

East Devon Local Development Framework

OUTCOME OF TOWN CONSULTATION EVENTS

OTTERY ST MARY



Spring 2010

The Outcome of the Consultation Events

Spring 2010

Introduction

This report has been prepared following the public engagement that took place during Spring 2010 to inform the preparation of the Core Strategy for East Devon. The Core Strategy will be a key document within East Devon's Local Development Framework (a new type of development plan that will replace the Devon Structure Plan and the East Devon Local Plan). One of the main principles of the new planning system is that local communities and stakeholders should be involved from the outset in the preparation of planning policy documents. The Core Strategy will set out an overall vision for East Devon and the strategic elements in the planning framework for the District. It will not allocate specific sites for development, but it will identify which broad areas are suitable for new homes or jobs. The Core Strategy will look ahead to 2026, which is the same timescale as the emerging Regional Plan.

The purpose of this report is to outline the consultation which informed the production of the Core Strategy and to summarise the process and results of the consultation.

Consultation Process

In order to manage the consultation process effectively, and in accordance with the guidance of the Planning Advisory Service, the following process was undertaken:

Step 1- Set Objectives	Inform stakeholders about the LDF and the requirements of the RSS for growth Identify the community's key concerns and aspirations for the future- Parish Plans and Vision Statements will be used as the starting point for discussion Involve stakeholders (and the wider community) in prioritising options and shaping future policy
Step 2- Review Schedule	6 weeks to organise, book venue and prepare briefing papers- commence consultation w/c 8.3.10 Complete all events by mid-May Feedback over Summer
Step 3- Identify who to involve	Equalities Impact Assessment- identify minority groups Stakeholders Including statutory consultees Interest groups Elected representatives Wider Community
Step 4- Choose the right method	Method will depend on consultee group but it is envisaged that standard approaches will be tailored to meet the needs of the process and the attendees- Towns- Afternoon/evening workshops in each main town using RSS requirements and Parish Plan/Vision Statement as starting point, with stakeholders present to discuss constraints and issues pertinent to each settlement. Parishes- Evening meeting open to all PC's using Parish Plan/Vision Statement as basis for discussion. Parishes provided with clear and specific guidance on which to base discussion at their next meeting, following which they will be asked to provide a written report. Hard to reach/minority/interest groups will be consulted depending on their individual needs. East Devon Talk, Forums, Local Press etc
Step 5- Deliver Activities	Town meetings (at which there may be stakeholders with strongly opposing views/interests) will take form of workshops, with Officers present to answer questions and explain the process

	<p>Officers will facilitate the Parish meetings as these will focus on explaining the process and enabling Parish Councils to produce the information required themselves</p> <p>Hard to reach/minority/interest groups consulted according to individual needs</p> <p>All representatives will be asked to provide copies of any credible, relevant evidence they may have to justify their opinions, ie survey results from Parish Plan production, so that they can be used to support the Council's position.</p>
Step 6- Collate, review and export	<p>As far as possible information will be quantitative to enable statistical analysis and collected through structured proformas or in a standardised format so that comparison is possible.</p> <p>Raw, qualitative data (ie from meetings, records of workshop discussions, questionnaire returns and notes) will be presented discursively to minimise subjectivity before interpretation. Everything will be retained to provide an auditable evidence base.</p> <p>Analysis will be carried out by Officers, assuming sufficient resources are available, then reported to the relevant Committee</p> <p>Outcomes will be assessed to identify key themes and areas of broad consensus, as well as other relevant points.</p> <p>Some issues, ie significant objections from key stakeholders, may require additional information and research.</p> <p>Attendees will be provided with notes of the meetings</p>
Step 7- Evaluate Effectiveness	<p>As part of the 'consultation statement' the methods of engagement, parties involved, key outcomes and their role in shaping the core strategy will need to be set out. The process will need to be shown to be effective and questionnaires to all attendees will inform this process and enable evaluation.</p>

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Meetings with Town Councils and Local Organisations in Spring 2010

A series of 6 afternoon and early evening workshops were held, in Axminster, Exmouth, Honiton, Ottery St Mary, Seaton and Sidmouth. Each meeting consisted of two main facilitated exercises prepared and conducted by the planning policy team, together with an introductory overview explaining the role of the Core Strategy and the opportunities and constraints facing the town over the next 20 years. A District wide map was also available for people to comment on.

In the case of Exmouth, LDA Consultants were commissioned to produce a Development Brief for Exmouth Town Centre, and a visioning exercise formed a fundamental component of this. The timetable for this dovetailed with the LDF workshops and interested parties may also wish to view the LDA Brief for additional information on the town centre issues. The Exmouth workshop followed the same format as the other town workshops.

Attendance at the meetings

Attendance at the meetings was usually by postal invitation (followed up by an e.mail), and these were issued to the Town Council, Ward Members, local interest groups (including business, amenity, local interest, sports, elderly and young persons groups etc) and relevant statutory consultees (ie Environment Agency, Highway Authority). Details of the invitees are listed in the Appendix but the list for every town was extensive, with around 500 people asked to attend across the District. A press release informing the public that these meetings were taking place was issued to numerous local newspapers and this invited interested local organisations to put themselves forward if they had not been asked. It also informed the public that they could become involved through the subsequent Town Council meeting in their town if they wished to.

Thirty-five people attended the Local Development Framework workshop in Seaton on 23 March; around 18 people attended the workshop in Honiton on 24 March; 22 people attended the Axminster workshop on 29 March; and 21 people attended the Ottery St Mary workshop on 30 March. The Exmouth workshop, held on 11 May, was attended by 56 people.

A central venue was selected in each town, and these were all hubs of the communities within which they were located. The feedback on the quality and accessibility of the venues was generally positive and the timing of the meetings, 1.30-5.30pm, was considered appropriate by most attendees. It should be noted, however, that the timing may have been a factor in preventing some bodies from being represented. Refreshments were available before and during the meetings.

Each attendee was provided with an information pack specific to their settlement, containing statistics taken from the most recent census, house building rates and numbers, Council house waiting list numbers, a synopsis of their Town Plan and a summary of the responses to the Issues and Options report relevant to their particular town. A questionnaire relating to the attendees experience of the event and a pre-paid envelope was also included.

Format of the meetings

An introduction to the meeting was given by Planning Officers. This set out the strategic context of the Core Strategy and explained the Government requirements for additional development in the District, stages of Core Strategy preparation, key-drivers for change, spatial issues and additional information about the consultation.

