

Draft Aims:

Objectives; Solar on buildings rather than on open land - future proof strategy

- Actively encourage low carbon community
- Investigate potential of hydro power and emerging technological solutions
- Encourage solar technologies on all buildings preserving agricultural land
- Encourage small to medium non obtrusive wind turbines, in the most suitable area
- Endorse aims of Blackdown Hills renewable strategy

What next ...

- Please take a few minutes to drop in to the event on the 15th November and tell us what you think
- A draft of policies that cover our community issues will be presented to parishioners for agreement
- The District Council will hold a referendum to seek the approval of the community - Please VOTE this is the future of OUR parish

If you have any queries please contact:

Tim Clewer (Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan)
e t.clewer@gmail.com

Tracey Bell (clerk)
t 01823 681138

e info@dunkeswell.net

See

www.dunkeswell.net

for more details of the process to date

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan

This leaflet gives the results that have come from your answers to the NP questionnaire.

The aims are written under each heading with some popular 'objectives' written over the top.

Please come to the
Public Open Day
on
Sat 15th November 2014

where you can tell us if you agree with these aims and also suggest other objectives that you hope we will achieve.

The exhibition will be open in the

**Throgmorton Hall from
10am until 7pm**

Natural Environment

Draft Aims:

Objectives; local building materials - local food production & buying - limit pollution

- Protect and enhance our unique and special landscape
- Recognise we are a living working landscape
- Support traditional farming approaches
- Conserve and enhance bio diversity
- Development should be in character and scale
- Encourage and enforce tree planting schemes
- To see no increase in local pollution levels sound/air quality
- Protect archaeological sites

Transport & Accessibility

Draft Aims:

Objectives; Bicycles - car sharing - walking - Better timed Bus Services - Riding

- Maximize Accessibility and encourage low carbon options
- Take every opportunity to improve pedestrian cycling & horse riding routes
- Visibility splays, footpaths and parking determined locally
- Connectivity of local transport

Housing

Draft Aims:

Objectives; Sheltered Housing - 3 to 4 bed houses - Rooms for young people - overall limit

- Limit housing developments in appropriate location to meet proven local need
- To support development of existing properties to provide additional dwelling space to improve flexibility of local supply and to meet needs of local community
- Developments should meet standard in terms of space and parking whilst not conflicting with local environment and infrastructure

Waste and Minerals

Draft Aims:

- Locally recycle garden waste

Community Facilities and Services

Draft Aims:

Objectives; Buses/Trains - Parks - Footpath - Primary school - Bus Shelters - Community Ownership

- To protect and develop all community services
- To support situations that protect and enhance community facilities services and groups
- To develop local infrastructure that promotes community wellbeing

Built Environment

Draft Aims:

- To preserve the overall character of our settlements within the AONB
- Signage and street furniture to be appropriate to the AONB
- To value the assets of the historic airfield without any increase in noise or congestion

Appendix 1H Community and Voluntary Group Consultation List

Parents and Toddler Group
Social Club
Allotment Users
Art Group
Keep Fit
Breathe Easy
Youth Club
Church
Ladybirds
Throgmorton Hall users and event holders

Appendix 1| Local Business Email Consultation List

Actron
AEME
Alpha Lifting Services
Autologic
Aviator Training
Blackdon Hunting and Game
Blackdown Environmental
Blackdown Practice
Chris Smith
Country Windows
Countrystyle
Culm Valley Mills
D. A. Lee West Country
Del Moto
Docherty Group
East Devon Motor Services
Electromec Services
First 4 Off Road
FTT Training
GT Racing
GTR Parts
JT Hardware
Littles
LMC
MST Auctioneers
Munch Lunch
Nanas Attic
New Tec
Nuvision
Oceanic
Perry
Peter Quinain
QCR Recycling Equipment
Sky 4 Covers
Sky Dive UK
SMA Services
Solid Air
Stove Company
Supacat
SVMS Ltd
Tacteks
Transfer Press
Vigo
Westwood Film Facilities
WIMS UK Ltd
Your Local Logs
Zeus Engineering

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OUR plan, OUR parish, OUR views

Online at; www.dunkeswell.net

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at *The Aviator, Dunkeswell Airfield, Highfield Garage, the Shop, the Surgery, at parish council meetings.*

Please make your comments by Wednesday 8th April 2015
by returning one of the paper forms to be found with the hard
copies, these are also available on the website
www.dunkeswell.net
or comment via facebook/dunkeswellparishcouncil
or email clerk@dunkeswell.net

THANK YOU
FOR HAVING YOUR SAY!

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan: Feedback on draft plan

We would welcome your comments on the policies (and Community Actions) laid out in our Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Dunkeswell.

The policies suggested are based on the Vision, Aims and Objectives. These were based on the community responses gathered via the questionnaire, consultation events and so on (this is called the *Evidence Base*). The policies are written to help us achieve our Vision, Aims and Objectives. We are limited in what we can put into policies by planning law, including national policy.

We have tried to meet the issues raised by you and in all the evidence, but if you think what we have written is wrong, you strongly disagree or there is anything missing, please let us know.

We will review all the feedback and look back at the Evidence Base to see if we need to adjust what the plan says, based on your feedback and previous evidence. We are compiling a list of comments on the draft plan to document what we have changed and why (or why not). This is to show the Inspector that we have taken comments into consideration in a balanced way.

Copies of all our consultation to this point are online at www.dunkeswell.net

If you have any questions do speak to us, we will be happy to help.

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e t.clewer@gmail.com t 01404 891154

Tracey Bell (clerk Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

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**Please use the reverse of this leaflet to make your comments
by Wednesday 8th April 2015**

by post, email to clerk@dunkeswell.net or post to; The Old Kennels, Stentwood,
Dunkeswell, Devon EX14 4RW, or place in a 'response box' located in the Garage, Doctors
surgery, shop or at The Aviator

DUNKESWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dunkeswell is about to lose its Built Up Area Boundary (BUAB or red building line) prior to getting our plan made this is your

FINAL CHANCE TO COMMENT ON HOUSING

OUR plan, OUR parish, OUR views

**Come & see the options & comment, 10am
till 12 noon and Public Meeting from 7.30pm
Saturday 19th March 2016 at the
Throgmorton Hall
refreshments provided**

*If you can't make it please make your comments by
Friday 18th March 2016*

*using a comment form in the shop, see www.dunkeswell.net
or comment via [facebook.com/dunkeswellparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/dunkeswellparishcouncil)
or twitter [@dunkeswellpc](https://twitter.com/dunkeswellpc)
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DUNKESWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Developing Dunkeswells Neighbourhood Plan has felt like quite a journey. It has taken us two years to produce the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Dunkeswell which we now hope everyone can agree with.

Although we had a very good draft a year ago, we then awaited the Planning Inspectors changes to the East Devon District Council Local Plan before publishing. We are very glad we did, as his changes were significant and now we have made our plan in line with those, we hope that both plans will last many years (or until the government bring out new rules that we need to incorporate).

