

Plan Mid Devon Survey



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Question 1

1.1 Do you agree with the top 6 priorities that we have identified for the new Local Plan?

1.2 Priority 1] Responding to the climate emergency and moving to a net-zero carbon future (please tick)

Yes [] No

1.3 Priority 1] Do you agree Priority 1 responding to the climate emergency and moving to a net-zero carbon future should be the overarching / top priority for Plan Mid Devon? (please tick)

Yes [] No

1.4 If NO, please provide your reasons

1.6 Priority 2] Delivering development, infrastructure and regeneration to meet our needs (please tick)

Yes [] No

1.7 If NO, please provide your reasons

1.16 Are there other priorities that we should include instead, please state why?

Question 2

2.1 What parts of this vision do you think should be kept and what parts should be changed, and why?

Question 3

3.1 Do you think that the Local Plan should introduce policies requiring that all developments which propose the construction of new homes or non-residential floor space will be designed, constructed and will perform to deliver net-zero carbon emissions? (please tick)

Yes

No

3.2 If NO, please provide your reasons

Question 4

4.1 Do you think that the Local Plan should introduce a policy to address the Whole Life-cycle carbon impacts of a development? (please tick)

Yes

No

4.2 If YES, do you think we should take the following approach(es)? (please tick)

- Exclusion – banning ‘things’ with unacceptability poor performance / impact
- Preference – preferring ‘things’ with better performance / lower negative impact
- Quantified performance – setting explicit, quantified limits that determine which ‘things’ are acceptable / unacceptable

4.3 Do you have any other comments on Whole Life-cycle carbon impacts, or which circumstances each of the three approaches might apply?

Question 5

5.1 How do you think we should plan the future of Mid Devon to help reduce the need to travel by car?

Question 6

6.1 How do you think the new Local Plan should plan for renewable energy developments? (please tick)

- Identify one or more broad areas in the district within which proposals for renewable energy could be supported e.g. for wind and solar?
- Identify one or more specific suitable sites in the district for renewable energy e.g. for wind and solar or small-scale hydro?
- Do not identify suitable location but set criteria out for determining planning applications?

- Require all strategic urban extensions and the Culm Garden Village to include decentralised renewable or low carbon energy supplies (subject to feasibility and viability)?
- Restrict renewable energy development in Mid Devon?
- Other (please specify)

6.2 Comments

Question 7

7.1 Which renewable energy technologies should be prioritised in Mid Devon? (please tick)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onshore wind | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solar Photovoltaic (PV) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small scale hydro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biomass energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy from waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Anaerobic Digestion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heat networks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solar thermal | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat pumps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

Q7] Comments

Definitely not anaerobic digestion - this causes problems on traffic at certain times of year & transport (diesel costs) do not help also local farms are then encouraged to grow crops for the anaerobic machine instead of food crops for humans or animal feed!

Question 8

8.1 Are there any other measures in relation to the development and use of land and buildings that you think the Local Plan should consider to help address climate change and help us move towards a low carbon future?

Question 9

9.1 Which new technologies and/or digital communications are most important to you and you think we should encourage/support through the new Local Plan?

- Fibre broadband connection to new premises
- Wireless internet access
- Satellite signal
- Other (please specify)

Question 10

10.1 Do you think that Plan Mid Devon should explore allocating sites in the Local Plan for Build to Rent homes? (please tick)

- Yes Not sure No

10.2 Comments

Question 11

11.1 Do you think that the new Local Plan should introduce additional eligibility criteria in addition to the national criteria referred to in the issues paper?

- Yes Not sure No

11.2 Comments

Question 12

12.1 Do you think that Plan Mid Devon should set minimum requirements for accessible and adaptable housing? (please tick)

Yes

Not sure

No

12.2 Comments

Question 13

13.1 Which types of specialist housing do you think we need more of and why?

Question 14

14.1 Do you think that there is any demand for senior co-housing communities in Mid Devon and is this something we should be planning positively for? (please tick)

Yes

Not sure

No

14.2 Comments

to use elderly people together is not a good idea! In other countries elderly are housed amongst younger folk & families - this helps stimulate all!!

Question 15

15.1 In addition to requiring a percentage as custom and self-build on larger sites, what else can the Council do to support custom and self-build in Mid Devon?

Question 16

16.1 What types of custom and self-build would you like to see more of in Mid Devon?

Question 17

Q17] What can Plan Mid Devon do to support community-led, co-housing and custom and self-build projects?

