

Community Consultation Comments

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03	Tennis Club	17/5/15
04	Cricket Match (Cricket Team and Tennis Players)	30/7/15
05	District Councillor additions	10/8/15
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Section A. Employment and Services (*comments compiled from separate public consultation topics on 'employment', 'services', and relevant comments from the 'what to keep' section*)

Initial community consultation (August-September 2014)

Need local employment stimulus industrial units, offices. Need light industry, but small units (like Woodleys) (+2 ticks)

Improve mobile signal and broadband to allow businesses to flourish (+8 ticks)

If you support your local shops and services it will encourage businesses to grow

Encourage use of community restaurants, bars and cafes

I don't feel there is a need for industrial units, there are enough of these in neighbouring towns (+1 tick)

Set up help centre one day a week staffed by volunteer to help unemployed find work particularly youth (+2 ticks)

Need more employment for young people in the village

Need more businesses in the village employing local people

Also some travel to job centre

See ageing population

Stop all A3052 corridor excuse for building of industrial estates - this is not the appropriate area for that type of employment - only encourages more drivers and pollution. Does not benefit the local economy but just certain landowners and the multi-nationals (+2 ticks)

Another 2 or 3 shops with, possibly, a pharmacy would be helpful (+2 ticks)

If Waterleat is going to be built on then it should be used for services. E.g. Chemist, Doctors Surgery, because it's a big enough piece of land for a car park, it's flat for access

There doesn't seem to be many jobs available in the parish, it would be nice if there were more as it would save having to drive to work.

We are aware that there are a number of small businesses which trade successfully in the village, however it is my opinion that there are not suitable premises available for future expansion.

We are very happy to have the PO and associated shop and feel the services they offer and opening hours meet the needs of the community. It's always lovely to see John's happy smiling face!! We also appreciate Carly, the local mobile hairdresser - I will be very happy never to have to visit a salon again!

only hearsay, but apparently some developments have been blocked which would have brought new job opportunities in the parish.

Broadband in the village. I get only 1.08 Mb. Disgusting

Broadband needs to be fibre optic it is far too slow (+4 ticks)

Mobile phone signals need improving in the village area (+4 ticks)

Have to climb a ladder to get mobile signal - please improve

Broadband definitely needs to be improved and the river looked after to avoid unnecessary flooding. Simply by dredging out the ditches can save a lot of worry (+3 ticks)

Mobile signal needs improving throughout the village/Harpford

Yes - lets have the broadband promised (+2 ticks)

Why is there no mains sewer in the Otter valley? The river constitutes 100% water taken from the ground and passed

Libraries!... Mobile library not accessible for wheelchairs!

Agree, broadband needs improvement

Possible to make the village shop more accessible for wheelchairs i.e. back entrance or provide a ramp? As at present not accessible for powered electric chair (+1 tick)

Cannot get into Moors restaurant with powered electric chair!

Police or wardens to monitor & advise illegal parking e.g. on pavements, outside shops

Ensure that modern technology (where appropriate) is at the front of mind in planning - improved broadband - improved mobile - NP WiFi for villagers

When we moved here a few years ago, it seemed as though we basically had to go with BT as everyone else would be more expensive - we couldn't get any of the really cheap details because of the location. However, the broadband we have with BT is perfectly adequate.

The water main through the village was renewed a year ago yet we've still had a leak outside our house on the main road! Seems ok otherwise. Broadband is better now we're back with BT! Be nice to have the option of cable though.

Water services much improved following the upgrade last year however we still get the occasional burst main and interruption to supply. Broadband is ok, but speeds are still not great !

Water pressure could be higher/better. Super-fast broadband would be great.

We are generally happy with all of the services, with the exception of broadband which is shocking. The speed is very low and there is no programmed date for our village to get fibre optic. Although we are a village, the village is located on a main road between Sidmouth and Exeter and can hardly be considered rural Devon. My husband works from home and at times the broadband service can hamper his ability to do his job to the standard which is expected. Although we do not have a problem with the water supply to our house, it is disappointing to note that the problem with the water network which runs through the high street has not been corrected by the extensive works previously undertaken. Permanently correcting this fault should be a high priority for SWW.

Adequate in the most part, although we have a septic tank which we have to manage ourselves. We like the weekly collection of food waste, paper and selected recyclable items but are frustrated that the collectors won't take any cardboard, even lightweight food packaging cardboard. This necessitates regular runs to the dump with a sack of cardboard. Postal delivery, collections and services very adequate. Shopping is very limited, with only a small shop at the Post Office.

Need a bigger post box and more of them

We need to recycle and reuse as much as we can

[Keep] The shop, the pub, the restaurants and café. We need to keep these small businesses

[Keep] The businesses - they must be kept

[Keep] The community with shop, church, school, buses, restaurants

We need more places for visitors passing through, eg. Laybys for them to stop in while they have coffee.