The Plan is available for you to see and comment on either on the parish council website www.dunkeswell.net, via the links on Twitter or Facebook or there are good old fashioned paper copies at five locations in the village – The shop, The Aviator, The Garage and in both Halls.

If you have questions or comments we need to know now, and we can do our best to answer, explain or make amendments if needed.

Everyone's views will be taken into account. The final draft has also been sent off to East Devon District Council to check against their policies. When they have added their contribution the final version will be subject to your approval before it becomes a legal document guiding development in the parish over the next 20 years.

My thanks to everyone who has got involved – but most importantly please fill out our final form and tell us what you think.

Tim Clewer
Chair
Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

YOU CAN RETURN A PAPER FORM OR 'GET ON LINE' – AS A SPECIAL
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE IN FILLING OUT FORMS
PLEASE SEE THE 'THANK YOU OFFERS' FOR RETURNING YOUR
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***Return the Questionnaire** found in the magazine by Wednesday 30th
November 2016 to **The Shop, The Garage, The Aviator or at The Youth Club 'Light
Variety Show' on the 14th or 15th October 2016***

to claim your 'thank you' freebies!

*Aviator: A cup of coffee
Garage/ Shop; A bar of chocolate
Youth Club Show; A drink at the interval*

*Or comment via [facebook.com/dunkeswellparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/dunkeswellparishcouncil)
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80	Individual		<i>Noise. 1e rightly seeks to limit any increase in noise levels. For me, the main source of nuisance is the airfield. As a retired pilot, I well understand and support people's desire to fly. However, I feel that activity on the airfield needs to be carefully monitored and controlled. The number of daily movements is partly governed by the weather but, overall, is perfectly reasonable. The hours of operation are less so, particularly during the summer months when I think that movements should cease by 1900, a limit typically adopted at other airfields. Policy 5a also addresses the need to avoid increase of airfield noise, but later sections support airfield development. Perhaps there is a contradiction here, and the Plan should be more robust in its approach to noise generated by airfield activity.</i>	Noted
81	Individual		<i>Transport. The problem of excessive HGV traffic is clearly recognised but, perhaps understandably, the Plan identifies no solution to the apparently inexorable increase in this area. I believe that the main road up from Honiton urgently needs improvement to ease the problem of frequent delays when HGVs meet in different directions. However, easing that difficulty might of course merely facilitate further HGV activity! At the least, the PC might observe that any development which brings about more HGV traffic must only be countenanced if the road infrastructure is first improved. It is a classic Catch 22.</i>	Agree
82	Individual		<i>I have read through the Plan and overall find it clear, comprehensive and eminently supportable. I am grateful for the time and effort put into developing the Plan and, with the above cautions, support it.</i>	
120	Individual		<i>Lots of work has gone into this. Well done! Everything looks fine. Thanks.</i>	
121	Individual		<i>It all looks a very thorough document which must have taken hours to complete. Well done.</i>	Noted
122	Individual		<i>Main points and objectives seem alright with us.</i>	Noted
123	Individual		<i>Because I am a late resident I did not contribute to the questionnaire or evidence base. So please consider my late suggestion. Carbon Reduction – you state that you will be generally supportive with applications. I suggest propose a scheme on the roof of the Throgmorton Hall. <u>Be proactive.</u> Otherwise, no negative comments.</i>	Noted but Throgmorton and village halls already have solar PV installations in the roofs and we are proactive. This is more community action than NP
124	Individual		<i>Needed bus shelters on Highfield Road, grass cutter who cuts the grass needs to tidy up behind him.</i>	This is more community action than NP
125	Individual	pp. 34-37	<i>Where the Plan states that there should be amenity sites suitable for further expansion of recreational</i>	SG no NP action felt necessary this

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			<p>ground for the future, these sites need to be identified now, and not wait until somebody has sought planning permission. An ideal site would be the so called "land at Powell's Way", as it would satisfy the criteria for being within easy walking distance from the majority of the existing houses in the village. Perhaps some CIL revenues could be used to acquire this site and preserve it for such usage. If there are appropriate funds available in the future, from whatever source, then this site could be ear-marked for a school, which historically, what was thought it was best suited.</p> <p>The allotments and adjacent recreation ground which are on peppercorn rents from the landowner have no guarantee that at some future date they may also be regarded as potential building sites. Therefore, they might also be considered for Parish or EDDC acquisition. There are very few, if any, equally suitable locations in the village for these designated uses.</p> <p>Dunkeswell Parish Council is mindful of the need to nominate land or buildings which are important to the local community. Perhaps initiate a right to buy scheme to ensure these important sites are there for the educational/recreational benefit for future residents of Dunkeswell.</p>	should be covered by CIL community action document.
126	Individual	Pages 38, 41-43	<p>I know the Neighbourhood Plan does not relate to specifics, but I have always thought that the Main Road (Highfield Road) through the village should be double-yellow lined to prohibit parking in this road. Often there are vehicles parked on blind bends or very close to road turnings, which makes it unnecessarily hazardous, for motorists and pedestrians. Could the "Plan" in some way emphasise the importance of parking-free zones to be introduced for this major route? All villages need to use this particular road to get to Doctors, shops, community venues etc.</p>	SG - Not NP issue
127	Individual	pp.39-40	<p>The Plan supports the enhancement of pavements, bridleways, footpaths and cycleways. These aims are something of which all local residents would be in favour. However, a pavement / footpath linking Highfield Estate with the Airfield would be a top priority and very popular. One wonders why this simple inclusion was not thought out when the Highfield Estate was first presented as a concept. There are many cycle riders in the village and we would all love to have at least one dedicated cycle-way where one does not have to worry about other road users. There must be public sources of funding, which might contribute towards implementing such a scheme.</p>	SG – feel this is covered under TA2
128	Individual	pp. 44-49	<p>In view of the recent controversy regarding the outline planning application for "Live Work units" at land "North of Powells Way", might it be prudent to have an aim or objective included in the Plan to deter developers from submitting planning requests for live/work units which are within a prescribed distance from residential housing e.g. 100 m and</p>	Agreed, NP does not permit new build work live on greenfield land, but only within the industrial estate boundary