The first of the two workshops took a 'speed dating' format, with two Officers (one to facilitate discussion and one to note points made) addressing each of the following subjects:

- Economy
- Housing
- Environment
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Community

- Rural Issues

Attendees were allocated their first subject upon arrival; this determined the order in which the subjects were discussed by each group in rotation. Officers noted all the points made on their particular subject during a 15 minute period and then moved onto the next table to repeat the exercise. This session culminated in the identification of key themes by Officers, which were presented to the whole group as a basis for subsequent discussion. Summaries of the points are presented in the next Chapter, the full text is available in the Appendix.

This was followed by a 'fun' exercise where attendees were asked to write a postcard from the perspective of a visitor to the town in 2030. This was well received by most attendees and produced some thought-provoking results, available to read in the Appendix.

The second workshop was a map-based exercise, again led by Planning Officers. Attendees were asked to consider how their town might grow over a twenty year period and illustrate this on A1 maps. They were asked to identify areas for retention, areas of particular importance for sport/recreation, employment, housing, landscape character and other facilities/land uses. Again this was well received and, although many different opinions were expressed, there was a surprising degree of consensus. Results of this exercise are collated onto maps presented in the next Chapter.

All material produced at the meetings is available to view at the District Council offices.

Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation

Ottery St Mary 'Speed Dating' Workshop

30 March 2010

Method

46 representatives of established voluntary and community groups, all members of the Town Council and all East Devon Elected Members from Ottery St Mary as well as other organisations e.g. schools were invited along to an event to discuss the future of Ottery St Mary up to the year 2030. 19 people attended the event, these were as follows:

- Various members of Ottery St Mary Town Council
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Sustainable Ottery
- Ottery St Mary Rural Councillor (EDDC)
- Ottery St Mary Town Councillor (EDDC)
- The Institute
- Later Life Forum
- Otter Vale Arts Society
- Devon Youth Service- Ottery St Mary
- West Hill Residents Association
- West Hill Primary School/ Sing for Your Life
- Sustainable Ottery
- Western Power Distribution
- Devon County Council
- Tipton Residents Association

The full list of invitees is provided in the Appendix.

The attendees were split into different tables. Council Officers moved round the tables spending 15 minutes at each table discussing one of the following topics:

- Community
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Transport

The following are summaries of the results of those discussions

Housing

- Does Ottery St Mary really need any more housing? A Housing Needs Assessment is warranted.
- Affordable housing is not really affordable. If it is to be built it needs to be affordable and for local people.
- There was a wide range of views about what sort of housing could possibly be needed; family homes, homes for single people, sheltered accommodation, retirement flats, specialised housing.
- The buildings, housing and brownfield sites already in Ottery St Mary should be used more effectively.
- Higher levels of energy efficient housing is needed.

Community

- Kings Secondary School needs room for expansion.
- West Hill, Tipton and other Ottery primary schools are good but need room for expansion.
- The Ottery St Mary Institute needs refurbishment and other community buildings are needed as it is always fully booked.
- There is an increasing population of elderly people- health care needs to be provided
- More health care needs to be provided in the community e.g. maternity, nursing care, day care, home visits. Could a surgery be developed in West Hill?
- The community hospital is good but will need to expand if more houses are built.
- There are not enough play and recreation spaces in Ottery St Mary. Alfington and West Hill don't even have playparks. The promised skate park in Ottery needs to happen.
- There is a need for an arts facility in Ottery St Mary e.g. theatre, heritage centre.
- Young people have to travel out of Ottery for things to do but there is little public transport.
- There needs to be more youth provision from the Youth Service.

Environment Issues

- There need to be more cycle routes and walks around town and to surrounding areas- it is too dangerous to walk or cycle on the road.
- The natural environment needs protecting.
- Not enough recreation/ open spaces within the town.
- Consideration needs to be given to flooding of open spaces/ recreation/ play areas.

Economy

- There were mixed views on employment in Ottery St Mary with some people feeling that there needs to be more casual work in particular for young people.
- More promotion of Ottery St Mary as a tourist destination.
- Some regeneration of the town is needed including filling empty shops, a hotel, development of niche and independent shops to attract people to Ottery as a shopping destination.
- There was concern that car parking costs stopped people shopping in the town.