Question 18

18.1 Do you think that Plan Mid Devon should include a policy to support Modern Methods of Construction? (please tick)

Yes

Not sure

No

18.2 Comments

Depends on length of life using modern structures!

Question 19

Q19] What do you think we can do to raise awareness and understanding of MMC and realise the opportunities for MMC in Mid Devon?

Question 20

20.1 Do you think that Mid Devon should introduce a 'One Planet Development' policy that would provide scope for modest scale low impact, land based developments in the countryside, subject to strict requirements? (please tick)

Yes

Not sure

No

20.2 Comments

Question 21

Please tell us where you think Plan Mid Devon should prioritise new permanent sites to provide homes for Gypsies and Travellers.

Q21A] Identify sites in the three main towns - Tiverton, Cullompton, and Crediton

(please tick)

Not all Gypsies & Travellers require a rural location

Yes

No

Q21B] Identify sites outside the main towns in rural and semi-rural locations (please tick)

Yes

No

Q21C] Include a policy for rural exceptions sites to meet local traveller needs (please tick)

Yes

No

Question 22

22.1 Are you aware of a site that you think may be suitable to provide homes and Gypsies and Travellers, a transit site or emergency / negotiated stopping place, or a yard for Travelling Show People?

Yes

No

22.2 if YES, please tell us where the site is and which use you think it might be most suitable for

There are already 4 private sites in our parish & as families enlarge more land is required in some instances more trees have been taken away for more mobile homes & caravans.

Question 23

Q23] How do you think we should plan for a green economic recovery in Mid Devon?
Please select 3 priorities

- Innovative and high growth sectors (e.r. pharmaceuticals, aerospace, creatives, financial / professional and business services and emerging industries such as Artificial Intelligence)
- Supporting training opportunities in clean and green economic activities
- Renewable / clean energy
- Farm diversification to support the processing and sale of food locally
- Protecting the natural environment to sequester carbon
- Green public transport, cycling and walking
- Greener more energy efficient buildings
- Refurbishing and retrofitting properties to meet energy standards
- Repurposing waste streams
- Other (please specify)

Question 24

24.1 Which of the following ways should the new Local Plan help commercial development across the district? (you can select multiple options from the list below)

- Continue to allocate larger employment estates at a few locations
- Place greater emphasis on smaller employment sites that are relatively free from major infrastructure constraints and are capable of being delivered more quickly
- Require a proportion of all employment sites to be developed in small land parcels that can be attractive to micro, small and medium sized enterprise
- Identify opportunities for co-working space
- Include a policy for Live-work units
- Space for low cost, flexible and temporary accommodation
- Other (please specify)

All commercial development buildings & industrial units to have solar panels filled on their roofs.

24.2 Comments

Question 25

25.1 What do you consider to be the key infrastructure issues that Plan Mid Devon needs to address?

Question 26

26.1 Please select your top three priorities for the new Local Plan to address in a review of parking standards.

- The number of spaces
- The size of each parking space
- Providing private parking spaces
- Providing shared parking areas
- Charging facilities for electric vehicles
- Other (please specify)

Question 27

27.1 Do you have any comments on how Plan Mid Devon can help the transition to electric vehicles?

Encourage all new built houses to have charging facilities & the same goes for industrial & commercial areas!

Question 28

28.1 Is there any other areas in Mid Devon that you think should be designated as a 'Local Green Space'?

Yes No

28.2 Please tell us why you think this area?

Question 29

29.1 What do you think is the minimum level of Biodiversity Net Gain that the new Local Plan should set? (please select one)

Only the minimum mandatory national requirement for 10% Biodiversity Net Gain

More than 10% Biodiversity Net Gain

29.2 If you selected 'More than 10% Biodiversity Net Gain', what do you think this should be and why?

We require a high level.
In rural areas encourage more small woodlands to be planted & more trees to be planted in existing hedgerows!

Question 30

30.1 In addition to securing tree planting along new streets and walking / cycle paths and as part of green infrastructure, should Plan Mid Devon include a prescribed level of tree planting in new development?

Yes No

30.1 If YES, please tell us what level you think this should be and why?

Each property should be allocated at least 3 trees & existing mature trees should be conserved & trimmed regularly!
New schools should have an area of woodland for 'forest schools'!

Question 31

31.1 Are there any specific parts of the Grand Western Canal that should be given more protection and why?

NO.
Protect it all!