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			<i>certainly not in the midst of existing housing. Industrial estates are the most suitable locations.</i>	
129	Individual	General comments	<i>The Neighbourhood Plan has covered most of the important issues which affect our village, and we hope that the comments made above might be incorporated into the "Plan". I did find it impossible to read the ordnance survey plans. When I tried to enlarge them they became very blurred and unreadable, so a lot of information was unavailable to me. This is just an observation, not a criticism. Perhaps a good pdf version could be available for future plans? We would like to thank you for all the hard work you have put into this document.</i>	Agreed
130	Individual	General comments	<i>Ok, no comments.</i>	Noted
131	Individual	General comments	<i>All looks good.</i>	Noted
132	Individual	General comments	<i>All seems satisfactory.</i>	Noted
133	Individual	Page 34	<i>Many regretting the loss of the pub in 2011. The village pub has always been a community gathering place. We do not have one! It is greatly missed.</i>	Noted
134	Individual	Page 35	<i>Community owned pubs. I know of at least one Devon village with one and it's very successful. I would be willing to be involved.</i>	Noted
135	Individual	General comments	<i>Highfield Social Club is not a substitute for a pub. Décor is shabby and the language used is not for ladies' ears. There is nowhere you can take your partner for a drink within walking distance.</i>	Noted
136	Individual	Page 2	<i>Road and traffic – why oh why no improvements or progress on diverting traffic to the Airfield and Industrial Estate, the road from Honiton was not meant for such traffic. Also, please parking on the Highfield Road is starting to be a nuisance, before we know it, it will be just another car park. Priority should be the roads before any more housing or industry, spoils what has already been achieved.</i>	Noted
137	Individual	Page 2	<i>The link would not let me into the neighbourhood plan so I could not view it. I work so could not attend planning meetings. However, I feel strongly that Dunkeswell desperately needs a good regular bus system, both for the young people travelling to Huish College and for the high population of elderly who are present isolated in the village if they no longer drive. The few buses we have are not enough! My own daughter does 7.15am to 6.30pm daily in order to attend Huish, much of this is wasted time waiting for buses. Also, know someone who wanted to attend Exeter College, this proved nigh on impossible on the existing public transport, involved ridiculously long hours and long waits for buses for this young person.</i>	Noted
138	Individual		<i>Think everything sounds fine.</i>	Noted
139	Individual		<i>All good, maybe change the museum picture.</i>	Noted
140	Individual		<i>All looks good to me.</i>	Noted

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141	Individual		<i>I agree to the plans made by the parish council.</i>	Noted
142	Individual		<i>A job well done with a difficult set of subjects.</i>	Noted
143	Individual		<i>Looks good, well done.</i>	Noted
144	Individual		<i>Everything looks fine</i>	Noted
145	Individual		<i>Perfect, understands the needs of the community.</i>	Noted
146	Individual		<i>Everything looks good.</i>	Noted
147	Individual		<i>The comments on the footpath to the old village / airfield / Highfield are high priority. HGVs pass too fast through the 30/20 zones.</i>	Noted
148	Individual		<i>Looks fine.</i>	Noted

Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan

Part 2: Consultation Statement – Statutory and Strategic Consultees

1. Introduction

This Consultation Statement has been prepared by the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to conform to the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should:

- (a) Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan
- (b) Explain how they were consulted
- (c) Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted
- (d) Describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan

This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations.

Part 2 of this Consultation Statement summarises the statutory and non-statutory consultation undertaken with relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders, other than those that could be described as being a part of our community, in developing the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Development Plan.

2. Summary of Consultation Approach to Statutory Consultees

It was decided to make the earliest contact with those bodies and organisations that are defined as a consultation body under the terms of schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012. With the help of our consultants, East Devon DC and Blackdown Hills AONB we prepared a contact list of all bodies and organisations that serve or provide services to the Parish or were likely to have an interest in the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan.

The aims of the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were to:

- ‘front-load’ the consultation, so that the Plan could be informed by the views of those with an interest in the parish from the earliest stage
- to ensure the neighbourhood planning process was informed by the views and intentions of statutory bodies and stakeholders
- to take fully into account those views and intentions
- meet the requirements of Regulation 14

3. Launch and Initial Communication

The intention to prepare an Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan was first publicised by the local planning authority, East Devon DC, following the Parish Council's application to have the parish area designated as a Neighbourhood Area in April 2012. The Plan and the neighbourhood planning process was publicly launched in April 2014. Around that date, correspondence, largely by email, was sent to a wide range of bodies and organisations that were thought likely to have an interest in our intentions and outcomes (See Appendix 2A). Apart from informing them of our timetable we invited an early contribution you wish to contribute anything at this early stage in the process.

This might include:

- informing us of key strategies, plans and programmes (or elements of them which are of relevance to our parish) of which they think we should be aware
- telling us what they think the Neighbourhood Plan should focus on or help to achieve
- any other comments they wish to make to inform the development of a neighbourhood plan for Dunkeswell

3.1 Responses Received

All responses received were tabulated and reported to the Steering Group. A schedule of respondents and a summary of initial responses is set out in Appendix 2B. Relatively few of the respondents went further than acknowledging receipt of our email giving notice of our intentions.

3.2 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

The few written contributions we received were used to inform our Evidence Report under the relevant topic heading.

4. Evidence Gathering

We contacted several organisations whilst preparing our evidence base. Responses received from the following bodies and organisations provided useful feedback and information that contributed toward our evidence base:

- Blackdown Hill AONB
- Blackdown Hills GP Practice
- Community Council of Devon
- Devon Countryside Access Forum
- Devon Wildlife Trust
- East Devon District Council
- East Devon Ramblers

Their response was taken into account in the Evidence Report that we produced as part of the neighbourhood planning process and which was subsequently made available to the community via the website.

The information received was fully taken account of in analysing the evidence and preparing our draft aims and objectives.

5. 1st Consultation Version of the Plan

Statutory bodies and stakeholders were informed by email of the publication of the 1st Circulation Version of the Neighbourhood Plan in March 2015. Several organisations sent an email acknowledgment shortly within a day or two of receiving the invitation to comment, but we did not hear further from them.

5.1 Responses Received

The more substantial responses we received were collated, tabulated and reported to the Steering Group. The report was also made available on the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan website. A schedule of initial responses is set out in Appendix 2C.

5.2 How were the issues and concerns responded to?

The Steering Group reviewed all the comments received and agreed what action to take on a comment by comment basis. The agreed actions are included in summary form in the table in Appendix 2C.

6. Sustainability

East Devon DC and the Blackdown Hills AONB were prime consultees and also assisted consultation and liaison between the Dunkeswell Steering Group and statutory bodies including the Environment Agency and Natural England in respect of requirements for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and an Appropriate Assessment in regard to EU Habitats Regulations.

6.1 Screening Opinions for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment

A screening exercise was undertaken to ensure that the emerging plan would not have significant environmental impacts or likely significant effects on the protected characteristics of the Blackdown Hills AONB which cover the Neighbourhood Plan area. The screening was carried out on the first draft version of the Neighbourhood plan which was prepared by January 2015.

A screening opinion for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Regulations was requested from East Devon District Council which consulted the statutory bodies. The screening opinion was then issued by the local authority in March, 2015, concluding that neither an SEA nor HRA would be required.

6.2 Sustainability Appraisal

Following the screening opinion from East Devon District Council, the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group decided that it would be prudent to carry out a sustainability appraisal. It commissioned such an appraisal on the January 2015 version of the Neighbourhood Plan, which did not identify any significant adverse effects on the key sustainability criteria.

A further Sustainability Appraisal was undertaken on the 2016 Pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan. The SA did not identify any significant adverse effects of the draft Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan was considered positive for all the SA objectives. No significant adverse impacts were identified. However, several recommendations were identified which could help to strengthen the sustainability of the Plan.

