

UPDATING THE 2003 YARCOMBE PARISH PLAN

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Introduction

In January 2010 Yarcombe Parish Council considered advice, from East Devon District Council, that it should update the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement produced in 2003. This was to ensure that any information provided by the District Council to those drawing up the new Local Development Framework would be as up to date as possible.

The Parish Council reviewed the existing plan and VDS and the earlier Parish Appraisal carried out in 1993 and concluded that another full-scale household survey was not necessary for the following reasons:

- There has been no significant increase in the number of dwellings in the parish since the development of 19 homes in Drakes Meadow, Yarcombe, between 1991 and 1996.
- The settlements of Yarcombe and Marsh had their built up area boundaries removed when the current Local Plan was drawn up preventing further building either within these settlements or adjacent to them.
- The planning rules regulating the development of housing in the wide countryside preclude any large scale development in the wider parish.
- Any changes in the demographic make up of the population since 2003 will have been marginal.
- We had a 97% response rate to the extensive Household survey carried out in 2003, and more than 50% of the adult population attended major Village Design event, and completed a questionnaire about both the built and the natural environment of the parish. As a result ,the Parish Council was able to draw up Supplementary Planning Guidelines which it wished the District Council and developers to apply to any new building work in the parish, including extensions, renovations and conversions.

These guidelines were submitted to the District Council in 2003 and the Development Committee agreed to apply them in discussions with developers, and when the committee was considering planning applications.

- A full range of public participation events and consultations were held during the drawing up of the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement.
- When comparing the results of the surveys carried out for the Parish Appraisal of 1993 and 2003, the general views and opinions of local people about what mattered to them showed very little change.

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How the Parish Council Proceeded

The Parish Plan 2003 included an Action Plan which identified those issues which people wanted the council to pursue. The Plan also provided the Parish Council with the opportunity to clarify and then adopt policies towards all aspects of life in its community including the local environment its landscape and ecology. The Action Plan is reviewed every year to monitor progress and change.

Given the background analysis in paragraph 1.0 it was decided to carry out a survey of local opinion in April 2010 by delivering an explanation/questionnaire to every household about the way that the Parish Council is endeavouring to meet the expressed needs and priorities identified in the Parish

Plan and the Village Design Statement. The survey was undertaken in April 2010 and was “trailed” in the community magazine, “Yarcombe Voices” during.

Only two responses were received and these related to ongoing issues of Road Safety, and the non availability of Broadband in some areas of the parish, and poor Broadband speeds generally. These matters are being are being considered within the existing policies of the parish council.

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Conclusion

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There is a high degree of consensus amongst the local population about the priorities and needs identified in the existing Parish Plan and Village Design Statement. The things that are currently of most importance to local people are those listed on page two of the attached document, which was distributed to all households in the parish.

These issues will all be pursued by the Parish Council.

b) The Parish Council asks East Devon District Council and its partners in drawing up the Local Development Framework:-

- To take full account of this update of the Yarcombe Parish Plan and Village Design Statement of 2003.
- That the District Council should be asked to confirm that the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted by the District Council will continue to be applied to all planning applications in the parish.