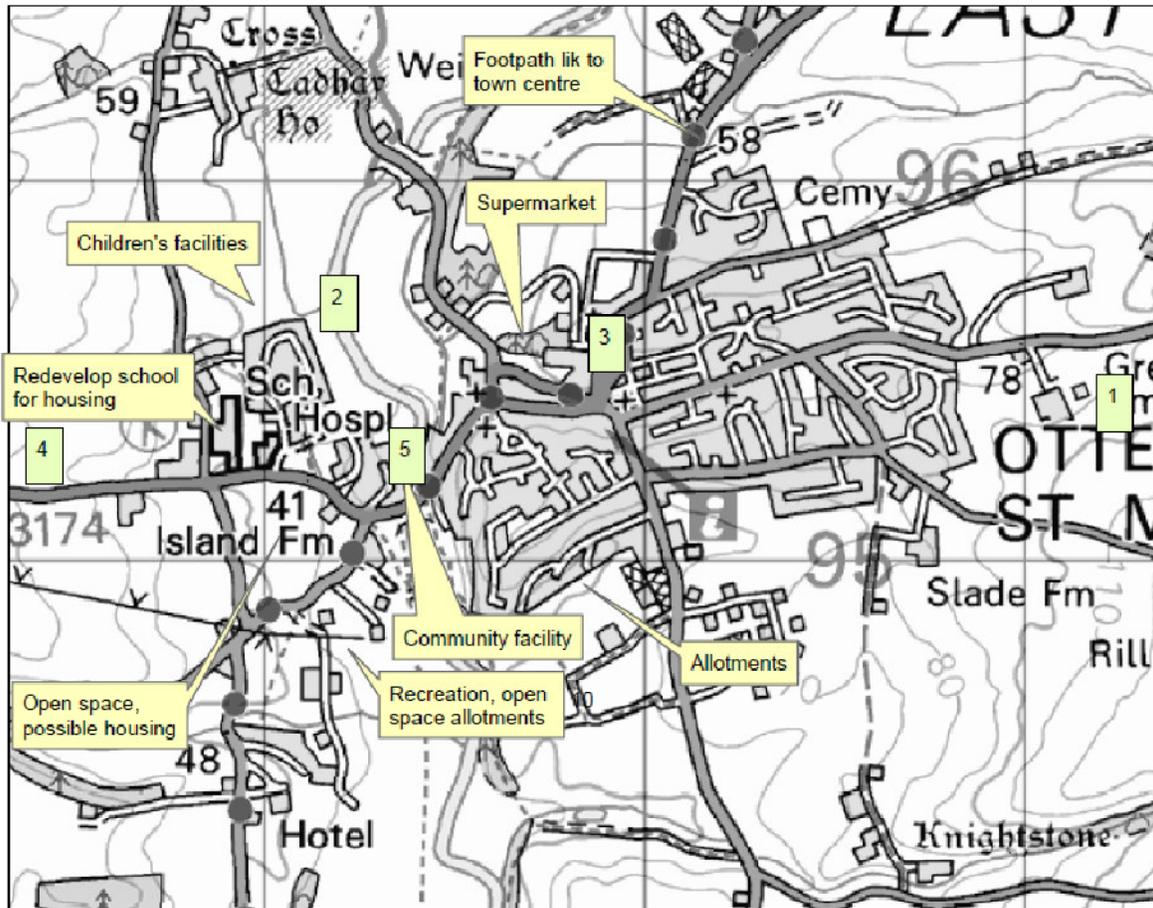
Transport and Infrastructure

- There need to be more cycle routes and walks around town and to surrounding areas- it is too dangerous to walk or cycle on the road. In particular a footpath to Otter Nurseries.
- Road safety was seen as an issue. There should be enforced speed limits.
- Poor provision of public transport. More availability of train travel and buses.
- Better broadband is needed.
- Green energy production should be considered for Ottery.

Rural Issues

- Housing need varies from village to village with some need for starter homes and housing for an ageing population.
- Small shops are struggling- could community shops be the way forwards?
- Encourage small businesses into the rural areas.
- Local food production is increasing in importance and need to be encouraged.
- Improved public transport is required.

Ottery St. Mary



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NO CONSENSUS

Town centre pedestrianisation.
Reopen railway line for recreation.

- 1). Affordable housing
- 2). Sustainable power generation
- 3). (Town Council offices) library
- 4). Park and ride to Exeter
- 5). Arts centre/ library/ community centre/ heritage society

NO SPECIFIC SITES IDENTIFIED

Need New:
 School site
 Flood defences
 Library
 Improved bus links
 Coleridge study centre
 Town centre improvements
 Improved broadband in Tipton & West Hill
 Sports/ playing fields
 Public toilets

Protect:
 Flood defences
 Open spaces
 Gerway Nursery

Meetings with Young People through the Youth Clubs

To provide a wider range of opinions as to how the District should develop in the future, a number of consultations were carried out with young people during Spring 2010. These followed a set format- young people attending youth clubs/groups in each town were asked to photograph the features they liked, disliked and would like to see in the place where they lived using disposable cameras. They were then asked to return the cameras for processing and were invited to an informal discussion with Council Officers during a youth club session. Questionnaires were distributed during these sessions and there was an opportunity for a young person from each group to win a £25 music voucher as a questionnaire was drawn at random at the end of each session.

Ottery St Mary Youth Club

15 July 2010

Overall Summary of Consultation

- Young people really value the countryside, parks and open spaces in Ottery St Mary.
- More things are needed for young people over the age of 14 to do, up to 19. Extra things for young people to do that were mentioned- shops for young people, a cinema, a bowling alley, a youth cafe, swimming pool, sports field, community centre, skate park, play areas for older teenagers, arts and music classes, a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut and historical buildings.
- The old factory site needs regenerating, maybe into a cinema or skate park.
- The bad things about Ottery St Mary are the litter, dog fouling, the empty and derelict buildings and the drug problem.
- More jobs are needed in Ottery St Mary, most would leave to find appropriate graduate employment.
- The buses need to be later and more frequent, and a train station would be good.
- Ottery St Mary needs to be more environmentally friendly.
- The independent shops are important to Ottery. Although sainsburys will bring in more jobs there was concern it would affect local traders.
- There is nothing in West Hill for young people to do at all.
- East Hill could be made more of as a tourist destination.

Methods

1. Members of Ottery St Mary Youth Club were given 6 disposable cameras to take pictures of what:
 - They don't like about Ottery St Mary
 - They do like about Ottery St Mary
 - What they would like to see in Ottery St Mary4 of the cameras were returned successfully containing 21 photos of what they did like about Honiton and 25 photos of what they didn't like.
2. Short one page questionnaires were given out at a meeting of Ottery St Mary Youth Club on 15 July 2010. 20 young people completed these questionnaires. From all the completed questionnaires one was drawn at random and they won a £25 music voucher.
3. A small discussion group was held with 4 young people from Ottery St Mary Youth Club for about 20 minutes.

Results Summaries for each method

Discussions

- There was mixed opinion about a supermarket in Ottery St Mary. Some were supportive due to the employment it would bring, some were unsupportive as they felt it would badly affect local traders.
- A cafe suitable for young people would be good.
- More things are needed for young people over the age of 14 to do, up to 19 or early 20's. There was mention of a swimming pool, sports fields, a community centre, a skate park, seating near the river, play areas for older teenagers, arts and music classes.
- The young people really value the parks and open spaces in Ottery St Mary.
- The buses are not frequent enough. Also need later buses, the last bus back from Exeter leaves at 6.30pm.
- Several of the young people thought the worst thing about Ottery St Mary is the drug problem.
- Some young people would like to come back to Ottery after University, but only if there is more of a range of jobs available.
- There is nothing in West Hill.
- Could more be made of East Hill as a tourist destination.

Questionnaires

- Over three quarters of the young people felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary.
- The most popular suggestions for things they would like to happen in Ottery St Mary (in order of popularity) more shops for young people, a cinema, more jobs, a bowling alley, more sports provision, a skate park or a swimming pool.
- 50% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to. The most popular reason for this was that a train station is needed.
- 32% will still live in Ottery St Mary in ten years time, 68% will not. Most would leave to find employment or because they would prefer to live in a place where there's more people and more to do.
- When asked what one thing they would improve about Axminster most felt that the old factory site needed regenerating, most probably into a cinema. Quite a few of the young people were also saying Ottery St Mary needs to be more environmentally friendly, including making sure there is less litter. A couple also felt that there should be more shops for young people.

Photo Project

- The young people really liked the countryside and open spaces in and around Ottery St Mary.
- The young people did not like the empty and derelict buildings, particularly the old factory. They also didn't like the litter on pavements and river banks or the dog fouling that can be found throughout Ottery.
- Young people would like to see a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut, skate park and historical buildings.