The results of the appraisal exercise have been available on the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan website and was made public as part of the consultation process alongside the draft Plan.

7. Regulation 14 (Pre-submission stage) Consultation

Neighbourhood Plan regulations require that a statutory consultation period of 6 weeks is undertaken by the responsible body on the final draft plan prior to its submission to the Local Authority in advance of their statutory Regulation 16 consultation.

7.1 Drafting the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan policies were drafted in close collaboration with:

- East Devon DC, to ensure that the emerging policies were not in conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework, were aligned to the Local Development Plan and that they were usable in a Development Management context; and with
- The Blackdown Hills AONB to ensure that the policies were in harmony with those that prevail across the whole of the AONB.

Both of these bodies were considered as key statutory consultees under Regulation 14.

7.2 Who else was Consulted?

The Regulation 14 consultation is specific about organisations and stakeholders that should be consulted. The legislation requires that prior to submitting the plan to the local planning authority the qualifying body must:

- publicise it in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area
- consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and
- send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

All of the statutory bodies listed in Appendix 2E were consulted on the Pre-submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan, thus ensuring we adhered to the requirements of Schedule 1 of the 2012 Regulations.

7.3 How were they Consulted?

The Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan was sent by email to all bodies and organisations on our consultation list (See Appendix 2D) with explanation of what was required for the consultation and the date when responses were required by.

7.4 What did the Consultees say?

A summary of the responses is set out at Appendix 2E. The Steering Group reviewed all the comments received and agreed what action to take on a comment by comment basis. The agreed actions are included in a summary form in the table in Appendix 2E.

8. Conclusions

In preparing the Dunkeswell Neighbourhood Plan we have made strenuous efforts to establish and maintain a dialogue with those bodies and organisations covered by Schedule 1 of the Regulations and those other bodies and organisations we have identified as having an interest in our parish.

The views, comments and suggestions received at each stage of the Neighbourhood Plan have been fully considered and have helped to guide and shape the form of the Plan so that it not only reflects what local people wish to see happen for their area but takes account of how we can share future planning and delivery with outside bodies and organisations so as to realise our aims and objectives.

This Consultation Statement and the supporting appendices are considered to comply with Section 15(2) of part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

DUNKESWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to inform you that Dunkeswell Parish Council has commenced the process of developing a neighbourhood plan for the area. As you will be aware, neighbourhood plans were introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and provide the opportunity for the local community to set out its own statutory development plan and policies for its area. East Devon District Council has formally designated the neighbourhood planning area as the administrative boundary of the parish⁴.

We are following a timetable which we hope will see a draft plan ready for submission to East Devon District Council next year, and the neighbourhood plan steering group is currently developing the evidence base and holding initial 'discussions' with local people, organisations and other key stakeholders and consultees about their views. You can find out more about the neighbourhood plan and process at www.dunkeswell.net.

In order to help us ensure that we are aware of all issues relevant to the development of neighbourhood plan, we would be grateful if you will contact us (by replying to this email) should you wish to contribute anything at this early stage in the process. This might include:

- informing us of key strategies, plans and programmes (or elements of them which are of relevance to our parish) of which you think we should be aware;
- telling us what you think the Neighbourhood Plan should focus on or help to achieve; and / or;
- any other comments you wish to make to inform the developing neighbourhood plan.

We are keen to establish a dialogue with you and would be grateful if you can confirm who the most appropriate contact person is for future correspondence on the neighbourhood plan.

If you do wish to contribute anything at this stage, please do so no later than Monday 18th August, as we would like to finish compiling our initial scoping of the evidence base and key issues by the end of that month to inform the next stage of the process. If you do not wish to contribute at this stage, there will be other opportunities to raise issues with us during the development of the neighbourhood plan and the 'door remains open' should you wish to contact us at any point.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

Tracey Bell

Clerk to Dunkeswell Parish Council & Neighbourhood Plan Team

⁴ See the following link for further details http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood_plans

Appendix 2B Initial Response from Statutory and Strategic Consultees – August 2014

	Acknowledge	No Comment	Written Contribution
Blackdown Hills AONB			✓
Blackdown Hills GP Practice			✓
Civil Aviation Authority	✓		
Devon Countryside Access Forum			✓
Devon NHS	✓		
Devon Rural Community Council			✓
East Devon Ramblers			✓
First Group	✓		
Health and Safety Executive	✓		
House Builders Federation		✓	
Marine Management Organisation		✓	
Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation	✓		
Sanctuary Housing	✓		
SW Airfields Heritage Trust	✓		

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	Organisation	Name			
1	EDDC	Tim Spurway	p.6 the Local Plan	<i>Delete 'emerging'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
2	EDDC	Tim Spurway	p.7 Figure 1 – The Plan Area – Dunkeswell Parish	<i>In Lympstone the Examiner changed the map title. Suggest you change it to Figure 1- The Neighbourhood Plan Area, covering Dunkeswell Parish</i>	AGREE with suggested action
3	EDDC	Tim Spurway	p.9 will be a statutory development plan.	<i>part of the statutory development plan rather than 'a'?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
4	EDDC	Tim Spurway	p.9 (also a statutory development plan)	<i>part of the statutory development plan</i>	AGREE with suggested action
5	EDDC	Tim Spurway	p.11 "Statement of Principle".	<i>Although I appreciate the intention behind this I feel this could only serve to cause confusion to decision makers so I would recommend removing these 'statements of principle'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
6	EDDC	Tim Spurway	General	<i>Try to make the wording of your policies as consistent as possible. For example, some of them start "All development proposals...", other start "New development proposals." or "proposals for development". To avoid confusion and misinterpretation it's best to choose one and run with it across all policies.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
7	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.12 Local authorities or statutory agencies	<i>Please be aware that your Neighbourhood Plan cannot place responsibilities or actions upon other bodies outside of its remit.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
8	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.19 Native species of plants should be used.	<i>You might want to specify a range of traditional species as an example of suitable types</i>	SG response – this seems worded wrongly, should be 'native planting', not 'species of native plants' (could use exact wording as per pg 20 NE1 ii)
9	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.20 Policies D2	<i>In the Lympstone examination the examiner deleted references to our emerging Plan on the basis that it was not adopted and was subject to change. You might want to duplicate our policies D2 and D3 as NP policies?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
10	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.20 Strategy 49 states that:	<i>Again, you might want to include this as a NP policy rather than one of our emerging policies.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
11	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE1	<i>Different points should be numbered as below:</i>	AGREE with suggested action