More passing business, more laybys for cars to stop and use local facilities

Section B. Environment, Sport and Leisure [and village amenities] (comments compiled from separate public consultation topics on 'environment' and 'sport and leisure' and relevant comments from 'ageing population', 'youth' 'what to keep', and 'what is missing' sections)

Initial community consultation (August-September 2014)

To request an air quality survey on the High Street The environment should be the top priority

Built Up Area Boundary issues:

a) Agreement with Strategy 27 of the villages plan which identifies some villages as sustainable and others as unsustainable - YES= 3, NO=2

- In principle it sounds sensible
- Agree with major developments restricted to larger designated areas such as Cranbrook which was previously agreed in consultation with EDDC as an alternative to expanding villages
- Cranbrook should be first
- Blanket percentage allocation does not take account of factors affecting individual villages

b) Do you agree with the definition of 'sustainable' for villages in the plan. YES= NO=4

- Newton Poppleford is not sustainable even now
- Does not include infrastructure. Newton Poppleford unlikely to cope with any more traffic.
Drainage problems
- A village having basic services may not be sufficient to say that it must accept more housing. It is too blunt a tool as many other important factors particular to that village may be missed
- Why expand existing villages till they become towns? Why not choose smaller villages which would then create a school, a pub and so on

c) Would you like Newton Poppleford to retain its BAUB. YES=6 NO=0

- Existing extant planning permission provides sufficient development already
- Do not want to build on any more of the AONB
- Other areas of East Devon are not AONB and any more development should be in those areas
- Newton Poppleford is the right size now with sufficient amenities
- Any more development will exacerbate existing problems and undermine the rural nature of the village
- Village does not need to be any bigger
- To have an AONB is a very precious and comparatively rare thing. It's already supposed to be protected and should not need a BAUB. To extend or do away with the BAUB can only damage the AONB further.
- To spread Newton Poppleford up the hillside would spoil it's fitting into an AONB

d) Any other comments about potential development in Newton Poppleford

- No relationship between the BAUB and flood plain. Given that planning prospects are improved when included in the boundary the inclusion of flood plain 'might' precipitate this.
- It may look possible on a map but the (there are?) restrictions at the bridge over the Otter' and the narrowness of the road at the west end outside the tea rooms
- Do not need any more development in this village
- There are urgent needs such as access over the Otter Bridge which is very dangerous

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- Any development should reflect need in village (not to bring in extra numbers from outside) for people who work locally
- Most of the village is surrounded by beautiful hills and further development is likely to encroach even more on this. So the effect on the AONB will be even more noticeable. Development should be restricted to infill at past industrial sites.
- There should be an embargo on buildings where road access is unfeasible and the boundary should reflect this.

e) Are the criteria for defining BUABs broadly correct – YES = 13

f) Are any additional criteria required (+13 ticks)

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (e.g Pebblebed Heaths) and nearby areas should be excluded, along with sites with recognised ecological benefits and values
- Known flood plains and areas with a history of, or with a high risk of flooding in the future, should be excluded
- Land which contains individual or groups of trees protected by TPO's should be excluded

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g) Are there additional areas of land to be considered for inclusion in a BUAB? (+13 ticks)

- Looking at the map of the current BUAB of Newton Poppleford we cannot identify additional sites that should be considered for inclusion
- However, if any further expansion is considered necessary it would seem logical that this be fairly centrally located in the village for reasons of sustainability, although please note our later comments about the impact of resultant increased traffic volumes
- The sites designated C02, C083 and C085 identified as potential development sites in SHLAA exercises in 2011 and 2012 have all been the subject of planning applications in the past two years. These applications have all been refused with appeals subsequently dismissed on various grounds including their unsustainability because of remoteness from the Village Centre. We would suggest therefore that logic dictates these sites should remain excluded from the BUAB. We would also wish to extend this to include sites designated C303 which is even further from the village centre and amenities than the aforementioned sites.

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h) Are there additional areas of land to be excluded from BUAB? (+13 ticks)

- We have not identified any specific areas of land, apart from those mentioned above, which we believe should be excluded from the BUAB

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i) Any other comments relevant to the Villages Plan? (+13 ticks)

- A common view amongst residents of Newton Poppleford is that increasing volumes of road traffic through the village, couple with the unique restrictions and limitations for both vehicles and pedestrians at the Toll House, are a major concern
- Any extension of the current BUAB to accommodate further development will surely exacerbate this problem as sould significant development in nearby villages where additional traffic on the A3052 is bound to be a direct consequence.
- We believe this is already a serious and worsening problem and one with no easy solution in sight. Local Authorities much surely accept that the village infrastructure in terms of roads cannot support significant further development without adverse consequences for local residents

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Preserve the built up area boundary (+6 ticks)

Better understanding of wildlife (+1 tick)

Keep all the hedges and trees, don't allow them to be taken down either for business or housing (+7 ticks)

(cut them regularly)

Complete a tree survey with help from the arboriculture officer at EDDC to protect the best of our trees.

