

## NOTES OF OFFICER MEETING To Discuss Cross Boundary Issues

Held on 08 September 2017 at EDDC Offices, Sidmouth

**Present:** Matt Dickins (EDDC)  
Linda Renshaw (EDDC)  
Terry Sneller (WDDC)  
Trevor Warrick (WDDC)

### 1. Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP)

TS had attended a meeting in Newton Abbot about the GESP the day before and so was up-to-date on GESP issues.

### 2. East Devon Villages Plan (EDVP)

The timetable for the EDVP was discussed. WDDC confirmed that they did not consider the plan raised cross boundary issues, due to its limited scope. It was clarified that, in East Devon the local connection test was set out in Strategy 35 of the adopted Local Plan, whereas in West Dorset it was considered by the housing section on a case-by-case basis.

### 3. West Dorset Local Plan review

The timetable for the review of the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan was discussed, together with the responses received to the issues and options consultation and emerging evidence to support the plan. In overall strategic terms WDDC were confident that housing need can be met within the housing market area and they will not need to request help from neighbouring areas to meet the identified need. Strategic growth was likely to be directed to the larger settlements in West Dorset, particularly those that lie outside of the AONB. In terms of Lyme Regis the critical issue was considered to be providing for affordable housing given the highly constrained nature of the settlement. There may be a case for provision of affordable housing in Bridport as part of any housing allocation to help meet the needs of Lyme Regis.

### 4. Neighbourhood Planning

WDDC had noted that the Inspectors report had been received for the Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan. There are currently no plans for a Lyme Regis Neighbourhood Plan, although work on the Community Land Trust housing site at Timber Hill had commenced.