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	Organisation	Name			
				<i>a) they have demonstrated that there are no adverse impacts on the natural environment (landscape and biodiversity) or such impacts are satisfactorily mitigated; and b) enhance the natural...</i>	
12	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE1	<i>remove highlighted words</i>	AGREED
13	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE1	<i>remove parenthesis</i>	AGREE with suggested action
14	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE1 iii)	<i>Amend policy point iii to read: iii) Proposals for development which affect traditional Devon hedges will only be supported where they have demonstrated that alternative options are impractical and the proposal is the least damaging option (to the hedgerow/bank, setting in the landscape, biodiversity and habitats).</i>	AGREE with suggested action
15	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE1 definition of 'development'	<i>'Development' is already an established planning term in the PPG so this paragraph is unnecessary.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
16	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.23 'We have therefore Statement of Principle- Retaining the Quality of Environmental Health and Amenity'	<i>This is rather confusing. The statement of principle is highlighted and worded like a planning policy but does not hold any weight in decision making. It could cause some confusion to a decision maker so I would suggest removing this or adding it to the supporting text so that it can clearly not be interpreted as a policy.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
17	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.24 East Devon emerging new Local plan	<i>Again, the examiner may delete this as being an emerging policy rather than an adopted one (and EN13). I wonder if you should duplicate D7, as a policy of your NP, so it becomes your policy and is not deleted?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
18	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE2	<i>Remove new</i>	AGREE with suggested action
19	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE2 'traditional farming methods'	<i>'traditional farming methods' is undefined so it's not clear how a decision maker could react to a proposal. We had a similar situation in the Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan and consequently the examiner removed the policy. There are also questions as to whether this point could even be controlled as a planning policy.</i>	CLERK TO REFINE WORDING WITH ST, but not felt any fundamental change necessary unless inspector requires it. NFU response has been received (see letter circulated by email), rewording of policy based on that and above to be put

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	Organisation	Name			
					to SG at next meeting.
20	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy NE2	<i>Delete first part of sentence as duplicates intro. Start with Protect and promote the natural beauty...</i>	AGREE with suggested action
21	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.26	<i>missing 'of'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
22	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1	<i>remove 'of our Parish'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
23	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1	<i>repetition of the term 'high quality'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
24	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1 comply with	<i>this term might be too strong, you may want to consider changing to 'follow' or something similar</i>	AGREE with suggested action
25	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1	<i>remove word 'any'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
26	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1	<i>Remove 'additional'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
27	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1	<i>Remove '/or'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
28	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE1	<i>...to a cumulative adverse visual impact.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
29	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE2	<i>remove 'in Dunkeswell Parish'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
30	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE2	<i>or such impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated? Archaeological recording?</i>	SG – concerns that there may be occasion where sufficient mitigation cannot be found – and that we don't want this power to lie solely with other bodies so the parish council/ parishioners agreement is given more weight – this also goes for the same mitigation wording in the loss or replacement of community facilities
31	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy BE2	<i>ii) Proposals must demonstrate that they have fully... How would an applicant do this, a heritage statement? Please be aware that an applicant will have to submit a 'statement of significance' for proposals affecting heritage assets so this requirement may already be covered.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
32	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.34	<i>This section will need to be amended as this position has now changed.</i>	AGREE with suggested action

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	Organisation	Name			
33	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.36 Villages Development Plan Document	<i>This document is emerging and will no longer be allocating development</i>	AGREED
34	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.36 HP1	<i>Policy HP1</i>	AGREE with suggested action
35	EDDC	Tim Spurway	HP1 'Housing threshold applies'	<i>Need to be clear what the threshold is This is already covered in the revised strategy 35 of the Local Plan in greater detail so it's difficult to see exactly what will be gained through the inclusion of this policy point.</i>	SG - Refine rather than repeat – yes, but need definite policy
36	EDDC	Tim Spurway	HP1	<i>remove 'All'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
37	EDDC	Tim Spurway	HP2	<i>Policy HP2</i>	AGREE with suggested action
38	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.37	<i>The first line is unnecessary, policy should start from 'Proposals for...'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
39	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.37	<i>On the whole this policy requires tightening up as this would allow the extension and conversion of a shed or barn or any other 'redundant building' to a dwelling in a location that may be in entirely inappropriate for development. This is much more open-ended than our existing policy D10 (D8 in the emerging plan) that promotes allows for re-use of rural buildings but with certain conditions attached- e.g. not causing harm to the countryside, building is structurally sound and can be converted, not substantively adding to the need to travel by car etc. Our fear is that a policy as open for interpretation like this would mean you would suddenly be inundated with many applications for inappropriate buildings which would undermine the intention of this policy. I would recommend adding criteria for where this would be acceptable. The term 'Local Need' also needs to be qualified as it is unclear what local need is in this context.</i>	AGREED, however Concern over travel by car – would preclude all development up here SG - Acceptable wording to be suggested by consultant for amendment by SG
40	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy CFS1	<i>Should there be an aim not to undermine the sustainability of a settlement?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
41	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy CFS1	<i>highlighted part seems onerous/unnecessary.</i>	CHANGE AGREED

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	Organisation	Name			
42	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy CFS1 'where need and demand for that facility, open space and / or an alternative community use has been demonstrated; '	<i>How would you expect an applicant to demonstrate this?</i>	CHANGE AGREED
43	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.42 The draft "Villages Development Plan Document"	<i>You may want to remove this reference as the position has now changed.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
44	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.43 '(in accordance with East Devon Local Plan standards of provision)'	<i>If this is an already adopted EDDC policy then it would seem to be an unnecessary requirement for your Neighbourhood Plan</i>	AGREE with suggested action
45	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.44	<i>You should add some caveats on this including: it is accessible and well located, makes best use of pedestrian access and not harm the landscape/character of the setting. It's no use having a school that no-one can access!</i>	Concern – support and enhance existing but remove new school references
46	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy TA1 'illegally using designated footpaths'	<i>It's not a planning function to stop somebody doing something illegally. They shouldn't be doing it anyway.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
47	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.51	<i>Rather than quoting the emerging Local Plan policy (which may be deleted at examination) you could include the Lympstone wording. "New developments should provide off-road parking spaces to ensure that pressure on limited existing parking is not increased. 1 bed properties should have 1 parking space; 2 or more bedrooms should have a minimum of 2 spaces</i>	AGREE with suggested action
48	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy TA3	<i>add point below: iv) surface water flooding</i>	AGREE with suggested action
49	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy TA3	<i>is this realistic? It would prevent a lot of extensions if every 2+ bed house had to maintain a provision of 2 parking spaces.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
50	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy TA4 iii)	<i>Policy NE1 will cover these kinds of development anyway so this point is unnecessary</i>	AGREE with suggested action
51	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.54	<i>missing the word 'Plan'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
52	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.57	<i>'businesses'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
53	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.58	<i>'meet'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
54	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE1	<i>Policy should include a requirement to demonstrate a</i>	AGREED