More farming, Newton Poppleford has lost touch with the environment

The farms that are left should be kept

Newton Poppleford in bloom? I don't think so, a disgrace! (will you help?)

Watch the river Otter & Back brook regularly as they were 48 years ago

Environment agency to work for the local area

The pathways and community places need to be cut on a more regular basis at the moment some parts of the village look a mess (+5 ticks)

Would like to old railway line to Colaton Raleigh to be opened for walking (& wheelchair access)

(and beyond to Budleigh) (+3 ticks)

Treat the AONB as it is meant to be - a special area of outstanding natural beauty - not to be destroyed/built on except for over-riding national interest (+4 ticks)

The village is looking unkempt - grass growing on pavements etc. There are some areas which seem always to have rubbish (+1 tick)

(e.g. Dotton Lane) (+2 ticks)

Is there a parish councillor with specific responsibility for environmental concerns?

Respect all wildlife, it was here first! Help keep pathway and recreation areas tidy

Dog bins a must in Venn Ottery road. By the allotments (end of road) and half way along toward the roundabout where the electricity substation is near the gate to the lane which goes through to Lark Rise

Environment agency to take its own advice from consultants regarding the management of the gravel beach by red bridge Harpford. Why pay thousands of pounds for an independent consultant to then ignore the chap & simple advice within his report? Pressure should be put on them to comply so that Harpford and Newton Poppleford remain accessible (+3 ticks)

to keep the red bridge over the Otter in place in Harpford in its current site

Repairs to hedge and verges when damaged by large vehicles

Ensure no building on the flood plain (+4 ticks)

Money to be spent on hedge cutting, grass cutting etc. We want to be proud of our village (+4 ticks)

Time to re-look at the prospect of a Bypass around the village! (+2 tick)

A bypass would cause the village to die

Ensure ditches cleared and hedges cut - be it responsibility of farmers, homeowners or councils (+1 tick)

Do away with BUAB completely

Don't extend the village footprint, build within the village perimeter (+1 tick)

Ask EDDC to obtain an article 6 direction for the AONB to prevent all ??? Permitted development

Press for all Mark Rolle/CDE building from the 1880's to be group listed - they are a vital part of the built environment of the area and should be preserved

Pedestrian addition to river crossing bridge would be welcome

Respect the AONB - that's what it's for

More rubbish and dog poo bins throughout the village centre

The threat of flooding is always going to be high, with the development of flood defence schemes further up the valley at Ottery St Mary and Feniton. There should be no further development in flood plain areas as it is only a matter of time until Otter Reach (built on a flood plain) floods.

Retain all of our AONB. Protect our village boundaries to stop encroaching into wildlife habitats. (+1 tick)

We have not been terribly impressed with the standard to which Back Brook has been repaired following the flooding. The approach appears to be to stack stones onto the bank, which fall into the stream almost immediately and again require replacement. The flooding continues to be a significant problem in the immediate vicinity of the river Otter. The only way to combat this would be the creation of natural flood storage areas/wetlands between Ottery and the villages of Harpford and Newton Poppleford. Furthermore, investment in Sustainable Urban Drainage from the current housing stock within the village would help to alleviate problems downstream. We are very happy with the network of footpaths and the standard to which they are maintained, which is a large part of why we originally moved to the village. We are also very lucky to have access to Webbers Meadow, which makes for a handy short walk with the dog and excellent access into the river. The play park is maintained well and offers a wide range of equipment for different ages of children. The density of Himalayan balsam is disappointing, but this is a country wide problem that will require significant investment to overcome.

[hold a user survey on Webbers Meadow to gauge views on its use from actual users.](#)

Would like street lighting turned off at night

Green spaces at western end of village to walk dogs

Flooding is a major concern, exacerbated by the quarrying at Venn Ottery. Large scale agricultural development (e.g. pig farming) should be resisted because of the impact it would have on green spaces and general enjoyment of the neighbourhood. A much more concerted effort is needed to tackle the Himalayan Balsam invasion, starting upstream and working towards the Otter River.

We don't want quarries everywhere but recognise that they need to go somewhere if you need the sand etc

Village Hall needs a better access. Suggest an access via Back Lane & bigger car park. Pretty little bridge over the stream and weeping willow trees

Village Hall if there can be a way to have access over Back brook (+2 ticks)

Playing field is vital & important asset - make sure it can never be sold off (look what is happening to Budleigh free car-park) (+5 ticks)

We need to keep the super sports facilities and the football and cricket teams

Could do with a cricket stand

Continuously expand the communities sports facilities

Would like crazy golf or pitch and putt

Provide an Astroturf sports pitch with floodlights.

Provide portable floodlights for winter sports (e.g. in pavilion sportsfield)

There are seven football teams but only 4 pitches

Pavilion needs a proper kitchen (+2 ticks)

Pavilion needs an extension to make it multiple use (+2 ticks, 1 cross)

To upgrade the pavilion so that it meets more needs of users, maybe a viewing balcony upstairs to watch the tennis from, improved changing rooms so they are more suitable for tennis users as well as footballers.