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Results

What did they like about Ottery St Mary?

Of the 21 photos of what they did like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Parks and open spaces/ countryside	8
Countryside views	5
Riverside walk	3
Multi Use Games Area	1
Litter bin	1
Shop in West Hill	1
Recycling art sculpture outside the school	1
Seating area	1

What didn't they like about Ottery St Mary?

Of the 25 photos of what they didn't like the results are shown below

Photo	Number of photos
Empty/ derelict buildings (particularly the old factory)	8
Litter on pavements and on river banks	6
Dog fouling	5
Potholes in the road	2
Overgrown shrubs	1
Graffiti	1
Muddy paths	1

When asked to take photos of what they would like to see in Ottery St Mary young people would like to see a vegetarian restaurant, pizza hut, skate park and historical buildings.

Summary of Discussion

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Results

Shopping/ Town Centre

Like the fact that Ottery is community based with grocers and locally sourced produce.

Sainsburys will create jobs but will mean independent shops will close.

We need a cafe/ healthy eating place for young people e.g. Smoothie bar.

An internet cafe is needed- there was one but it shut down.

Why is Tesco's trying to get back in? Apparently they have found a loophole.

It is unnecessary to have a supermarket- we will lose the community feel of Ottery. We sell more locally sourced produce in Ottery, now we will be going back on it.

Sainsburys will be good for jobs for young people.

Things to do

There is not a lot for young men to do- we want a skate park.

Most young people spend their time walking round the parks- nothing else to do.

Make a youth club for older young people (17- 24) as they tend to drift off and have nothing to do.

More things to do could include arts classes, music classes.

We need a sports area and community centre.

The gym is too expensive to use and we can't use it until we are 16 anyway.

We need somewhere to play football.

Really like Ottery- the parks are good- don't build on any of the open spaces.

We are not allowed in the play areas if we are under 14, what else are we supposed to do- need play areas for older teenagers aged 14- 19.

Develop something by the river for young people to hang out in e.g. seating area and path like the Quay in Exeter.

A swimming pool would be good.

We like the Youth Club- have been coming here since year 7. I go to a different school and it's nice to mix with others and have two groups of friends.

The factory is a massive space that could be used, it has a big flat concrete floor that could be used as a skate park.

Public transport

Not enough frequent buses.

Need more frequent buses to other areas. More often and quicker buses.

Need later buses- the last bus back from Exeter leaves at 6.30pm and the nearest train station is Feniton. A taxi is £30 from Exeter to Ottery.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Druggies hang out near Canaan. Police check our bags randomly for drugs. Police know drugs go on here but pick on all the kids.

It's nice and safe- you can go through at 10- 11pm and feel safe.

It is a nice community other than the drugs.

People all know each other.

Where will you be in ten years time?

There is not much to aim for. Not a wide and diverse range of jobs.

No diversity in culture.

Would move to Sidmouth or Exmouth.

I see myself hopping between living in a city like Bristol and Ottery.

It would be a nice place to bring up kids.

I would come back after University if the jobs were better and there was an arts/ media scene here.

Other areas of the Parish

West Hill is bad, there is nothing at all to do. We are getting a play area there but only under 14s will be allowed in it.

East Hill view is great and nice for barbeques. Could we have a viewing tower on East Hill? Would attract people and be good for tourism.

Summary of Questionnaire Responses

- Over three quarters of the young people felt there wasn't enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary.
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Results

Q1. Is there enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary?

Out of the 20 young people, 16 of them felt there was not enough for young people to do in Ottery St Mary.

Q2. Is there enough for you to do, what else would you like to be able to do?

14 of the young people commented:

- More shops. Local music festivals.
- More shops and more active areas.
- Skate, music and arts
- Swimming pool
- Cinema, bowling, theme parks, poker tables, music shops.
- I would like there to be facilities for young people when there is nothing to do, as an alternative to sitting in the park.
- There are not many things to do in Ottery. Need something to do after school such as a skate park and somewhere to get food/ drink such as Shake Awash in Exeter. Swimming available in river or pool.
- More jobs- can't find a job. More youth councils.
- More sports clubs and opportunities to meet new peeps.
- More jobs. More driving schools.
- Possible more High Street shops.
- Cinema. Sheltered things to do/ go.
- Swimming as it is good for all of your body. Better hearts and lower obesity rates.

- Bowling and cinema.

Q3. Can you easily get to the places you want to go to?

20 respondents answered this question:

50% can easily get to the places they want to go to

50% cannot easily get to the places they want to go to

Q4. If you can't get to the places you want to go to, please tell us why:

11 respondents commented:

- Infrequent bus services
- Train station
- Train station needed. Crap public transport and timings. Need free transport for adolescents.
- There is not enough public transport going through Ottery as the buses aren't varied enough and only go to the same places.
- I live in Talaton and bus routes are limited. To get here I would have to cycle which gets harder when it's dark then I have to rely on lifts from parents.
- Public transport is bad. Need a train station. Cheaper transport please!
- Too expensive- not enough buses from Feniton to Ottery. Trains are often expensive as well.
- Public transport is bad. Get a train station. Cheaper transport!
- Transport is bad!!! Get a train station!!! Chaeep transport.
- Not enough public transport to my house/ area.
- Need a train station

Q5. Do you think you will live in Ottery St Mary in ten years time?

19 respondents answered this question:

32% will still live in Ottery St Mary

68% will not live in Ottery St Mary

Q6. If you think you will leave, please tell us why:

11 respondents commented:

- You only live in Ottery because your parents force you to.
- There needs to be more to do in Ottery, jobs and housing. Also I don't want my children to grow up in the same boredom that I do.
- I live in a village outside of Ottery and I think there are better places to go such as Sidmouth or Exeter as there are things to do all the time.
- There are not enough jobs or shops.
- Like the area. Nice places and jobs but probably move away from family.
- Not enough jobs- housing too expensive.
- Cheap housing, more stuff to do.
- Because there is not many people or many things to do.
- Moving out in summer holidays.
- Nothing will make me want to stay personally as I would like to live somewhere else. I would consider moving back if there were more activities or public transport. I like that Ottery has a community spirit and locally sourced stores.

Q7. If you could improve one thing about Ottery St Mary what would it be?

