

Appendix B

Consultation Statement- Part 1



Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Pre-Submission Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan (BSNP) has been prepared in response to the Localism Act 2011, which gives Town Councils powers to prepare statutory Neighbourhood Plans to help guide development in their areas. These powers give communities the opportunity to shape new development, as planning applications are determined in accordance with national planning policy and the local development plan. Neighbourhood Plans form part of this planning policy framework.

1.2 This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No.637). It :-

- Explains how the community were consulted;
- Summarises the issues and concerns raised; and
- Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood plan.

1.3 Budleigh Salterton Town Council (BSTC) held a meeting on 22nd June 2015 where it was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan for Budleigh Salterton should be compiled. An application was made to East Devon District Council (EDDC) for the town to be designated a neighbourhood planning area This proposal was accepted by EDDC on 24TH July 2015 and the town's intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan was publicised. The Steering Group was established in August 2015 and comprised members of the Town Council and interested local residents. The first meeting of the Steering Group was held on 13th August 2015.

1.4 The Steering Group was tasked with progressing the preparation of the Plan and with leading on the public engagement and consultation process. The group met on a monthly basis, reporting back progress to the Town Council and seeking the Councils approval of key decisions where necessary.

2.0 Means of Communication

2.1 Detailed below are the various methods used by the Steering Group to communicate with the community:-

Town Council Meetings-The Town Council meets twice a month on Mondays. Meetings include a 'Public Session' where any member of the community may

raise a topic to be discussed. All Meeting Agendas and Minutes published on the Town Council website at www.budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Website- A website was created to give background information, communicate forthcoming events relating to the Plan and to detail the progress made at www.budleighsaltertonnp.uk. The Town Council also detailed the progress made with the plan on its website.

Email- An email account was also created to enable the community to contact the Steering Group. budleighsaltertonnp@gmail.com. The parents of children at St Peter's School were kept informed of public events via the school's Facebook page.

Posters/Flyers- All events were communicated to the public by means of Posters and Flyers placed around the town.

Press- Progress with the plan was regularly reported in the Budleigh Journal, the only weekly newspaper in the area. As were all public events. Adverts were also placed in this publication.

Questionnaire- All households received copies of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and Businesses in the town received copies of the Business questionnaire either online or in hard copy.

Public Events- Public Events were held at key stages in the process to seek the views of the community.

3.0 Questionnaire

3.1 The initial phase of the Neighbourhood Plan process was to canvass the views of the residents in Budleigh Salterton. To this end a questionnaire was produced by the Group and approximately 3,000 copies were distributed to all the households in Budleigh Salterton. (See Supplement B1). Nearly 800 questionnaires were completed and returned. A junior questionnaire was also sent to St Peter's school to canvass views of the children.

3.2 All the returns were collated, analysed and the statistics are shown in Supplement B2.

3.3 The views expressed in the questionnaire by the community formed the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan. Following on from this the Steering Group set up 4 Focus Groups to develop the initial draft of the Plan. These are as follows :-

- Housing and the Environment
- Employment and Commerce
- Traffic and Transport
- Community, Leisure and Wellbeing.

4.0 Public Events

4.1 An Event was held in the Budleigh Salterton Public Hall 7th February 2016 for members of the public to view the analysis of the questionnaire and discuss the results with members of the Steering Group. Just over 100 people attended. This event was advertised in the Budleigh Journal, by means of A4 posters around the town including a display in the public library, on the BSNP and BSTC websites and on St Peter's School Facebook page. The information fed into the Steering Group from the community was passed to the Focus Groups for consideration in the planning.

4.2 A further event was held on 26th June 2016 in the Public Hall to give an opportunity for the community to discuss the draft proposals put forward by the Focus Groups. Over 200 people attended this event. While this event was advertised in a similar way to the previous one, flyers were distributed around the town, and as well as articles in the Budleigh Journal an advert was also placed. The views of those attending were noted by the Focus Groups for inclusion in the Pre-Submission Plan. At the instigation of the Steering Group Year 6 pupils at St Peter's school painted their vision of Budleigh Salterton. A competition was held at this meeting, the public voting for their favourite painting. The winning painting will be included in the final Plan. A meeting was held at the Youth Club to discuss the Pre-Submission draft with members of the club.

4.3 Following these meetings the draft proposals were added to both the BSNP and the BSTC websites.

5.0 Pre-Submission Document

5.1 On the 26th September 2016 the Pre-Submission document was unanimously approved by Budleigh Salterton Town Council. Hard copies were placed in Budleigh Salterton Library and the Town Council offices for residents to borrow for the duration of the consultation period (29th Sept - 11th Nov). Posters were placed in key locations in the town informing residents of this and there was an article on the current state of the NP on the front page of the

Budleigh Journal. Information regarding the Plan and how to access it both in hard copy and online were placed on the local Town Facebook page and the St Peter's School Facebook page. A meeting was held at the Youth Club to discuss the Pre-Submission draft with members of the club.

5.2 The following Stakeholders were sent individual online copies of the plan:

Age Concern, AONB, Art Group, Baptist Church, Blue Cedar Homes, Budleigh Cricket Club, BUDFAS, Budleigh Sea Angling Club, Budleigh Football Club, Budleigh in Bloom, Budleigh in Business, Budleigh Ladies Choir, Budleigh Male Voice Choir, Budleigh Rifle Club, Budleigh Scouts, Budleigh Salterton Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, Church of England, Church on the Green, Clinton Devon Estates, Community Gardens, Community Transport Group, Croquet Club, CPRE, DCC Public Rights of Way, Devon County Council, Devon Local Nature Partnership, East Budleigh and Bicton Parish Council, East Devon District Council, EDDC Planning Department, EDDC Streetscene, EDDC Ward Councillors, East Devon Golf Club, English Heritage, Environment Agency, Exeter City Council, Exmouth Town Council, Fairlynch Museum and Art Gallery, Film Society, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue, Food and Drink Festival, Fryer Trust, Games Club, Garden Club, Jazz Festival, Jurassic Coast WHS, League of Friends, Library, Lions, Literary Festival, Medical Centre, Methodist Church, Music Festival, National Trust, Natural England, Normans Family Trust, Otterton Parish Council, Otter Valley Association, Patient Participation Group, D & C Police, Probus, Roman Catholic Church, Royal British Legion, St Peter's School, St Peter's School PTA, Salterton Drama Club, Stagecoach, SW Water, Tennis Club, TIC, Voluntary Car Scheme, Youth Club.

5.3 A summary of the responses received and a description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood plan can be found in part 2 and 3 of the Consultation Statement. Part 2 covers responses received from the statutory consultees and part 3 covers responses received from the community.

The following Supplements can be viewed on the BSNP Website.

- Supplement B1 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire**
- Supplement B2 Questionnaire Analysis**
- Supplement B3 Business Survey**

Supplement B4 Minutes of Steering Group meetings