

Local Plan Review Proposed Submission (incorporating proposed modifications)

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Q1: Personal Details*

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Q2: Agent Details (if applicable)

Respondent skipped this question

Q3: Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Q3: Name or organisation:

Crediton Town Team

Q4: To which part of the Local Plan Review does this representation relate? Please note that consultation invites comments on proposed modifications only, and not the wider unchanged content of the Local Plan Review.

Paragraph	e
Policy	CRE11

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Q5: Do you consider the Local Plan Review to be*:

Legally compliant	Yes
Positively prepared	Yes
Justified	Yes
Effective	Yes
Consistent with national policy	Yes

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Q6: If you consider the Local Plan Review is not legally compliant or is unsound please explain why below. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan Review, please also use this box to set out your comments. Please be as precise as possible.

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound. Please state why this change will make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Do you consider the Local Plan Review to be compliant with the duty to co-operate?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: If you consider that the Local Plan Review fails to comply with the duty to co-operate, please explain why below. If you wish to support its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments. Please be as precise as possible.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q10: If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to speak at the examination hearings?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: If you wish to speak at the hearings, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Please indicate whether you wish to be notified of:

Respondent skipped this question

Q13: Signature

Respondent skipped this question

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From: Local Plan Review
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Attachments: Letter from Crediton Town Team 11.2.17.docx

From: Rosemary Stephenson [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 February 2017 16:22
To: Local Plan Review
Subject: Comments on Local Plan Review

Please find attached a letter from Crediton Town Team with our comments about the Local Plan Review.

Rosemary Stephenson
Chair, Crediton Town Team



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11th February 2017

Dear Sirs,

Local Plan Review Consultation – a New Community Hub for Credition

I am writing to you on behalf of Credition Town Team to suggest an amendment to the Local Plan Review in response to your latest consultation. We have seen the proposed modifications and would like to include a specific reference to our aspiration to provide a New Community Hub for Credition.

This follows a similar suggestion in our letter of 25th April 2015, sent in response to the previous Local Plan consultation.

Credition Town Team, which was formed at the instigation of MDDC to help with economic and cultural re-generation, represents businesses and groups from across the community. We believe that Credition lacks the appropriate facilities to cater for the Many cultural groups in the town. We are also concerned about the space restrictions hindering some of our key services, such as the Children's Centre and Age Concern. This situation is likely to get worse as the town's population increases.

Credition boasts an extraordinarily vibrant cultural scene for its relatively small population and rural location. This includes an Arts Centre, a youth theatre, an operatic and drama group, two dance schools, seven art groups, a museum, a youth music collective, a jazz club, two classical concert societies, a town band and several choirs.

In a survey of 17 local groups, conducted in 2015 by the Credition Arts Centre and Credition Operatic and Drama Society, it was shown that 14 of them felt their facilities were not fit for purpose. Most said they lacked the space and equipment to carry out their activities effectively. Even QE Academy, with a strong reputation for the performing arts, said they lack the space to meet the needs of students.

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All these organisations welcomed the idea of a new community facility, which they could use for rehearsals, performances and exhibitions.

But such a building would not simply cater for artistic activities, but could provide a range of facilities and services for all sections of the community, from pre-school children to the elderly. The Children's Centre, Age Concern, Community Transport and the Library have all expressed an interest in basing themselves in the new Hub.

The Town Team believes that a New Community Hub would not only enhance the lives of local residents, but would boost tourism, bringing more visitors to the town and accompanying economic benefits.

To explore the concept further, the Town Team set up a sub group to work on an in-house feasibility study, which was completed in June 2016. The report, and subsequent consultations, concluded not only that there was a genuine need and desire in the town for a new facility, but that it could be run as a viable enterprise.

In January 2017 Crediton Town Council voted to support the project and the Town Team has begun work on a second, more detailed, feasibility study.

In view of the above, we would like to suggest the following amendment:

In Policy CRE11, Crediton Infrastructure

Revise sub-para i) as follows:

“Community facilities including provision for children, youth, the elderly, and a new community hub.”

We very much hope you will take account of this amendment, which we feel will help further our plans to create this exciting new facility for the town.

Yours faithfully

Rosemary Stephenson
Chair, Crediton Town Team