Pavilion is too far away, too far to walk to, no top near to it, too far for elderly people to get to

The play area in Newton Poppleford is a huge benefit and shows that we support families and young people. I love to hear them playing football or cricket (+3 ticks)

Perhaps more events could be organised which may fund raise as well

We also need to keep Harpford Hall for small parties, meetings, classes that the village hall and pavilion are too big for (+1 tick)

Village Hall access needs improvement, existing is particularly difficult, as view of traffic from Exeter direction is obscured (+1 tick)

Improve the Pavilion!!

Better play equipment for 7-11 year olds & keep existing equipment in good order

Consider how opportunities for young people to engage in the widest range of physical and sporting activities and support these ideas

Lots of nice, well-kept footpaths for walking with the dog (although, again would be great if there could be a route suitable for buggies). I know that although we don't use the tennis courts, they are well-kept and seem well-used. We have been to a baby group once a month in the pavilion, and the tea and toast in the church, although more free activities like this would be brilliant.

The new park seems very nice, it's a shame it wasn't there when my kids were younger; they're too old for it now. We like the Sunday quiz in the pub though!

I think it's wonderful that we have tennis facilities so close, and that coaching is available during the summer. I look forward for my son being old enough to attend.

Nicely laid out children's playground, popular with my grandchildren. I have yet (in a year) to see any activity on the tennis courts.

Further playground equipment to serve all corners of the village

Adult gym equipment in the children's playground so that mothers can use it to keep fit while their children are playing

Improve paths through village (top end outside southern cross) people have to have their life in their hands to pass through

Harpford is an ageing community. Help to keep the hall as our village heart

Need meeting place for villagers to meet and have coffee/tea and talk twice a week

(not only elderly)

Experience can add to a community and therefore a way of helping the elderly to stay in the village would be beneficial to all

A day centre for elderly population

Neighbourhood Scheme

Paths need to be improved

Walk more (*in relation to ageing population*)

We need a Youth Club, we need a youth facility to keep youngsters entertained and motivated (e.g. reading room or club) to keep them off the streets at night

Can we have a Scouts group (+1tick)

(and who is going to run the Youth Club/Scouts? Why not support the Scouts who meet in Higher Way hut?)

A Youth Club is a necessity. Young people have a right to be thought about and catered for

iPad and computer game club and support help for the older generations to keep up with technology (by the young)

The modernisation works that are about to start at the local school will provide a great opportunity for the improved education opportunities of our young children. Perhaps the facilities could be used out of school hours for evening classes or further training qualifications for young people?

My son has yet to attend pre-school, but I have been to the toddler group and to help out with a couple of sessions during the week. I am extremely pleased with the standard of care offered and am looking forward to my son attending for 15 hours a week. I have heard nothing but good things about the primary school and from what I have seen of the facilities the school appears to be of a very high standard. I am particularly pleased that 'far field' is available for use as a forest school. Aside from the pre-school toddler group, there aren't really a lot of other organised classes for babies/toddlers to attend. However, I think that this could be due to lack of demand as when the Children's Centre have tried to run classes they have been poorly attended. Perhaps a new approach would bring in more people?

My kids didn't really attend any groups in the village, apart from the youth football club which used to be run on Saturdays mornings. And again, they're too old for any of that now!

Do we know what community and voluntary bodies exist in the village and is there a list of them? School shelter in Newton Popleford primary school playground

Playing equipment in the primary school playground

Bigger slide

Older park

[Keep] Open spaces/footpaths that can be walked

To provide a safe walking route to school for children avoiding the A3052. ie upgrade footpath 1.

(plus for wheelchairs)

Please retain the rural nature and the footpaths. It is a pity that there isn't a more obvious centre to the village, rather than one long and busy main road.

Advertise nature trails, pathways etc

Consider replanting verges with wildflowers as per entrance to the Knowle and the Parish Street roundabout.

Consider how we wish to spend any money donated by developers towards preservation of open space/recreational facilities/mitigation of pebblebed heaths etc eg the suggested £98,000 from KAW

[Keep] The view of ???? And the number of walks around the village

We don't like the increase in dog mess within the parish. We think we have enough indoor community facilities

As the village folk get older, the 'new' residents do not appear to want or put in the effort to keep our heritage going i.e. carnival. We have lost village amenities because they are not used i.e. petrol stations, pubs, dairy, butchers etc etc etc

We need to maintain the common

[Keep] the village hall should definitely be kept as a community asset

[keep] the pub

[Missing] Youth Club

[Missing] Co-ordination of activities

[Missing] More activities in the pavilion & village halls (+2 ticks)

[Missing] A better hall in the centre of the village with adequate parking (+1 tick)

[Missing] Re-building of church hall to provide a further hall for activities would be nice (+2 ticks)

(how many halls does a village need - we already have two!) (+2 ticks)

