

Plan Mid Devon Survey

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Question 1

Q1 Priority 1] Responding to the climate emergency and moving to a net-zero carbon future

Yes

Q1] 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?

Yes

Q1 Priority 1] Please state why?

Q1 Priority 2] Delivering development, infrastructure and regeneration to meet our needs

No

Q1 Priority 2] Please state why?

Development when on green field sites does not support the primary objective. I agree with regeneration and infrastructure Investment so long as we protect natural capital.

Q1 Priority 3] Addressing housing affordability and improving choice

Yes

Q1 Priority 3] Please state why?

Q1 Priority 4] Protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment, and respecting environmental limits

Yes

Q1 Priority 4] Please state why?

Q1 Priority 5] Improving our health and well-being

Yes

Q1 Priority 5] Please state why?

Q1 Priority 6] Supporting rural vitality and a prosperous rural economy

Yes

Q1 Priority 6] Please state why?

Q1] Are there other priorities that we should include instead, please state why?

Rural Mobility and rural poverty associated with both physical and communications connectivity - ie being stuck up the lanes or stuck without broadband Both leads to deprivation or disadvantage

Question 2

Q2] What parts of this vision do you think should be kept and what parts should be changed, and why?

Keep net zero. Ditch any development on green fields.

Question 3

Q3] 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?

Yes

Q3] Please provide your reasons

Question 4

Q4] Do you think that the Local Plan should introduce a policy to address the Whole Life-cycle carbon impacts of a development?

Yes

Q4] Do you think we should take the following approach(es)?

Exclusion - banning 'things' with unacceptably poor performance / impact, Quantified performance - setting explicit, quantified limits that determine which 'things' are acceptable / unacceptable

Q4] Do you have any other comments on Whole Life-cycle carbon impacts, or which circumstances each of the three approaches might apply?

We have to make things affordable. It's pointless bringing in ambitious policies that drive a greater imbalance in society.

Question 5

Q5] How do you think we should plan the future of Mid Devon to help reduce the need to travel by car?

Is this a realistic goal?? Ok for urban centres, to the extent that services are present but face into the reality that we have to go to exeter or Taunton for anything beyond what Tesco can provide. So target what is realistic, then focus on making car travel as green as possible. 1 make cycling safer 2 make electric bikes affordable 3 don't waste money getting the buses to compete with trains 4 put car share vehicles into every large village/town 5 Put charging facilities into the village hall car parks across mid Devon 6 GET KIDS TO WALK TO SCHOOL - embed good habits 7 use nudge techniques to make people feel guilty about driving when they could walk it cycle - when it is ever really needed to drive to teach something in your own same village??

Question 6

Q6] How do you think the new Local Plan should plan for renewable energy developments?

Require all strategic urban extensions and the Culm Garden Village to include decentralised renewable or low carbon energy supplies (subject to feasibility and viability)?

Q6] Comments

Don't restrict - encourage. Adopt principles of acceptance

Question 7

Q7] Which renewable energy technologies should be prioritised in Mid Devon?

Onshore wind, Solar Photovoltaic (PV), Small scale hydro, Anaerobic Digestion (AD)

Q7] Comments

Question 8

Q8] 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?

Every building should have solar and where appropriate wind or water power. No building should be allowed to use gas/carbon fuels (like the big development at Sampford Peverell higher Town is installing) All town centre property should be targeted and redeveloped if empty/derelict.

Question 9

Q9] 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

Question 10

Q10] Do you think that Plan Mid Devon should explore allocating sites in the Local Plan for Build to Rent homes?

Not sure

Q10] Comments

Only on brown field sites

Question 11

Q11] 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?

Not sure

Q11] Comments

Question 12

Q12] Do you think that Plan Mid Devon should set minimum requirements for accessible and adaptable housing?

Yes

Q12] Comments

It's appalling that there is a currently requirement to provide social housing but not a requirement to provide accessible housing. I strongly advocate that accessible housing must be provided - after all, everyone can access this but those with needs can't access townhouses

Question 13

Q13] Which types of specialist housing do you think we need more of and why?

