

Examination of the New East Devon Local Plan 2006-26

Hearing 16
14:00 Wednesday 5 March 2014

Honiton

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 Honiton.

1. Strategy 2 seeks to allocate a site for 150 new dwellings. Strategy 23 encourages the provision of 450 homes (including the Ottery Moor Lane allocation). Strategy 1 and Policy E1 propose the allocation of 18.2ha of employment land. Is this level of development justified by robust evidence?*
2. Are the proposed allocations suitable for the development for which they are proposed and can they be delivered?
3. Strategy 23 recognises that it may be difficult to deliver the additional 300 homes (on top of the 150 allocated) within the town and makes allowance for the release of the West of Hayne Lane reserve site if, after the 2011 -2016 phase, monitoring and future projections indicate that there will be a shortage of deliverable housing. We are now a significant way through that phase. What is the current situation and, if it appears that there will be a shortage, is this not an appropriate time to allocate the site?
4. Does Honiton have the infrastructure to support the level of new development envisaged in the Local Plan?
 - 3a. Are the proposed improvements to the Turk's Head junction deliverable/achievable? If not what are the implications for delivering the planned levels of growth in Honiton?

*Gleeson Strategic Land, Taylor Wimpey, The Combe Estate and Mrs Claire Grigg propose further allocations in Honiton

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