[Missing] Joined up network of pathways for Parish

[Missing] Shelter in the play area

Section C. Health & Wellbeing (comments compiled from public consultation topic on 'health and wellbeing' and relevant comments from 'ageing population' 'what to keep' and 'what is missing' sections)

Initial community consultation (August-September 2014)

Access to Ottery, poor without own transport - no bus (+5 ticks)

People like to be independent & get to the Ottery surgery without asking neighbours or use the car service - therefore a bus service is needed!! (+1 tick)

Crazy that Sidmouth Health Centre (new one) is on the 52 bus route yet we can't belong to Sidmouth Health Centre (+5 ticks)

It would help if people from N.P. and other villages had their appointments at the same time so we could go together i.e. flu jabs (+1 tick)

Why can't we use new Sidmouth Stowford (+3 ticks)

We asked for new surgery 20 years ago, or bus convenient to get to Ottery. Please make this a priority (+4 ticks)

(ditto) (+2 ticks)

Improve the existing surgery in the village

With the best will in the world, I can't see NP justifying a full medical surgery service. So there will always be a requirement for easy transport to a local surgery such as Stowford or Budleigh or Ottery. One of these should be selected as the main surgery for NP and good transport arrangements provided with the council/Stagecoach (+ 1 tick)

Has anybody seriously tried to join Budleigh doctors! Stowford isn't yet available but there shouldn't be a problem when it is complete. If there is this needs sorting as a priority. A new surgery in NP is wishful thinking despite what CDE promise.

Concerns about care in the community people being moved into Newton Pop who may not be safe

Don't think we need another GP surgery in Newton Popleford

(we do)

Solution for local transport - on demand/prior arrangement mini-bus service?

If you don't drive - the help scheme run by Ottery surgery charge £10 return to take folk to appointments. N.P. could do with a regular surgery as it is, at least, on a bus route. Too expensive for a lot of folk to pay.

Aren't we having a new surgery? Even if in an unsuitable place.

Sidmouth doctors surgeries would be far more convenient. When all the new houses are built in Ottery, the situation for NP residents will be even worse (+2 ticks)

A joint nurse surgery to serve all three practices - here in NP, say, 3 or 4 mornings a week?

(I agree with the idea above: we need a proper understanding of the need in NP. A survey of households. The decide on an approach that meets a genuine need)

There's plenty of places to go for nice walks and bike rides around the village. Again though, the speed of the traffic through the village does create an issue, especially when you try and walk or cycle over the bridge over the river.

The amount of traffic passing through the village is damaging the health of those who live by the road with fumes, far more damaging than smoking

Not aware of any !

I don't think we have any knowledge of this area either.

Better surgery facilities, i.e. able to have basic treatment like flu jabs at Newton Pop. No direct route to Ottery St Mary and costly to live transport

Residential nursing home plus base for district nurses/home care

I would imagine that the proposed new doctors surgery will have a positive impact on many elderly residents.

If we continue to have to go to Ottery for a decent doctors surgery, an improved bus service (i.e. direct) is needed

(absolutely)

If you want more facilities maybe people need to look to living in a different place.

If you keep getting bigger you stop being a village

Remember the village roots (+1 tick)

[Keep] The spirit of community life

[Keep] The sense of community

[Keep] We love that everyone is pleasant and friendly; there is a good community atmosphere.

[keep] Newton Poppleford is perfect as it is, don't ruin it

[Keep] the countryside we have

[Keep] the village atmosphere (+1 tick)

[We] do not feel that further medical facilities would be of benefit to the parish.

Convenient for Exeter or Honiton but still a caring community

[Keep] The people

[Missing] We do need a doctors surgery in the village

Section D. Housing (comments compiled from public consultation topic on 'housing' and relevant comments from 'ageing population' 'what to keep' sections)

Initial community consultation (August-September 2014)

Needs more affordable houses - built like traditional cottages

Small bungalows for the old folk on level ground near the bus route

In-fill developments of bungalows/affordable constructed to withstand flood in the flood plains, but preserve the playing fields and dog walking fields

Flood plain may be developed with appropriate anti-flood technology for existing and new properties

Build on brownfield sites (+2 tick)

Do not build using recreational areas

Use Waterleat for retirement homes rather than big 4 bedroomed houses. If houses are built, these should be only cheaper houses. Also what about self build for locals, or park homes?

Encourage self builds including community self build

Build simple houses, small houses like post war pre-fabs and park homes

Park homes for retirement purposes and starter homes

Need a spectrum of houses, starter homes, family homes and retirement homes so that people can stay in the village from cradle to grave.

