

# **YARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Dear Sir/Madam

The New East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026.  
Comments on Consultation Draft Plan (December 2011)

The Parish Council has considered the above document and makes the following observations.

1. We are pleased to see that the strategic policies, strategic policy allocations and management policy wording, provide for the continued protection of the built and natural environment within the parish
2. We are particularly pleased to see that, with regard to the issue of Affordable Housing, the policy regarding exception housing sites is being strengthened in a way that gives a greater opportunity for us to pursue further provision within the parish. This encouragement is very welcome given our current consultations with you on this topic, and is timely given the intentions of the Localism Bill, which we understand will soon pass into law.
3. The Parish Council has discussed Part Three of the draft concerning Neighbourhood Plans. The detailed methodology for creating such a plan is one followed by the parish council when it drew up its Parish Plan and its Village Design Statement in 2003. The Parish plan is updated annually, but it is fair to say that the stated needs and aspirations of the community show little change since the Plan was agreed, or indeed since the Parish Appraisal was produced in 1993.

With regard to the Village Design Statement you will be aware that East Devon District Council has approved the Statement and, as a result, adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance relating to all development in the parish. We would expect this guidance to continue to function in the future.

We hope that these comments will be useful to you and look forward to your comments and further consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely

Sara Waplinton  
Parish Clerk