18 respondents commented:

- Public transport
- Less drugs
- Change the factory to something awesome like a Toys'R'Us with an underground pool.
- I would like there to be more jobs in Ottery as then I could get the bus and go further afield.

- The Mill- regeneration into something nice.
- Turn the old factory into a cinema. More environmentally friendly. Less tramps.
- Litter and pollution. I would love to see Ottery being more environmentally friendly.
- Turn old factory into a cinema. Be more environmentally friendly.
- Turn the old factory into a cinema. More environmentally friendly. Litter picking punishments for criminals through community service.
- Different opening times for a young peoples social club i.e. Open more times a week plus more events to do.
- More things to do undercover.
- More places to go/ more things to do.
- Factory into cinema and bowling.
- Get a skate park. Cinema or ten pin bowling.
- The amount of broken things in Ottery.
- Clean up the rubbish.
- More shops.
- More shops like New Look (clothes shops).

APPENDIX

	Ottery St Mary LDF Consultation Event 30th March 2010	Full list of invitees
	Ottery St Mary LDF Consultation Event 30th March 2010	Full list of points made in workshop 1
	Ottery St Mary LDF Consultation Event 30th March 2010	Postcard Exercise results

Ottery St Mary LDF Consultation Event

30th March 2010

Invited	Organisation	Attended
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Town Council	Yes (x9)
e-mail	Devon and Cornwall Police (x2)	Yes (x2)
Letter	Sustainable Ottery	Yes
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Rural (x2)	Yes (x1)
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Town (x3)	Yes (x2)
EDVSA	The Institute	Yes
Letter	Later Life Forum	Yes
Letter	Otter Vale Arts Society	Yes
Letter and reminder e-mail	Devon Youth Service- Ottery St Mary	Yes
E-mail	West Hill Residents Association	Yes
E-mail	West Hill Primary School/ Sing for Your Life	Yes
e-mail	Ottery St Mary Chamber of Commerce	
Add	Sustainable Ottery	Yes
Letter	Ottery St Mary Hospital	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Heritage Society	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Help Scheme	
Letter and e-mail	Music and Fun for Young Children	
Letter	Ottery St Mary United Reform Church	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Gardening Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Day Care Centre	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Tale Valley Trust	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Football Club	
Letter and reminder e-mail	National Trust- Ottery St Mary	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Recycling in Ottery	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Rotary Club of Otter Valley	
Letter	Ottery Hospital League of Friends	
Letter and reminder e-mail	Colin Tooze Sports Centre- Ottery St Mary	
Letter	Cosmic	
Letter	Feoffee Hall	
Letter	Ottery Community Theatre	
Letter	Dance Action for Youth	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Carnival	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Cricket Club	
Letter	Ottery St Mary Parish Church	
Letter	Speak Now (x6)	

Letter and reminder e-mail	Ottery St Mary Primary School	
Letter and reminder e-mail	The Kings School	
Gen letter	Churches Together in East Devon and the Diocese of Exeter	
E-mail	Spectrum Housing Association	
E-mail	Ottery Feoffee Charity	
	Western Power Distribution	Yes
	DCC	Yes
	Tipton Residents Association	Yes

Comments in full

Housing Issues

Numbers of houses to be built:

- Housing need identified in Parish is approximately 100 (EDDC)?
- Cranbrook – if this going to be built, do we need further housing?
- Concerns Cranbrook won't see an intake of local people.
- During construction of Cranbrook, where will workers live? Provision for employees coming from outside of area – impact of services.
- Need for housing needs assessments.
- Do not feel there is a 'crying need' for more housing.

Type of Housing:

- Some people still cannot afford affordable housing?
- Don't feel Ottery St Mary needs more affordable housing.
- Affordable housing pricing people out.
- Need to be more restrictive with new homes.
- There is a demand for housing for elderly – retirement flats? (Managed housing).
- Housing in Ottery St Mary is completely mixed.
- Ottery St Mary feels that they have a healthy balance of ages and opportunities – good mixture.
- Mindful of need to reflect what community needs.
- Affordable needs to be restricted to local people – legal agreements. Council buy back scheme.
- Keep affordable homes affordable for local people.
- Need for housing in Ottery St Mary not necessary affordable.
- Retirement flats/housing needed.
- Housing for younger people/family housing.
- Change design of Council housing?
- Big requirement in Ottery St Mary for homes for single people.
- Large need for family homes in Ottery St Mary.
- Great need also for homes for elderly in Ottery St Mary.
- We need a housing list for those who want large homes and a list for those who want smaller homes.
- Need for sheltered accommodation – Ottery St Mary and Tipton.
- All housing needs to be mixed? To maintain the community interaction (mixed views) can be difficult to get the balance right.
- Retirement homes/villages/flats – specialised housing need.

Second Homes

- Charge full council tax for second homes.

- Should be more council tax on second homes or business rates, making it more difficult to buy/cost.
- Should be a facility where EDDC are able to make use of second homes for need in area (if home not being lived in).

Where could they be built:

- Too much housing eroding the countryside.
- Use existing sites – brownfield.
- New homes should not be in one place.
- Concerns over creating ghettos – not sustainable?

Improving/ Improving Use of Existing Housing:

- Need to make better use of what Ottery St Mary has already – possible knock down and start again? Redevelopment/modernisation.
- EDDC should make it more worthwhile for tenants to downsize.
- Development of derelict/vacant buildings, preferable to new developments (Switchgear).
- Agricultural buildings could be developed more effectively.

Energy Efficient Homes:

- Building regs need to define energy efficient housing, all housing should be energy efficient not just new affordable.
- Current housing stock is poor – not energy efficient. All new housing, both private and social should be energy efficient.
- Requirement for planning – retain the higher code levels, keep standards high.

Infrastructure for Housing:

- Homes needed? What are youngsters going to do in Ottery St Mary? No jobs. Need employment, industry to sustain the community.

Other- Housing:

- Need to be sensitive to organisations relocating in the area.

Community

Schools and Education:

- Schools up to capacity will need to expand.
- People move into Ottery to go to the schools.
- Ottery junior level is good.
- West Hill and Tipton are good rural schools but need space for expansion.
- King's needs room for expansion.
- King's School not quite up to H & S standards. (Some of play areas been built on).
- If new housing need new or expanded secondary school. Capacity problems at King's.

Community Buildings:

- Institute is post war needs modernising, new boiler, expanded and made more appealing, needs support from Council is the only community hall/space.
- The Institute is a very good community building, it is very busy and well used.
- More support for community buildings in forms/funding.
- Not short of activities, short of facilities. Community Centre would be wonderful.
- Institute is outdated and fully booked.

