

Dear Sirs,

Following a meeting of Plymtree Parish Councillors as Clerk I have been directed to submit the following response to the Draft Plan:

1. **Draft Strategy 4 - balance communities.** We support the thrust of this strategy. The village should provide for all sectors of our community.

2. **Draft Strategy 22 - development in small towns and villages within the built-up area boundaries.** We would object to Draft Strategy 22 on the basis that the strategy is unclear and does not express the underlying objective of the policy. However, within this Draft Strategy we support the requirement of up to 15 dwellings within Plymtree. We would however suggest that the provision of new housing in villages such as Plymtree may require a modification to the boundary.

3. **Draft Strategy 23 - mixed market and affordable housing outside the built-up area boundaries.** We support the general statement of this strategy if the scheme is well located, well planned and appropriate.

4. **Draft Strategy 29 - District-wide Affordable Housing Provision.** We object to the policy on affordable housing as drafted. The policy is very prescriptive and not sufficiently flexible for small settlements where viability will be an issue. Over the life of the plan there needs to be flexibility in provision so that there is delivery of appropriate housing in the smaller settlements. In addition, consideration should be given to alternatives to on-site provision, such as financial contributions to other sites in the settlement.

5. **Other Issues.** The Parish of Plymtree has carried out an extensive survey by way of a Village Questionnaire. This has showed the following:

- i) Economy: A strong desire to see no more chicken shed and pig unit developments
- ii) Transport: The survey showed that regard must be had for any development that creates increased traffic on the lanes
- iii) Facilities: Plymtree has a range of existing facilities that we wish to support and preserve.

Regards,

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Clerk to Plymtree Parish Council.