

EDDC Local Development Framework Consultation – Clyst Honiton Parish Council

Submission for LDF Panel meetings 30 August and 27 September.

Please find comments from Councillors of Clyst Honiton Parish Council as follows:-

The Clyst Honiton Parish Council endorses the response from the Joint Parishes (of Bishops Clyst, Broadclyst, Clyst Honiton, Poltimore, Rockbeare and Whimble) and in addition wishes to make the following points:-

1. The proposals for the West End of East Devon effectively urbanise what is currently a rural area, with a continuous strip along the old A30 of housing and industrial development stretching from the boundary of Exeter City to Whimble. As a gateway to Devon this is hardly an attractive introduction for tourists to East Devon. Greater effort must be made to mitigate the impact of these developments.
2. The Councillors welcome the Clyst Honiton By-Pass and the news of its funding and therefore look forward to its completion at an early stage in the programme.
3. The Consultation Document (para 6.16) states that Clyst Honiton is noisy – almost the only comment in the document about Clyst Honiton. We dispute this negative comment about the village. Aircraft noise is occasional and short-lived compared to for example the continuous rumble of traffic along the concrete sections of the A30. Comments like this in the document can only help to blight any future development in the village, no matter how small.
4. The eventual loss of the Clyst Honiton Village School to Cranbrook will diminish the identity of the village. The Councillors do not wish to see Clyst Honiton further diminished, particularly by the potential inter-modal freight terminal. The Councillors are concerned that little is mentioned in the LDF document about how to sustain or develop villages, especially those which for a variety of reasons are unlikely or unable to expand. Unless there is a proactive approach from EDDC, the only future seems to be one of our village withering away.
5. The Councillors are concerned about the apparent change of name in the LDF document for the Inter-Modal Freight Centre. It is important that this facility is not allowed to become a road to road distribution centre and it continues to be a planning condition that the rail head is built first.
6. The Councillors believe that land should be set aside within all the proposed housing developments for allotments and fruit orchards, to satisfy the demands of the residents. This provision will enhance green credentials and fulfil the emotional, mental, spiritual and physical well-being of the communities.