Wheelchair friendly - I know people who have had to buy a 2 storey house where they need to go up and downstairs on their bottoms because they can't get housing which has lifts or is single storey.

Question 14

Q14] 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?

Yes

Q14] Comments

It will save the NHS and community healthcare £££

Question 15

Q15] 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

Q16] 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?

Get off your superior planning high horses and be approachable - work with people not against them

Question 18

Q18] Do you think that Plan Mid Devon should include a policy to support Modern Methods of Construction?

No

Q18] Comments

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

Q20] 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?

No

Q20] Comments

Need to protect our natural capital

Question 21

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

Yes

Q21B] Identify sites outside the main towns in rural and semi-rural locations

No

Q21C] Include a policy for rural exceptions sites to meet local traveller needs

No

Question 22

Q22] 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?

No

Q22] Please tell us where the site is and which use you think it might be most suitable for

Question 23

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

Renewable / clean energy, Farm diversification to support the processing and sale of food locally, Protecting the natural environment to sequester carbon

Question 24

Q24] Which of the following ways should the new Local Plan help commercial development across the district?

Continue to allocate larger employment estates at a few locations , Identify opportunities for co-working space, Include a policy for Live-work units

Q24] Comments

Question 25

Q25] What do you consider to be the key infrastructure issues that Plan Mid Devon needs to address?

1. Rural connectivity poverty - physical and communications. 2. Recognition that key provisions are now focused on Exeter and Taunton therefore infrastructure needs to enable access to these centres on a regular basis

Question 26

Q26] Please select your top three priorities for the new Local Plan to address in a review of parking standards.

Charging facilities for electric vehicles, Making parking free to kick start the local economies - currently people are actively dissuaded from staying long at the 3 towns so don't spend ££ there

Question 27

Q27] Do you have any comments on how Plan Mid Devon can help the transition to electric vehicles?

Put in chargers at every village hall Get car clubs to put vehicles in villages Promote ways to understand which electric vehicles work in Devon - ie given we all have to go to Exeter/Taunton and back for anything significant, we need cars with a minimum range of >40 miles

Question 28

Q28] Is there any other areas in Mid Devon that you think should be designated as a 'Local Green Space'?

Q28] Please tell us why you think this area?

Question 29

Q29] 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

Q29] You selected 'More than 10% Biodiversity Net Gain', so what do you think this should be and why?

Question 30

Q30] 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

Q30] If Yes, please tell us what level you think this should be and why?

Enough to Make the site carbon neutral

Question 31

Q31] Are there any specific parts of the Grand Western Canal that should be given more protection and why?

The bridges are all listed yet are being constantly damaged by over weight vehicles eg double decker buses going over them. Protect our heritage by not allowing regular use by over size vehicles.

Question 32

Q32] 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

Opportunities and access to open space and play and recreation, Opportunities for active travel, including walking and cycle routes, Opportunities for growing food locally, e.g. through allotments or the planting of fruit trees as part of landscaping schemes

Question 33

Q33] 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?

In harmony with surroundings

Question 34

Q34 TIVERTON]

Allow the conversion of more commercial properties to residential use?

Q34 CREDITON]

Support a wider visitor experience by giving flexibility for a variety of other uses, including leisure, cultural and entertainment facilities?

Q34 CULLOMPTON]

Maintain a high proportion of shops and other commercial uses and services?

Question 35

Q35] Which town (or village or rural area) do you live in?

Sampford Peverell

Question 36

Q36] What do you like most about where you live?

Surrounded by fields Very connected - Rapid access to M5 and Walking distance of main line train In catchment of a great secondary school, good choice of sixth form providers due to the transport links

Question 37

Q37] How do you think we could achieve a 20 minute neighbourhood where you live to make it more sustainable?

