

Whimble Parish Council (WPC) statement for consideration in the
Independent Examination of the Cranbrook Local Plan

The four expansion areas of Treasbear, Bluehayes, Cobdens and Grange were part of the public consultation process regarding the 'Preferred Approach Master Plan' 2017/8 and formed the basis of the WPC submission to the consultation processes.

The plan submitted to the inspector is significantly different from that which went out to public consultation – the plan has had major amendments especially towards the boundaries of Whimble/Rockbeare. Development is now indicated within the Parish of Whimble. This was not part of the consultation and residents of Whimble and neighbouring Parishes have not the opportunity to comment, as the amendments have been conducted by EDDC, without further public consultation. This places a serious question over the soundness of the plan.

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Q118 . There is a lack of joined up thinking in granting planning permissions in isolation to developers who plan their specific 'plot' area with little or no thought to next phases – for an example see answer to Matter 3 –Issue 6 Q39

Issue 19 Q162. A rail loop is needed urgently and a higher priority than a second station to ensure ALL stations from Axminster have a 30 minute train service into Exeter stopping at all stations. This is essential to help reduce the increasing traffic congestion and pollution into Exeter

In summary the scheme for the expansion of Cranbrook must protect Whimble and the surrounding villages to ensure there is no coalescence of settlements. The green wedge should be expanded westwards together with the Clyst Valley Regional Park. Previous promises and assurances made by EDDC to WPC should be honoured.

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