Buildings that blend in (like Dorset) not modern (+2 ticks)

Expect youngsters to want modern housing and also modern design and facilities for the elderly

No taking fields for further home building (+3 ticks)

Keep housing within the BUAB

(ditto! Keep Newton Pop a village, not a concrete jungle) (+1 tick)

Much needed affordable housing built in small lots

Keep new building out of the flood plain; ensure truly affordable housing for locals & families - rented if necessary; allow growth, but keep it to a few (infill) here & there, and avoid large estates (+5 ticks)

Build houses for people who live in the village not those which will attract new people to move here

New housing should not be allowed to affect existing houses, e.g. new houses that flood the existing houses

The traffic and flooding at KAW/A3052 needs monitoring now, during and after the KAW development

Housing for the younger population - rented if necessary (+3 ticks)

(must be affordable with mixture of sizes)

No building in the flood plain or playing field (+2 ticks)

Affordable housing is never affordable. The council let too many people change smaller properties (affordable ones) and make them into properties that are out of most people's price range (+1 tick)

Years ago local folk didn't want the Bovis estate, they in turn didn't want king Alfred Way, now they don't want further building...

Encourage purpose built council houses rather than overpriced 'affordable' housing

Proper sheltered (+1 tick) and affordable homes and 1st time buyer houses

No more large estates - in-filling (+3 ticks)

Small developments, 3 or 4 at a time (+4 ticks)

Small developments, not one developer getting it all

Recognise that developers will want to make profit but this should not be at the cost to the village or residents

If developers put in applications all the village should be notified because they could all be impacted. E.g. the KAW development will increase (traffic) throughout the village

No more traffic please. The entrance to KAW is totally unsuitable for more houses

Any new houses need to have enough car parking

It seems like there is one rule for some and a different rule for others when planning permission is granted

Smaller homes - is it always necessary to have four bedrooms (+3 ticks)

One or two bedroom houses for people to downsize to that are not too expensive

Houses made into two flats for people living on their own

More housing more slowly for local people to benefit the local economy (+3 ticks)

No further loss of good agricultural land & retention of playing fields & Webber's meadow amenity (+5 ticks)

Fixed barbeques on Webbers Meadow please Let's have a retirement home or sheltered housing instead of new houses (+1 ticks)

More affordable housing (+1 tick)

I think any development should be limited to affordable housing. I.e. properly affordable to local people. We have plenty of big houses in the village, and definitely far too many in Sidmouth so any new houses should just be two and three bedroomed and be sold to local people. (+1 tick)

Too many houses already

We live in a beautiful location, and it is my opinion that we already have adequate social/ affordable housing for the population of the village. It would be such a shame for further development to ruin the countryside that we live in.

None, we are in AONB. If there is any it should be infill. (+1)

Please do not allow any more development within the parish. The road is already too busy and the network cannot support any additional housing. In particular, we would not wish to see any housing of the modern type of packed in, overcrowded developments with postage stamp gardens and front doors onto the road which are not in keeping with the character village. Surely East Devon has its share of new housing stock in Cranbrook?

I would rather see buildings being restored than lots of new houses built. Some very sympathetic restorations but with too many restrictions on what can be done to make the houses economic to run and suitable for modern families. Development should be restricted to low (visual) impact buildings in keeping with the AONB ethos.

Sheltered houses

Sheltered houses so the aged can stay in the village (+3 ticks)

Sheltered housing

Sheltered accommodation with a warden

Small bungalows

More flats and sheltered housing

Sheltered homes are definitely needed. This is vital.

Definitely sheltered housing with a warden (this was proposal in the early 70's)

Sheltered accommodation and even a retirement home, instead of new houses

Sheltered Housing with a warden - what about a community-led facility at waterleat?

[Keep] The village as it is

[Keep] The village to stay a village not to have so many new houses built so as the village gets too big

[Keep] The 'framing' of the village with our lovely Devon landscape - don't build all over it

[Keep] The rural setting that we live in

[Keep] Rural views - stunning

[Keep] The village as it is, with our views on over expansion taken seriously

[Keep] Green fields in and around the village

[Keep] We love the beautiful countryside that the parish is located in. Further housing is only going to be further detriment to this.

[Keep] We love living in the village and are grateful every day that we are able to live here. We love coming out of the house in the morning and seeing the hills and surrounding countryside. We don't like the continued threat of further development, seemingly within every corner of land which remains undeveloped.

[Keep] The village much as it is now

[Hate] Government and local authorities being able to dictate the amount of housing required

(stop immigration and we wouldn't need any more)

[Missing] Affordable housing (and smaller units)

Section E. Traffic & Transport (comments compiled from public consultation topic on 'traffic and transport' and relevant comments from 'youth' 'kiddies corner' 'what to keep', 'what you hate' sections)

Initial community consultation (August-September 2014)

There is too much traffic (+1 tick)

Too much housing causes too much traffic

A pedestrian bridge over R. Otter a must (+7 ticks) The bridge towards Lower Way is a death trap (a priority in Newton Popp for young and old alike, on foot or otherwise)

A traffic calming arrangement to keep speed of traffic down to 20mph. NOT speed bumps (+4 ticks)

Pedestrian bridge over R.Otter - this could be a simple ???