Health Care:

- A lot of young babies at present.

- Lack of nursing care for the elderly have to leave the town and don't want to live where they have been brought up – a nursing home.
- Need of care for mental health issues “safe guarding adults” an interagency approach care before they are “serious” cases.
- Lack of day care provision.
- Medical Centre is at capacity will need expansion.
- More provision for home visits lack of community interaction with the doctors.
- Ottery surrounded by wonderful countryside, walks along the river.
- Health care – would like to see maternity services maintained if not improved.
- Do not be ill at the weekend.
- Community hospital is extremely important.
- Increasing population of elderly people, need facilities to take care of them.
- Community facilities provided in the community – doctors, dentists not having to travel to Exeter or other.
- Hospital is good but busy – covers wide area, will the Health Centre last if more people come in?
- Could be surgery be developed in West Hill – easier to take the service to the people.

Recreation Space and Play Space/ Leisure:

- Something for young mothers to do – activities family centre.
- Need recreation for the children and the young.
- There is a lack of play space for young children in Ottery town. Winters Lane is the only place they can really go.
- Look at creating places for sports clubs on the outskirts of the town
- Ottery has insufficient play parks.
- Community Arts Centre for Ottery St Mary – the old factory site? There's lots of support for that and lots of groups that could use it (good for youths).
- Big push for a new library in Ottery, current one is difficult to access and is cramped. Continuation of mobile library.
- Museum for Ottery – Heritage Ottery site, combined museum and arts centre.
- Inadequate open spaces. Tipton has own field that is paid for.
- Wonderful church – one of top 10.

Children and Young People:

- Young children need to have green spaces to play on/near their houses so parents feel confident that their children are safe.
- Young people – don't have transport to go anywhere and do not have anything to do in Otterton.
- Want the skate park that has been planned for.
- Young people feel apathetic not being heard and listened to, to get the skate park.
- 16/18 when too young to go to the pub need something to do.
- Children are looking to go out of Ottery for things to do, we could give them things to do here.
- Money/funding and towards a skate park is needed, could have a wide age range.
- Youth Club on a busy night can have 80 young people.
- There is a recruitment freeze for youth workers – we need more.
- Hands are tied as a lone youth worker.
- Youth Club quite well stocked but gap in provision between 11-13 year olds.
- No facilities for children and young people.
- In rural areas all they want to do is go to clubs in Exeter (teenagers).
- Youth provision in rural areas is very local and volunteer driven. The community provide and look after play areas.
- Alfrington and villages round north have nothing.
- Alfrington, West Hill have nothing for younger children – not even play parks.
- Ottery needs a skate park.

- Youth service only open 2 nights a week.
- Cinema club for yp.

Other- Community:

- Good – lots of shops family owned, money is recycled into the community.
- Ottery has a good sense of community spirit, and in the villages around. Do not increase size greatly or we will lose this. People in new estates don't get involved.
- It's not a dormitory town for Exeter.
- Tipton needs more support in East Devon.

Environment

Access to Open Spaces and Safe Routes:

- Unsafe routes between communities.
- Disused railway – could be a cycle path.
- Cycle paths – improve links with surrounding towns. Accommodation needed to cater for cycle tourists.
- Roads not safe for cyclists.
- Good access for adults/walkers into countryside.
- Pedestrian routes need improving – no pavement to Otter Nurseries etc.
- Footpath access (stiles, gates, etc) need improving.
- Increased traffic following new homes.

Protection and Enhancement:

- Habitat protection – 'Keep what we've got'.
- Protect and enhance Greenfield sites.

Open/ Recreational Spaces:

- Need for more open spaces within Ottery St Mary and some of the villages. Skateparks – sports/play facilities.
- More open space facilities outside boundaries of town.
- Riverside areas have improved.
- Not enough provision of open spaces for children and teenagers.
- Dogs using playing fields – need separate areas. More bins/facilities needed to meet demand.
- Very little open space with town centre.
- Recreation/sports pitches on flood plains – at risk.
- Tipton playing field very vulnerable to flooding. Needs protecting for future use.
- New housing needs effective green spaces. Village greens. Places for children to play safely.
- Self-sustainability – should be encouraged in planning stages.
- Local food production – more allotments.
- EDDC to push for more allotments/initiatives such as land swaps.

Other- Environment:

- Funds allocated must be utilised.
- New developments do not have large enough gardens.
- Gardens being built on/developed – gardens should not be brownfield.
- How much development is wanted?
- Section 106 money not getting through. EDDC planning not making adequate provisions.
- Flooding issues – dew ponds drained, ditches blocked.
- Improved street cleansing.

Economy

Jobs:

- Jobs – has it affected OSM? Number of closed shops. Has ups and downs – 25 years ago in bordering new housing caused revival. More employment needed – run down shops.
- Large retired population have things sorted, not a retirement town – lot of commuters. Good population mix/age compared with coastal towns. Youngsters have to leave to find jobs – but often at Otter Nurseries. Rural industries could grow organically. Could be a lot of small industries/crafts.
- Not much casual work around, or favourable publicity for facilities.
- Should employment be carried on OSM? People in West Hill might tend to workers going to Exeter.

Shops and Retail:

- Strong Chamber of Commerce would help, invited but not present at meeting.
- Farmers market occupies a car park. Good butchers. Sainsburys would have free parking; CLO attempt to smaller shops. Small shops soon recovered from supermarket. Some go to supermarket. But not the town centre – could vary according to which it is. Salston Hotel now in a sorry state. Institute could be redeveloped – church transferred it (?)
- Otter Nurseries major employer – staff not recognisable (e.g. uniforms). High profile retail could increase footfall for other business. Example offered of business move to north west of London – big profile policy there to attract it.
- Given recession, need to add encouragement. Few Otter Nurseries customers enter the town. Free parking would help. Attendee always used one town near her with free parking.
- Business rates to government. Is Ottery St Mary suffering recession? Yes, charity shops and empty industrial closures recently – established big businesses smaller in town.
- Whole economy low e.g. retail – 90% leave Ottery St Mary to shop, few do more town top-up – if more stayed, create jobs. 25 years ago no competition from other towns, nothing happened in the town – even dead at lunchtime.
- Develop niche/quality shops e.g. dance shop, lot of supermarket competition. Could keep money in town.
- Tesco/Sainsbury won't greatly affect small shops. Similar character to Axminster. Ottery St Mary will be ok if nothing done. Decent store will allow regeneration and supply jobs. Other villagers e.g. Whimble would go to Ottery St Mary. If it's Tesco, not much competition from Honiton market.
- If economy picks up, demand for hotel returns, what do EDDC do to attract business? Economy dent, officer. There should be a mechanism to encourage business.