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	Organisation	Name			
				<i>need for more live/work units. Policy also needs to ensure that employment use is the predominant use otherwise schemes would be at odds with aims for sustainability- we have appeal decisions dismissing applications for live-work units in Dunkeswell.</i>	
55	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE1	<i>could be set far apart, units need to be well integrated</i>	AGREE with suggested action
56	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE1	<i>all clauses should be combined into a single list.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
57	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE1	<i>'...form a live-work unit must...'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
58	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE1 'through a robust local economic assessment'	<i>you should instead be requiring applicants to demonstrate a lack of need/demand by marketing the property for 2 years rather than attempting to predict future needs.</i>	PERFECT!
59	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.59 Policy E5 – 'of the emerging Local Plan'	<i>Might be better to refer to the NPPF as reference to the emerging policy is likely to be deleted at examination.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
60	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE2 'high quality'	<i>high quality in what way?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
61	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.63 Policy E19	<i>Emerging local plan policy... but I think the adopted plan has the same policy in it. I would use that...</i>	SEE ABOVE RE HOLIDAY ACCOM/HOUSING
62	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE4	<i>protecting private views is not a planning consideration perhaps iii) the proposal does not adversely affect the visual amenity of the area.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
63	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE5	<i>Remove 'a'</i>	AGREE with suggested action
6	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE5 ii)	<i>Tough to secure through the planning process, may be better suited as a community action.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
65	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE5	<i>high speed or super-fast?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
66	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy LE5	<i>need to be specific about what communication networks are required as otherwise impossible to control.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
67	EDDC	Tim Spurway	P.68 Table 1	<i>Can you please add a key to the table below to clarify what the colours mean?</i>	AGREE with suggested action
68	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy ELC1 "Renewable Energy in the Blackdown Hills Report"	<i>Need to be specific about what it says.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
69	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy ELC2	<i>The PPG states that authorities should "have a positive strategy to promote energy from renewable and low carbon</i>	AGREE with suggested action

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				<i>sources". As worded, this policy does not conform to the framework so you will need to amend this. You may want to change the wording to say "...low carbon energy schemes will be supported where they... i. will not have a negative impact on enjoyment...</i>	
70	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Policy W1	<i>This feels more like a community action than a planning policy. As a decision maker, I don't think it provides a clear enough indication on how to react to a proposal. I don't think it is specific enough in what it is trying to achieve and the reference to the AONB in this context is unclear.</i>	AGREE with suggested action
71	The Coal Authority	Miss Rachael A. Bust		<i>No specific comments on draft plan</i>	AGREE with suggested action
72	Marine Management Organisation	Angela Gemmill		<i>No specific comments on draft plan</i>	AGREE with suggested action
73	Civil Aviation Authority, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group	E.Forrest		<i>No specific comments on draft plan. Standard letter received with no reference to neighbourhood plans. However, it states that strategic planning documents should be shared with the airport operator.</i>	
74	East Devon Ramblers	Ted Swan		<i>Ramblers have not made any suggestions for additional rights of way in Dunkeswell. However, your Neighbourhood Plan could consider improvements that could be made by examining the benefits of reinstating the public rights of way that disappeared during the second World War across the airfield into neighbouring Sheldon.</i>	SG – already have policies for support of new FPs, challenges to historic routes must be dealt with by DCC Review.
75	Health and Safety Executive	John Moran		<i>No specific comments on draft plan</i>	AGREE with suggested action
76	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner		<i>I think that some of text could be reduced/simplified, and that some of the policies would benefit from a check on their readability - and might best involved the parish steering group as 'lay people' not planners. I have an outstanding concern about the design policies referring to 'high quality design' without it being defined what that means.hinting at the AONB design guide, I don't think</i>	AGREED, but feel the BH Design Guide is very comprehensive

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				<i>that is precise enough for a planning policy. I think it could be addressed by some fairly simple rewording that makes the link explicit, however I am happy for the EDDC Planners to steer on that.</i>	
77	The Blackdown Practice	Karen Button		<p><i>No specific comments on draft plan. We would be interested in contributing to the Neighbourhood Plan. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss our involvement in the plan further, I am happy to be involved and wish you luck with the development Challenges</i></p> <p><i>1. Workload</i> <i>There is a significant and increasing pressure on General Practice clinical and administrative services for a number of reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• An aging population</i> <i>• Care being provided closer to home</i> <i>• Increased administrative burden</i> <p><i>2. Recruitment</i></p> <p><i>3. Specific issues for the Blackdown Practice</i> <i>These include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• After years of stability in terms of GP Partners we are likely to have a number of retirements over the next 10 years....</i> <i>• Providing services over 3 sites...</i> <i>• Protecting the dispensary business....</i> 	not part of plan
78	Sue Southwell	Rural Housing Enabler		<i>No specific comments on draft plan. (Attachments sent of which the plan is already cognisant.)</i>	SG - NOTED
79	Devon Countryside Access Forum			<i>No specific comments on draft plan. General advice provided in the form of a checklist in relation to recreation and access. (copied below for completeness)</i>	public right to buy – NP ISSUE? Tim Clewer checking with EDDC

Appendix 2D

Statutory and Strategic Consultee List 2016 (Regulation 14)

Local Authorities
East Devon District Council
Devon County Council
Transport and Access
Civil Aviation Authority
First Devon and Cornwall
Network Rail
Cross Country
First Great Western
National Air Control Transport Services and Operators of Officially Safeguarded Civil Aerodromes
Ramblers Association
Stagecoach South West
Utility and Energy
Western Power Distribution
Wales and West Utilities Limited
South West Water
National Grid DPM Consultant
BT (Openreach)
Health
Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
Devon Partnership NHS Trust
Health and Safety Executive
NHS East Devon Clinical Commissioning Group
Devon Health and Wellbeing Board
Government Agencies
Homes and Communities Agency
Sport England
English Heritage
Natural England
Environment Agency
Highways Agency
Emergency Services
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Devon and Cornwall Police
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
Environment
Devon Local Nature Partnership
Forestry Commission
Woodland Trust
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
Devon Wildlife Trust
Garden History Society
Canal and River Trust
RSPB South West Regional Office
Country Land and Business Association

Marine Management Organisation
NFU
Economy
East Devon Federation of Small Businesses
Association of East Devon Chambers of Commerce
Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership
Housing
National Housing Federation
Home Builders' Federation
Community Council for Devon / Devon Rural Community Council
Devon & Cornwall Housing Association
Guinness Trust Housing Association
Hastoe Housing Association
Sanctuary Housing Association
Spectrum Housing Association
Yarlington Housing Group
Other
Plymouth and Devon Racial Equality Council
Devon Faith and Beliefs Forum
Living Options Devon (Devon Disability Network)
National Trust
Coal Authority
Crown Estate Commissioners
Design Council
Ministry of Defence
Theatres Trust
Devon Rural Community Council / Community Council for Devon
Devon Federation of Women's Institute
Princes Trust South West Regional Office

