

Examination of the New East Devon Local Plan 2006-26

Hearing 14
14:00 Tuesday 4 March 2014

Axminster

The overall housing numbers and employment provision proposed in the Local Plan has been discussed in previous hearing sessions. The purpose of this session is to consider matters specific to Axminster.

1. Strategy 20 seeks to allocate sites for 1,050 new dwellings. Strategy 1 and Policy E1 propose the allocation of 9.05ha of employment land. Is this level of development justified by robust evidence?*
2. Outline planning permission has been granted for residential development at Cloakham Lawns. That decision cannot be revoked through this examination and the principle of that development will not be discussed. Are the other proposed allocations (650 dwellings and 8ha of employment land to the north and east of the town) suitable for the development for which they are proposed?
 - 2a. What are the implications for the provision of employment opportunities in the town of using 1.5ha of the proposed allocation for a primary school?
3. Does Axminster have the infrastructure to support the level of new development envisaged in the Local Plan? Can the infrastructure, including the proposed north-south relief road be provided?
4. Should Strategy 20 make specific reference to the promotion of new food retail development in the town centre?

*Devonshire Homes propose a further allocation of 150 dwellings at Chard Road

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