Tourism:

- Tourism – has ingredients for food offer, but not exploited – church, C of U to nursing home. Tumbling Weir is small. Town busy at west ends – little info.
- With visitors, but quiet in the week. Where is association? Tumbling Weir not suitable for family. Where's there a good pub or restaurant – people go to Jack in the Green or Silver Lion.
- Museum could collect tourism-type information and articles. Don't want Ottery St Mary to grow too much.
- No information re Coleridge unlike e.g. Herriot Country.
- Coleridge and church main attractions for tourists – lot of history – civil war history – not being exploited. TIC remains, paid for by Town Council. Tourism not a major industry – difficult to attract more. On edge of AONB – holiday accommodation difficult to achieve.

Other- Economy:

- Dreadful broadband speed. 0.1 mg – based on old equipment/cables – no fibre optic for 5 years.
- Employment land could be in village e.g. redundant rural buildings.

- No training available.

Transport and Infrastructure

Cycling and Walking:

- Topography could affect ability to provide
- Highway safety issues
- Provision of cyclepath on old railway line
- Keen to see footbridge link to Thorne Farm area .
- Many benefits – health and well being
- Safety for pedestrians (children)
- Linkage of 2 parts of the town
- Tourist benefits of improved pedestrian/cycle network
- Linkage to Otter Nurseries (footway)
- Cycle way Ottery – Feniton – Sidmouth – Budleigh etc
- Footpath provision to Otter Nurseries
- Cycle/footpath link to Thorn Farm
- Lack of parking spaces (residential)
- Too dangerous to walk/cycle on small roads.
- Promotion of existing footpath network
- Pedestrian link town – Otter Nurseries

Car Parking:

- Car parking costs affect nos. of visitors
- Electric car
- Free parking for hybrid/electric cars
- Park and Ride at Newton Poppleford (free)

Roads:

- Poor – highway safety
- Better management/control i.e. weight restrictions, speed limits of existing network.
- Reduce traffic speeds on rural routes (20mph zone introduced in West Hill)
- Repeater signs within zone
- Acceptance of private vehicle dependency

Public Transport:

- Poor provision (particularly in the evenings)
- Bus passes to encourage use
- Encourage new operators
- Location for bus stops
- Improvements to existing local bus services
- Cycle path Feniton – Ottery St Mary – Sidmouth
- Shuttle bus to Feniton/Honiton train station
- Transport for youth (timetable)
- Look into consideration of re-opening branch lines
- Trains – tourist attraction
- Sustainable Transport - On rail – Recreation and Tourism

Broadband:

- Broadband, especially West Hill
- Fibre optics Village hubs – then private link?

Green Energy:

- Green energy production – keen on this

- Use of river Otter as generator – Champion needed
- Promotion of renewables by EDDC post.
- Heat pumps – explore opportunities

Rural Issues

Housing and Affordable Housing:

- Scale/current policy > 15+ (needs updating).
- Settlement boundaries constrain development (infill).
- Need (justification) – vary from village to village.
- Contributions (invest in villages).
- Character/quality (density).
- £ - affordable(?) > different requirements (e.g. starter homes/split is crucial).
- Re-use of agricultural buildings (in village centres) – conflicts with current policies (opportunity).
- Primary schools (?) Car journeys to school (brought in?)
- 70% West Hill from catchment area – 30% shipped in.
- Capacity is an issue.
- Needs (mix of sizes/tenure etc) elderly!! (choice – size of property.. maintenance costs...)
- EDDC to build houses – to control types of houses ... open market/affordable.
- Perpetuity – remaining affordable.
- Aging population – how to deal?
- (West Hill – style of houses too large... no choice...)
- Single people – flats/access etc.
- Elderly (finisher houses)
- Starter homes.

Rural Facilities:

- Small shops struggling.
- Volunteer plan shops (?) e.g. Talaton/Plymtree. EDDC (Core Strategy) – co-operative approach.

Rural Jobs:

- Economic growth – delivery (small hi-tech businesses).
- Supermarket will decimate local shops in rural areas.
- Re-package 'ethos' of town towards local facilities.
- Community run shops – a new approach? 'Service is the key'.
- Rural jobs – employment numbers.
- Loss of jobs – encourage businesses here – appropriate rural(?)
- Minimal investment – lost agriculture – encourage small business.

Farming and Traditional Rural Industries:

- Farming and traditional rural industries.
- Local food productions increasing in importance.
- Cadhay – locals can take an option for allotments.
- Opportunities to produce biofuel.
- Farms going out of business due to Supermarkets. Young people not going into farming.
- Loss of connection between farmers and local communities – farmers markets can overcome this issue.
- Success stories – vegetable box scheme – LDF can help encourage such innovations.

Rural Transport:

- Poor public rural transport in Rural areas.
- Newton Pop (and Tipton) – Ottery Medical Centre!! Poor
- Car Parking costs – (up 100%) in last five years.

- Park and ride opportunities (N. Popp park and ride).
 - (Exeter) – Feniton Bus to Feniton. Improve train service!
- Disused railway line – cycleway (Green tourism + £investment – sustainable transport).

POSTCARD COMMENTS FROM OTTERY ST MARY WORKSHOP 2010

On returning to Ottery. It was good to see roads resurfaced. Now free parking.

Flourish shop and no supermarkets.

Housing all built with eco friendly design.

The approach to the town from the west is an attractive entry point to the town and the factory estate and derelict site has been replaced.

Having a well deserved break in Ottery cycled this morning down the river path to Tipton for pub lunch. Walk around the church in afternoon, some top-up shopping and a coffee in the supermarket.

I would like to see an arts/theatre/youth community centre build for purpose and a preservation on small family run shop – no large supermarket full time day centre for youth club – elderly – mental health.

Dear George

You wouldn't believe it! I've just returned to Ottery after 20 years and we now have an Arts and Community Centre at the Old Switchgear Factory. A vibrant shopping area in the town centre, thanks to Sainsburys and a museum in the old library next to the church with the library now housed in the hall and community centre.

In 20 years.

A small, compact town with an air of the past – boutique sort of shops; serving the nearby settlements, a good range of professional services (with training for young people!!).