Question 32

32.1 Please select what you think should be the top three measures in terms of their importance in the planning our places to encourage and support healthy lifestyles

- Healthcare infrastructure and facilities (where there is a need to support the new development)
- Buildings and spaces for community use to support social interaction and mental well-being
- Opportunities and access to open space and play and recreation
- Opportunities for active travel, including walking and cycling routes
- Opportunities for growing food locally, e.g. through allotments or the planting of the fruit trees as part of landscaping schemes
- Good design and place making
- Decent homes and amenity space around them
- Improving habitats and biodiversity
- Other (please specify)

Question 33

33.1 National Planning policy and guidance does not define what is meant by 'beauty' in design. What aspects of design, such as layout, architecture or landscape elements, do you think would contribute to create beautiful places and buildings?

Beauty?
This depends on personal upbringing, education & opportunities!
Beauty in design means it must reflect the area it is in & not the 'fashion' of that modern moment.

Question 34

34.1 How should we prioritise the planning of Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton town centres?

34.2 TIVERTON

- Maintain a high proportion of shops and other commercial uses and services?
- Support a wider visitor experience by giving flexibility for a variety of other uses, including leisure, cultural and entertainment facilities?
- Allow the conversion of more commercial properties to residential use?
- Other

34.3 CREDITON

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- Support a wider visitor experience by giving flexibility for a variety of other uses, including leisure, cultural and entertainment facilities?
- Allow the conversion of more commercial properties to residential use?
- Other

34.4 CULLOMPTON

- Maintain a high proportion of shops and other commercial uses and services?
- Support a wider visitor experience by giving flexibility for a variety of other uses, including leisure, cultural and entertainment facilities?
- Allow the conversion of more commercial properties to residential use?
- Other *Cullompton does not have a real centre or focal point!*

Question 35

35.1 Which town (or village or rural area) do you live in?

Burlescombe

Question 36

36.1 What do you like most about where you live?

I enjoy having a large garden, interesting views, farmland around my village, the natural environment canal, woods, hills etc. Good links with Tiverton, Wellington, M5, the railway & Tiverton Parkway, other local villages.

37.1 How do you think we could achieve a 20 minute neighbourhood where you live to make it more sustainable?

Impossible in this village with the huge amount of lorry traffic from ~~A&E~~ quarry (limestone) sand quarry (Town Farm) & Asphalt works due to move in 2024 - hopefully!!

Question 38

38.1 What do you think are the top 5 main issues affecting Tiverton and its environs that need to be addressed in a new Local Plan? Please rank these in order of importance (1 = most important, 5 = least important)

- 1] Keep Tiverton's special significance as a medium sized Market Town.
- 2] Concentrate the town centre more - less spread out & centre around the Pannier Market.
- 3] Celebrate Tiverton's history - Tiverton Museum, Canal Museum & canal, Heathcoat Factory, Castle, Churches, River & Knightshayes Court.
- 4] Regard to Junction 27 on the M5 & access to Tiverton, Barnstaple etc.
- 5] Not spread development out any more to join up unique Devon villages eg. Uplowman, Sampford Peverell, Halberton, Uffculme, Willand.

Question 39

Q39] What do you think are the opportunities for us to consider in the future planning of Tiverton and its environs, including locations that may be suitable for development?

1] Possibility as more electric cars are encouraged that more petrol stations will not be required - these could be areas of small housing & rented accommodation.

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Question 40

Q40] What do you think are the top 5 main issues affecting Cullompton and its environs that need to be addressed in a new Local Plan? Please rank these in order of importance (1 = most important, 5 = least important)

1] Access by road to Cullompton centre near the M5 - this becomes a 'bottle neck' at 'rush hour' times!

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Question 41

41.1 What do you think are the opportunities for us to consider in the future planning of Cullompton and its environs, including locations that may be suitable for development?

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Question 42

42.1 What do you think are the top 5 main issues affecting Crediton and its environs that need to be addressed in a new Local Plan? Please rank these in order of importance (1 = most important, 5 = least important)

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Question 43

43.1 What do you think are the opportunities for us to consider in the future planning of Crediton and its environs, including locations that may be suitable for development?

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Question 44

44.1 Which community facilities in village(s) in Mid Devon do you think are currently at risk of being lost through closure or other development?