I had to look up what a 20 min neighbourhood was. Lovely idea but i think we need some realism about the realities of living in rural areas. Even at Sampford Peverell, where we can get into exeter in 20 mins by cycling to the station and getting the train, the reality of accessing all of modern society's needs in this way is farcical. My children catch the bus to school because there is no safe walking route. They belong to sports and other clubs in Tiverton, Cullompton, Wellington and Exeter (all beyond 20 mins potential, with no local offering). I work in Bristol. We clothes shop in exeter or Taunton. We go to the doctors in Cullompton, nothing local matches Aldi prices (a trip to Cullompton), going to the tip/recycling center is 10 miles away.... Oh, and if you want people to cycle, how are you going to make the lanes safe, less muddy and less hilly and stop it from raining and getting dark??

Question 38

Q38] 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] active dissuasion from spending time/money in the town through the policy of charging for parking in Tiverton 2] lack of equality in education through lack of A levels provision 3] lack of safe cycle routes 4] lack of charging facilities 5] over development without economic sustenance - ie all the jobs are in exeter/Taunton/Bristol

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] redevelop brown field 2] stop the expansion without local employment 3] harness the power from the river and leats 4] 5]

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] the high street is a bottleneck which is a deterrent to stunning and spending ££ 2] great sports centre but Astro needs replacing so development ££ needs to support this key asset 3] the motorway access is causing a limitation to further development 4] the river is a major flood risk 5]

Question 41

Q41] 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?

1] sort the motorway access - Cullompton's proximity to exeter makes it a bit more on to develop here as the journey to jobs is less 2] there's a river and leats - harness the water power 3] 4] 5]

Question 42

Q42] 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)

1] the settlement characteristics are being compromised by overdevelopment - the towns feature is the geographical constraints 2] loss of minor injuries centre 3] 4] 5]

Question 43

Q43] 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?

1] how can crediton face into the rural area and provide services to save the rural community going ask the way to exeter 2] 3] 4] 5]

Question 44

Q44] 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: Community facility currently at risk:

Question 45

Q45] 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] protecting the natural capital of the rural landscape 2] technological connectivity 3] physical connectivity 4] 5]

Question 46

Q46] 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] natural power generation of all forms 2] car clubs 3] 4] 5]

Question 47

Q47] 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: Sampford Peverell (But all bigger villages take) Community facility needed: car club vehicles and electric charging points Reason why: Remove need for everyone to have their own car or cars

Question 48

Q48] Please tell us where more development at one village in Mid Devon could help sustain local shops and services at a village nearby?

I do agree with the inference that more development could do this.

Question 49

Q49] What types of non-farming activity do you think should be supported in the countryside and why?

Tourism - it's our free gift Outdoor leisure activity

Question 50

Q50] What types of non-farming activity do you think should NOT be supported in the countryside and why?

Developments Business that generates increase in vehicle journeys Polluting activity

Question 51

Q51] How should the Council provide more support for the growth and prosperity of the rural economy?

Provide business advisors

Question 52

Q52] 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] sort the motorway access 2] think about young people's needs eg sports clubs, safe access to exeter and Taunton 3] make it carbon neutral 4] make all houses eco and well insulated C- think about things like clothes washing and drying and design in 5] where is everyone going to work and how are they going to get there?

Question 53

Q53] Do you think we should:

A) Continue with current Local Plan proposals to develop land at Junction 27 for a major high quality regional tourism, leisure and retail attraction?

Q53] Comments

Question 54

Q54] Continue to restrict development to the currently designated 22 rural settlements based on their level of services

Yes

Q54] Identify certain settlements to grow as service centres for a local hinterland including nearby villages and hamlets

No

Q54] Allow limited development at more villages and hamlets to help meet identified local housing need, where these have good digital communciations (broadband / wireless internet / satellite)

Yes

Q54] Other, please tell us what this is and why

Question 55

Q55] 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?

Adopt a zero green field development policy. Value natural capital Avoid impact on the environment Pursue biodiversity net gain

Question 56

Q56] 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?

Question 57

Q57] Comments on the Sustainability Appraisal

Question 58

Q58] Comments on the Equalities Impact Assessment

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