Turnings from Burrow Lane and and Harpford are death traps

20mph speed limit, enforced, through centre of village (+6 ticks)

??? Traffic light controls through Toll House pinch point (+1 tick)

A pavement to access the bus stop at Burrow Lane (Exeter end). We walk in the road (3052)

More, cheaper, buses and student bus passes

20mph speed limit so cars will then slow to 30mph (+1 tick)

When will the bridge over Back Brook off the footpath be in place? (+1 ticks)

Could the footpath link through from KAW to Badger Close. Could CDE donate some land for this

When upgrading the footpath (from KAW to school?), need to widen the narrowest bits and put some shuttering where the path has fallen away, improve the surface to improve the path surface and reduce mud

Where path is crossed for new KAW development, put a speed bump to slow traffic down

20 mph at west end where no footpaths to bus stops which are well used

Restore original bus stop by the shop

Replace all the modern bus stops with something more in keeping with a rural environment

Pavements at Burrow Lane (Exeter end) to make it safer for pedestrians and get hedge cut both sides so visibility is improved, or at least get verges cut

Visibility at Exeter Rd jct with Venn Ottery Rd needs to be improved before there is a serious accident (+3 ticks)

Need to slow down the lorries and large vehicles and tractors/trailers & caravan/mobile homes (+3 ticks)

Need more crossings to get safely across the road. The little pedestrian islands are unsafe (+6 ticks)

More crossings needed in the village centre and speed bumps

Speed control traffic / traffic control lights

Less speeding and more crossings e.g. Back Lane to A3052

(hear, hear to all the above)

20mph limit in/through the village (+1 tick)

Traffic calming at mini roundabout. Traffic far too fast at the top of the village and comes too close to Toll House, Mile End Cottage and Southern Cross. Priority to traffic one way would calm, or maybe a proper roundabout or traffic lights. Between us my husband and I have been hit six times (+3 ticks)

Stuck in the bus by Southern Cross. No more traffic please

Safe route for cyclist to Sidmouth using byways

Rumble strips before 30mile signs

If possible a walk-way and cyclepath over the Otter by the bridge - it is a wander that no-one has been injured by the traffic. A 20mph speed limit through the village would slow traffic too much and make some drivers angry, which in turn could be more dangerous for pedestrians, cyclist and other local motorists

(Agreed. Speed cameras (2 of) far better deterrent - you speed, it flashes - hurts offenders financially

Waiting for the river to wash away path to 'red bridge' - Harpford resident will then have to use main road to get to N.P. - that will slow the traffic over the bridge!!!

Traffic at Exeter roundabout from Exeter needs to be drastically slowed

Cycle paths are needed (+1 ticks)

Create a cycle path on the footpath from King Alfred Way to School Lane

Bring back the railway

Please no speed bumps - traffic calming some other way (+3 ticks)

Signs indicating the speed being achieved - makes you slow down (+3 ticks)

Flashing 30mph sign is proven to be most effective deterrent. As a minimum let's have these!

We need a proper data set for NP traffic. Volume/type/time of day/time of year. Only with this info do we stand a chance of getting a bypass/improvements (+2 ticks)

Maybe a time of day restriction for large lorries might help?

The one way system worked reasonably well when the road was up. Couldn't this be improved and used at peak times?

Developer and landowners CDE included should be required at every opportunity to dedicate land for and improved and enhanced public footpath network through fields and along roadsides (+2 ticks)

Airport flight routes and flight times should be more controlled - why do we have very noisy flights at 7am?

AONB should be declared a low noise/no noise area

More dropped curves to make it easier to go through village on a wheelchair, which at the moment is not feasible

20mph speed limit throughout village (+1 tick)

Bus service to O.S.Mary (+1 tick)

Maintain public transport links

Single file traffic between mini roundabout & King Alfred Way, even if it means traffic light control

Footpath or footbridge by main road over river

High level traffic light at crossing by PO so it can be seen by traffic coming up Station Road from Sidmouth

Proper joined up pedestrian & cycle access that links the Parish together

Traffic calming measures & pavements all along the High Street

It's great having a free car park and unlimited time on road parking. Traffic is obviously a hindrance, but we knew that when we moved here. As we have recently had a baby, it has become very clear that there is a real lack of safe places to walk a baby to sleep in the buggy. We have ended up doing a loop along the main road and down back lane, but this does involve walking along the road by the old toll house.

Keep the free car parking

This is our main bugbear with the village. I have lived in the village for 30 years in 3 different houses. When we lived at Otter Reach I used to walk my kids to school and was really annoyed by the speed of the traffic then, especially along the bit where the pavement gets narrow. We now live on the main road and can really notice the traffic speed, especially the lorries and buses (I did report one bus to Stagecoach once as it was coming through the village at 11pm on the wrong side of the road at what must have been about 50mph). I can't understand why the limit is 30 through Newton Pop when the limit on the same road in Sidford is 20? There is also a 20 limit through Sidbury and the middle of West Hill, it doesn't make sense! I have contacted the police about bringing the speed camera to the village but they seem keener to monitor speeds on the road at the top of West Hill than through here..... The speed all the traffic goes through here at night and early in the morning far exceeds the 30 limit. When you have people on the pavement very close to the traffic like it is in many places on the main road, the limit should be 20. I have considered making some home-made signs to put up but I understand that's not allowed! I think we should have a day where we keep pressing the button at the pedestrian crossing to cause a bit of chaos to highlight the fact to traffic that people live here!!