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83	EDDC	Tim Spurway	General comments	<p><i>I would firstly like to offer my congratulations to the group for reaching the pre-submission consultation stage in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan. It is clear its content is a reflection of the considerable level of community engagement and evidence-based research undertaken by a group of volunteers and this is to be greatly commended.</i></p> <p><i>I would stress at the outset that this letter provides informal officer comments only that relate to matters that you may feel warrant attention or consideration. We are seeking to be helpful and constructive in views expressed but it is important to recognise that it is your plan and the clear onus will be on you justifying plan content and satisfying yourselves that through your work you have followed correct procedures as applicable to your role in Neighbourhood Plan production. Advice is provided in relation to conformity with the adopted Local Plan 2013-2031.</i></p>	
84	EDDC	Tim Spurway	General comments	<p><i>The Neighbourhood Plan is well presented, attractive and makes good use of photos and graphics. It is concise and the writing style is in 'plain English' and accessible without compromising the professional feel of the document as a whole. To aid navigation, it is recommended that paragraph numbers are incorporated throughout the document.</i></p>	SG
85	EDDC	Tim Spurway	General comments	<p><i>Consideration should be given to relabelling the titles so that they are clearly distinct from similarly titled Local Plan policies.</i></p>	SG - Agree
86	EDDC	Tim Spurway	General comments	<p><i>Where policies have been presented, a reference list of 'key supportive national, district and AONB policies' policies has been included, the group should be aware that recent Neighbourhood Plan examinations have seen these lists being removed from the plan as they are somewhat subjective and have not been considered to add any particular value.</i></p>	SG – Noted

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87	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 1	<i>This section offers a useful introduction to the plan.....</i>	Noted
88	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 2	<i>This section provides an overview of the key aims of the plan and how they were reached.</i>	Noted
89	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 3, Natural Environment	<p><i>This section of the plan sets out the key priorities for the Natural Environment over the course of the plan period.</i></p> <p><i>In the first sentence of the introduction the word 'Beauty' is missing. Footnote 6 on page 18 duplicates the word 'such'. Suggested amendments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Para 1- first sentence is missing the word 'beauty'.</i> • <i>Page 18- footnote six duplicates the word 'such'.</i> 	Noted & agreed
90	EDDC	Tim Spurway	NE1	<p><i>The first criterion is confusingly worded and a recommendation is made in this regard below. The second criterion of the policy states that development proposals will only be supported where they enhance the natural environment where there are opportunities to do so. It would appear unreasonable to expect an enhancement of the natural environment where it can be demonstrated that the impact on the natural environment can be mitigated. Also, it may not always be appropriate to expect an enhancement of the natural environment for all development proposals e.g. a house extension. This criterion could potentially be reworded as a statement and included in the policy as suggested below. The third and fourth criteria should be relabelled as i) or a) as they bear no relation to criteria's i) and ii) but could be read as doing so. Suggested amendments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Criterion i) - amend latter part to read 'or any adverse impacts are satisfactorily mitigated'.</i> • <i>Criterion ii) - Reword as statement in policy to read 'Applicants will be encouraged to enhance the natural environment where there is the opportunity to do so.'</i> • <i>Criteria's iii) and iv) – restart labelling at a) or i).</i> 	Noted although not keen on mitigation – again mitigation is subjective!
91	EDDC	Tim Spurway	NE2	<i>Criterion iii) is imprecise as it does not indicate what would be considered an unacceptable level of HGV or traffic movements. An alternative wording is suggested</i>	Agreed

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				<i>below: Suggested amendments: • Criterion iii) – Reword to read ‘Any increase in traffic movement including HGVs can be safely accommodated on the rural road network.’</i>	
92	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 4, Built Environment	<i>This section of the plan effectively sets out the importance of the built environment within the parish and highlights the key priorities.</i>	
93	EDDC	Tim Spurway	BE1	<i>The policy gives the impression that should the four criteria presented be met then all development proposals will be supported, which I do not believe is the group’s intention. To avoid this confusion, an amendment is suggested below. Suggested amendments: • Amend first sentence to read ‘...development proposals will be supported where they should:’</i>	Steering group agree - they want this to read that applications MUST meet these criteria in order to be considered, they may then be considered on their other merits, and against other policies.
94	EDDC	Tim Spurway	BE2	<i>This policy requires applicants to fully take into account any national and local evidence documenting local historic and heritage assets. It would appear unreasonable to expect this without providing an indication as to what these sources are or where they are located. A suggestion is made on this point below. Suggested amendments: • Move end of criteria point one to a separate statement within the policy to read ‘Applicants are encouraged to take into account any additional sources of evidence documenting local heritage assets.’</i>	Agreed
95	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 5, Housing	<i>This section provides key background information with regards to housing in the parish and sets out the key priorities for the future.</i>	Noted
96	EDDC	Tim Spurway	HP1	<i>In the second paragraph, it is unclear exactly how one would undertake an independent assessment of housing need in a robust manner. A housing needs survey is required to support exceptions site housing under Strategy 35 of the Local Plan and there is generally an accepted methodology for undertaking such assessments. This requires further clarification either in the policy or supporting text. Suggested amendments: • Provide further clarification on the expectations or requirements for undertaking an independent assessment of housing need.</i>	Agree - Or just require applicant to fund up to date housing needs survey

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97	EDDC	Tim Spurway	HP2	<p><i>As currently worded, this policy would support a redundant structure being extended, subdivided and then converted to residential use in the open countryside. This is much more permissive than equivalent Local Plan policies, which support the conversion of redundant agricultural buildings but under certain criteria e.g. not causing harm to the countryside, that the building is structurally sound and can be converted and the proposal would not substantively add to the need to travel by car. We are concerned that the inclusion of this policy would potentially have negative environmental impacts and we could see many more barns being constructed and then subsequently converted to residential use in unsuitable locations. It is also unclear exactly what could be considered to be a redundant structure and this requires clarification. Conversely, it is unclear what constitutes a demonstrable local need in the parish as sufficient information has not been provided in the Plan and therefore it is unreasonable to expect applicants to meet a need that is not known. Suggested amendments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Remove policy or add additional criteria to ensure that proposals are acceptable in terms of location and scale.</i> • <i>Clarify what is considered to be a redundant structure.</i> • <i>Remove requirement of having to meet a demonstrable local need.</i> 	SG – feel they are happy with plan content in this regard as an addition to D8, D8 criteria may preclude development where we might accept it, we want the spirit of D8 to be acceptable in our location, in practice we are not sure this is the case given our rural location (Does D8 work in the AONB?)
98	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 6, Community Facilities and Services	<i>This section provides a useful introduction to the importance of the current community services and facilities in the parish.</i>	Noted
99	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 7, Transport and Accessibility	<i>This section provides an excellent introduction to the situation with regards to transport in the parish, giving the reader a clear background and insight into the priorities.</i>	Noted
100	EDDC	Tim Spurway	TA3	<p><i>The car parking standards included in Local Plan policy TC9 are presented as guidance and not a requirement as stated in the second paragraph of this policy. The wording and supporting text should be updated to reflect this. Suggested amendments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In second paragraph amend wording to read ‘...standard below that required suggested for new</i> 	Noted

