

Planning, Transportation & Environment

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the submission version of the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan. Devon County Council is supportive of the Neighbourhood Plan for the area and its aims to provide the community's vision for the future.

The County Council does not have any objection to the plan, but has a small number of comments to make regarding minerals and waste, highways and education. These are set out in the attached schedule of comments.

If you have any queries regarding the comments made, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



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Chief Planner

No.	Section	Comment
Minerals and Waste		
	Introduction <i>Paragraph 3</i>	It would be helpful to include reference to the Devon Minerals Plan and Devon Waste Plan that, with the East Devon Local Plan, form part of the development plan for the area.
	Boundary Designations <i>Mapping</i>	The mapping on page 21 and/or 22 should include the Mineral Consultation Area for the sand and gravel resource that falls partly within the Exmouth Town Boundary. This is an important designation which could impact upon development in the area.
	Community Facilities <i>Paragraph 48</i>	It would be helpful to refer to Policy W4 of the Devon Waste Plan which requires that planning applications for major development are accompanied by a Waste Audit Statement that should include measures for storage of waste containers.
Highways		
	Getting About <i>Paragraph 32</i>	The reference to and support of the completion of Dinan Way is welcomed by the County Council as Highway Authority. The scheme is identified on East Devon's CIL Regulation 123 list and, as such, its completion relies on the provision of CIL funding towards design. The County Council will work closely with the District Council throughout the design and delivery process to ensure appropriate funding is sourced.
Education		
	Community Facilities	<p>The inclusion of a section covering education and the positive approach taken within the plan is welcomed. For clarity, there are a small number of instances with out dated information. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 7 – The Education Infrastructure Plan referred to within this section was update in 2016 and now covers the period 2016-2033. The Plan should be updated to reflect this. The updated EIP is available online at: https://new.devon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/pupil-place-planning • Paragraph 8 refers to specific numbers of places available, but these are now out of date. It is recommended that the plan refers to general trends rather than specific numbers to ensure the document does not become out of date too quickly. • Paragraph 10 refers to major capital build programmes being planned at Exmouth Community College. The first phase of this project (including replacing poor quality buildings and providing an additional 60 place) has been delivered. The second phase (8 classrooms delivering 240 places) remains to be delivered. The expansion is necessary to ensure sufficient space across the area and mitigate the impact of development set out in the local plan. Securing funding towards this is the County Council's top educational priority for East Devon. There are significant difficulties over the ability to secure the necessary funding under the CIL regime to enable sufficient school places, and therefore any potential funding opportunities which may be identified through the Neighbourhood Planning process would be welcomed.