The car park off School Lane is an integral part of the success of small businesses and the school within the village. It also serves as an important amenity for the school during pick up and drop off times. Rumours in the village suggest that there are proposals to make the car park a pay and display or even use the space for development. The latter would have a huge detrimental effect to the village as a whole and cause a number of road safety issues particularly in the area of the village school. It could also cause the demise of existing small businesses such as the local shop and take-away.

We have an 'A' road running thru the village so I suspect there is not too much that can be done. Could highways agencies promote more use of the A30 especially for large vehicles? A pelican crossing at the current crossing bollards close to King Alfred Way would be nice.

We live on Lark Rise and at times it is very difficult to get out of our junction onto the main road. In September I will start to take my son to pre-school which is across the main road from our house and I already worry about crossing the main road every day. We go via the traffic lights, but I have often found that cars do not notice the red light and speed through the crossing. It frightens me that one day I may not be paying close enough attention and either my son or I could be seriously hurt. I'm not sure that we would not advocate a bi-pass around the village due to the excessive damage this would cause to the local environment, so I'm not sure how this problem could be corrected. Perhaps a 20mph limit through the village? I always think that the double yellow lines into Lark Rise should be extended further up the hill, as often you turn left off the main road and are immediately confronted with a parked car, which is quite dangerous.

The traffic flow through Newton Poppleford is dreadful. When the main road is blocked chaos reigns in the side roads as people try to avoid the blockage. Some of the side roads are poorly maintained so they are constantly flooded during wet weather, and the surface water runs off into neighbouring property rather than into road drains (conspicuous in their absence).

Safe route to school for older young people

Cycle path from School Lane to the Toll house

Gates at each end of cycle path to ensure safety because of new access road to new development off King Alfred Way (or a crossing)

Safe route to school for walking and cycling - all the way along the High Street

Cycle routes

Safe place to cycle along the High Street

Smooth pavements

We don't like the busy road and would be pleased if something could be done to alter this.

I think we have everything a village of our size needs. We like living here as it's easy to get to work in Exeter and Sidmouth is only a short distance away. We just need to slow the traffic down somehow. And can we get Stagecoach to put on a later bus back from Sidmouth at the weekends!!

Parking on pavements

(and at junctions)

Too many parents driving children to school

Very hard parking at school by mothers getting other child out of car into road

Make school safer (pavements & speed of traffic) then parents would walk their children to school

Traffic calming measures for High road etc, mini roundabout at School Lane junction with High Street would help

Speeding traffic - this is a NUMBER ONE priority before someone is killed

Anything that slows, diverts, controls traffic in the village

Better seen notice at Dotton Lane about passing slow past school

Footpath construction on main bridge at river Otter before there's an accident

Rude and insensitive parking in School Lane & Glebelands & lower farthings by parents dropping off children to school. Can they not go into car park for the 5 minutes a drop-off takes! Parking on corners is a particular hazard as traffic coming up & down is obscured. Double yellow lines on School Lane would help & perhaps designated spaces in car park for residents who do not have a driveway or garage.

(why cant they walk the children to school?)

Traffic noise & speeding & pollution -> dangerous for pedestrians & motorists and cyclists (+1 tick)

A bus shelter at the Burrow. Exeter side terrible when weather is bad raining hard

A bus shelter opposite the Green, Sidmouth side terrible when weather is bad raining hard

We need another zebra crossing somewhere along the village part of the main road (+3 ticks)

(near the Cannon Inn?)

Speed humps would be good. Chicaines would be better. 20mph limit. (+3 ticks)

Keep the good bus service for the elderly (+1 tick)

Keep the good transport links and bus routes (+1 tick)

Keep the free bus passes

Keep lots of bus stops for easy access

[Missing] Bus shelters at Burrow and Burrow Lane (Exeter end) (+1 tick)

[Missing] Speed camera/speed humps (20mph limit) (+4 ticks)

(flashing speed limit lights work well) (+3 ticks)

[Missing] Pedestrian crossing at junction Back Lane/Otter Reach - children getting to play area & people able to get to bus stops (+4 ticks)

No speed bumps - they cause more pollution - 20mph speed limit far better. Start @ Otter Reach, Finish @ Exmouth Road roundabout (+2 ticks)

[Missing] Something to slow traffic through the village

[Missing] Pavements along both sides of the length of the High Street - this would force the need for traffic calming & slow the traffic down (+1 tick)

[Missing] Proper road safety plan