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				<i> dwellings in the Local Plan...'</i>	
101	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 8, Local Economy	<p><i>This section provides a background to the business and employment opportunities in the parish and the priorities for the future. On page 48, in the second to last paragraph the word 'policies' in misspelled. Suggested amendments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P46- <i>In first sentence of second to last paragraph the word 'policies' has been misspelled.</i> 	Noted
102	EDDC	Tim Spurway	LE1	<p><i>Criterion v) is imprecise as it does not indicate what level would be considered an unacceptable loss of employment space and this requires clarification. Points v) to vii) should also be relabelled as they do not relate to previous criteria. In some recent cases of live/work unit proposals, there has been a concern regarding the effect that residential use of the unit would have on the neighbouring units in terms of pressure to curtail noisy activities and working hours. It is advised that where a unit is to be converted to live/work it should be demonstrated that residential use would be compatible with the permitted use of surrounding buildings (many of which are B1/B2/B8 units without any restrictions on working hours). This would be in the interests of the occupiers of the living accommodation and to ensure that established industrial units can continue operating without fear of restrictions. In the final paragraph, it would appear unreasonable to insist that live/work units revert to their former use if they become redundant. One reason is the extent of physical works likely to be required. It also seems unlikely that anyone would want or be able to give up a residential use if it meant a substantial loss in the value of the property. Indeed, if it is a new building, it would also not have a former use to revert back to. There is some concern that as a result of this, applicants will most likely apply to convert the units to residential use with the justification that the alternatives are impractical or unviable. Suggested amendments:</i></p>	SG were concerned that the live work use is retained and the buildings should not gain simply residential use if not let or sold. Agree make changes to allow clear language to reflect this.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In criterion v), provide clarification on the level of employment loss would be considered unacceptable. • Re-label criterion v) to vii) • Include additional criteria requiring applicant to demonstrate that the residential use is compatible with the permitted use of the surrounding buildings. • Consider further the application and wording of the final paragraph of policy. 	
103	EDDC	Tim Spurway	LE2	<p>There is a concern that this policy allows for the change of use of business and industrial uses away in the industrial estate without having to provide evidence that the existing use is no longer required or viable. A criterion should be included to ensure that this evidence is provided as part of the application. Suggested amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include additional criterion to ensure that applications for change of use of existing business or industrial premises in the industrial estate should provide evidence that there is insufficient demand for the existing use. 	Agreed.
104	EDDC	Tim Spurway	LE4	<p>This policy states in the supporting text that it is adding an additional 'layer' to Local Plan policy indicating that it should be read in conjunction with Local Plan policy E19 rather than supercede it. To avoid confusion for the decision maker this should be clearly added in the policy criteria. The policy appears to be inconsistent with policy NE1 of the Neighbourhood Plan by stating that all damage to hedgerows should be avoided whereas NE1 allows for development where the least damaging option to the hedgerow has been taken. Suggested amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include criteria in policy indicating that requirements of Local Plan policy E19 should also be met. • Consider bringing policy in line with NE1 with regards to damage to hedgerows. 	Agreed
105	EDDC	Tim Spurway	LE5	<p>Policy LE5 It might not be possible to require the provision of high speed broadband networks where the infrastructure is not in place. The second paragraph also requires rewording. Suggested amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider including the words 	Agreed

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				<p><i>'where practical' at the start of the second paragraph.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• In second paragraph, remove the word 'development'.</i> 	
106	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 9, Energy and Low Carbon	<p><i>This section provides a good background as to the support for a feasibility of renewable energy in the parish.</i></p>	Noted
107	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 10, Waste	<p><i>This section outlines the increased support for recycling within the parish.</i></p>	Noted
108	EDDC	Tim Spurway	Chapter 11, Delivering Priorities	<p><i>This section indicates that that various community priorities have been usefully listed in a separate community action plan. The community action plan has not been provided and as it is referred to in the corresponding policy it would have been useful for it to have been made available as a supporting document so we could have provided feedback on the priorities included within it. Suggested amendments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Make available the community action plan as a supporting document.</i> 	Noted
109	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Page 18	<p><i>Remain concerned about concept of 'screening' and how clear this section is on what you are trying to achieve, therefore I have suggested some amends as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Our concern about potential adverse impact (and therefore our policy) extends to three specific issues, raised as particularly important by the community during consultation and supported by other evidence: a desire to see landscape proposals for any new development screened using species of plants native to our area; a desire to encourage the use of native trees and enforce their planting; and, the need to protect our traditional hedges.</i></p> <p><i>Our preference is for appropriate development to be designed and located to fit within the landscape without having adverse impacts on its surroundings landscape and the natural and built character of the area within which the proposal is located. However, In some cases, it may be acceptable for appropriate landscaping to play a role as part of the solution to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the setting of the proposal and where it will contribute to enhancing local character. Where the use of planting</i></p>	Agreed

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				<i>is considered to be an appropriate part of the solution the proposal, native species of plants should be used.</i>	
110	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Page 19/Policy NE1	<p><i>It would reinforce the AONB purpose if the reference in 4th para and the name of the policy was ‘conserve’ rather than retain, i.e. ‘in order to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Parish’ and Policy NE1 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Beauty of our Parish. Suggested rewording of part of policy as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Where mitigating measures are unavoidably required for development to be acceptable within its landscape setting, appropriate landscaping should be employed to mitigate the impact of the development that is compatible with local landscape character. Such measures should include the use of appropriate planting which can enrich the biodiversity of the area such as native fruit and nut trees and hedges.</i></p>	Agreed
111	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Policy BE2	<i>suggest that ‘at the time of application’ is superfluous in criteria i).</i>	Agreed
112	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Policy BE3	<i>Does the historic Dunkeswell airfield have a defined area? For those not familiar (or those chancing their arm) it would help to specify the geographic extent.</i>	Historic airfield, working airfield and industrial estate all have their own boundaries and maps of each should be supplied already, but I will make sure you have these and they must be included in the plan
113	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Policy HP2	<i>I would like to see some safeguards in this policy, e.g. adding to the end ... ‘providing they do not have an adverse impact on the special character of the area’s natural and built environments.’</i>	Agreed
114	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Policy LE1	<i>suggest that criteria iii) should say something like ‘the employment floorspace is equal to greater than...’ There appears to be a stray part of a sentence at the very end of the policy that doesn’t relate to the rest.</i>	Agreed
115	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Page 47	<i>as with the historic airfield, is the Industrial Estate a defined area that can be shown on a map?</i>	Yes
116	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Page 50	<i>the reference to local plan policy E19; it is also permissive of existing</i>	

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				<i>holiday accommodation parks with the AONBs.</i>	
117	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Policy LE4	<i>possibly add residential amenity in criteria iii)? Perhaps better to say control ... pollution, rather than 'minimise' in criteria v).</i>	SG Agree
118	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	Policy ELC1	<i>Perhaps consistent with other policies to say ...'schemes will be supported only where they:'</i>	SG Agree Addition
119	Blackdown Hills AONB	Lisa Turner	General comment	<i>General comment – overall I must say how pleased we are to see so many explicit references and policy links to the AONB management plan (and other guidance) in the draft plan.</i>	Noted