Mix of all age-groups and interest groups.

Well maintained properties and tidy/clean roads.

Ottery in 20 years

1. Operational cycleway on old Feniton to Sidmouth cycleway providing big boost to local economy.
2. Greatly increased local horticultural/agricultural production land goods supplied in local shops).
3. Flourishing and improved health care facilities including Ottery St Mary hospital.
4. Adequate play recreation facilities for all communities.
5. Skate/BMX park needs refurbishing.
6. Allotments to west of Ottery St Mary (in addition to existing to east).
7. Pavement between Butts Road and Otter Nurseries.
8. Cycleway link town to school across river.

Ottery in 2030

West Hill now connected to Ottery St Mary with continuous housing/buildings. All properties with more than ½ acre land have been commandeered and flats erected. The travellers site now has 250 caravans installed. All senior citizens are housed in the assisted housing area.

Police are having to patrol the area to prevent vandalism and property damage on a 24 hour basis.

The 1000 Mbps broadband is installed but works only intermittently due to vandalism of the sub officer.

Similarly the wind farm is not generating sufficient energy, due to damage and lack of consistent wind, leading to blackouts as the grid supply was turned off on the basis of self efficiency. This is also affecting the use of electric cars as the recharge points are damaged. The population of the OSM area is now 250,000.

Ottery in 20 years

- So impressed by the safe roads, very few cars, electric powered buses, cyclists everywhere, it was a pleasure to walk through the town.
- Enjoyed a film at the cinema in the arts community centre on the 'old factory' site. Now using water power from the Otter! The little cafe provides light meals, food all produced locally and sustainably.
- We decided to go to an open air ceilidh on the village community green on Hind Street in the evening. Very popular event and such a lovely setting, the church bells rang in the evening.

Ottery is now a bustling market town, with strong links into the surrounding rural communities and industries. New cycle path mean families can cycle safely along the Ottery Valley to Tipton and Honiton.

The town has retained its heritage and now exploits this much more effectively. It is well visited by tourists and the pubs are now well worth a visit.

The Switchgear Factory has now been sensitively restored into apartments and commercial units. There is a lovely wind bar overlooking the river.

Hi Aunty Flo

Just visited Ottery, what a lovely place. It's so nice to see a policeman walking the beat. We went for a lovely cycle along the old railway line today and shopped in the pedestrian zone this afternoon.

We also visited the Coleridge Museum by the fabulous church. There's a lovely river walk and Peter used the new river bridge to go up to the skatepark near Kings School, which is now a school of sporting excellence.

Must dash.

Ottery has so much going for it, as for a number of years – good schools, sense of community, good health system and good community policing.

It is good to see that the Sainsburys supermarket didn't do the harm to the community as feared – but that 'niche' shops have grown up which are sustainable.

The town has really gained from the 'Coleridge Centre' and museum bringing tourists to visit Ottery and finding Ottery to have a lot to keep people – not only the church which is now well promoted – but also good restaurants – and accommodation and pubs that draw people into Ottery.

It feels like a community that has found its identity.

Ottery St Mary has retained its character in and around the town centre, and sprawling residential development has been avoided around the town.

The old factory site development has provided a good mixture of housing for people of various ages and means, and has greatly improved the visual approach to the town.

Charming old traditions, such as the tar barrel rolling, still attract many visitors, as do the footpath and cycle paths through the surrounding countryside. Local shops provide good quality goods, such as the butcher, and residents appreciate these shops.

Hi,

Just made a return visit to Ottery St Mary after a 20 year absence. What a transformation; a cycle route all the way from Ottery to Sidmouth and Feniton. The old unsightly factory has gone, now there are small retail units, with housing for young people. Sainsburys supermarket has impacted well on the town, with additional employment, bringing more people into the town.

Hello Tessa

I've just come back to Ottery after 20 years in London travelling by train and shuttle bus. I am glad to report that the church still has its carillon which wakes me at 4 o'clock each morning. What is meaningful though is to find the town completely traffic free. It amazes me that so many parking spaces have been provided all around the town so that the centre is pedestrianised. Broad Street is still there with the shops still buzzing. Today being pixie day it was very busy. The May Pole dancers performed as they did when you were small and do you remember the juggler and his unicycle who kept getting tangled in the power cables. No problem today as all the cables are underground.

The shops are as diverse as they always were and do you remember the old factory site which was always such a mess? Now it is a great community centre with a great buzz. There is a cafe as its heart and a library, museum and youth club operate from there. Outside on the river bank there are picnic tables and a wonderful skateboard ramp and jumps etc. Your boys would love it. The church is now a concert hall which is superb with its wonderful acoustics. The institute is unrecognisable – that and the car park has been developed as a community church – or rather all the churches nor the building with an endless list of services taking place in its hall and various meeting rooms all under the auspices of Christians together. A marvellous idea.

Good to see Ottery is still busy!

Hi Kitty

Just come back from a weekend in Ottery. It was lovely to be back and to see such a vibrant community. Luckily the supermarket didn't get built so the town centre is full of traditional shops who know the meaning of service and people visit from miles around so it was bustling and busy the whole time we were here.

The old factory site has been converted to a rural craft training centre and there are small workshops for local businesses and industries.

We were busy the whole weekend. We hired bikes from a place at the old factory and cycled to Sidmouth on the cyclepath on the disused railway. Ottery has a wonderful museum called the Samuel Coleridge Centre which also houses the town library which seems 10 times the size of the one that was here when we lived here.

Our old neighbour has just moved into some independent living flats for the elderly which looks great and has given her a new lease of life as it is so convenient for her.

Her son has got a fab new job in the renewable energy workshop on Finnimore and his kids showed me their skateboarding tricks on the skateboard site near the King's School. It was lovely going there on the footbridge across the River Otter – remember how we had to jump and down for that to be built!!

You won't believe the wonderful restaurant we ate in the Old Normandy House and finally there seems to be a decent pub in Ottery!!

The visit almost made me regret leaving Ottery but you still can't do much about the English weather – can't wait to go back to the sun!

Hope to see you soon.

I would like to see:

- Feniton to Sidmouth cycleway re-opened.
- Thriving tourism industry in Ottery town, taking account of the attractions of Coleridge, the church and the tar barrels history.
- Better, more frequent (smaller buses) public transport.
- More opportunities for bike use (cycleways).
- Development APPROPRIATE to the NEEDS of the local population.
- Housing built with green spaces (village greens) to allow for children to play safely with their parents being confident they are safe.