Village: *Burlescombe*

Community facility currently at risk: *The Aushford Arms Pub closed & because of the very tight planning restrictions cannot be sold for housing, tourist flats, shop etc. A small area has to remain for use as a pub & this is not viable! There is a skittle alley on the site also & this is one of many now not in use!*

45.1 What do you think are the top 5 main issues affecting the rural areas and villages in Mid Devon that need to be addressed in a new Local Plan? Please rank these in order of importance (1 = most important, 5 = least important)

1] *Local facilities (shop, pub, Doctor's surgery, post office)*

2] *Housing that is affordable
communications (fast broadband)
better TV reception.*

3. *Public transport - small regular bus service.*

4. *Use of roads for heavy lorry transport causing a danger to pedestrians & causing problems with road surfaces (maintenance of roads)*

5. *churches now not being attended & not adapting to change of use at times.*

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Question 46

46.1 What do you think are the opportunities for us to consider in the future planning of the villages in Mid Devon, including locations that may be suitable for development?

- 1] Resistance to extending settlement boundaries - attention to the character of a village & ensuring it remains.
- 2] Not taking good farming land to make an easy build, not using valuable 'food growing' land for
- 3] solar panels.

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Question 47

47.1 Which village(s) in Mid Devon do you think should have more development to support the provision of new and improved community facilities, and why?

Village:

Community facility needed:

Reason why:

Question 48

48.1 Please tell us where more development at one village in Mid Devon could help sustain local shops and services at a village nearby?

Question 49

49.1 What types of non-farming activity do you think should be supported in the countryside and why?

Tourism - brings income & jobs to the local area & supports community facilities too.
Promote our part of the canal & its walkway.
More fishing lakes - again useful for tourism.

Question 50

50.1 What types of non-farming activity do you think should NOT be supported in the countryside and why?

Heavy industry
Waste Incinerators
These are not in keeping with rural areas - the infrastructure is not suitable for extra large vehicles.
These sites are best near motorways.

Question 51

51.1 How should the Council provide more support for the growth and prosperity of the rural economy?

Be more approachable & responsive to rural needs, visit the areas, talk to people living in these areas & attend parish councils.

Question 52

52.1 What things do you think should be included in the planning of the Culm Garden Village to make it a successful place to live, work and visit? Please rank in their order of importance (where 1 is the most important)

- 1] Reliable daily transport
(Roads that do not cause problems for travel at peak times).
- 2] Local facilities.
- 3] Schools & a village hall or community centre.
with a woodland!
- 4] Health centres.
- 5] Space between houses for planting trees.

Question 53

53.1 Do you think we should:

- Continue with current Local Plan proposals to develop land at Junction 27 for a major high quality regional tourism, leisure and retail attraction?
- Reconsider the current Local Plan proposals through updated technical studies and assumptions?

Other (please specify)

Replace the present service station with a high quality service station providing parking, several electric chargers, a small but select eating area, toilets & a more attractive short stay hotel.

53.1 Comments

There is already the Old Well Garden Centre, two pubs near this junction which tourists support!

This site does not require a lorry park, surfing area (we have the 'wave' near Bristol & Croyde & Exmouth very near!) Junction 27 is the gateway to Devon & should remain a rural location!

Question 54

54.1 What measures do you think we should take through Plan Mid Devon to support viable communities in the rural parts of the district?

54.2 Continue to restrict development to the currently designated 22 rural settlements based on their level of services

Yes No

54.3 Identify certain settlements to grow as service centres for a local hinterland including nearby villages and hamlets

Yes No

54.4 Allow limited development at more villages and hamlets to help meet identified local housing need, where these have good digital communications (broadband / wireless internet / satellite)

Yes No

54.5 Other, please tell us what this is and why questionnaire

Question 55

55.1 What other things do you think we should take into consideration in a strategy for the broad distribution of development in the new Local Plan for Mid Devon?

The growth of development should be in the major towns (Tiverton & Cullompton)
Listen to the people living in rural areas!

Question 56

56.1 Are there any other issues that we have not identified or other matters that we have not discussed which you think are important to the future planning of Mid Devon? Please tell us what these are and why?

The time period for reading this detailed document was too short - the questions too many & how many folk would be prepared to read this 'on line'!
Every parish council should have been given a printed copy - we don't all have libraries!
& a set of printed questions.
The displays were very 'last minute' & mostly only available for one day - the nearest were at Tiverton (Phoenix House) or Cullompton.

Question 57

57.1 Comments on the Sustainability Appraisal

Question 58

58.1 Comments on the Equalities Impact Assessment

