

Appendix 11 Community Policy Justifications

Policy	Justification
<p>Strategic transport network</p>	
<p>T1</p>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 86% (329 of 381) of responses to the Community Survey agreed that parking was an issue in the village; - 18% (64 of 356) households use on-road parking; - additional public car parking is favoured by 123 people (30% of 376), especially behind the church, by the school and by the playing field; - 272 (72% of 378) support more car parking for visitors to use services and shops that do exist in the parish (e.g. laybys). - 37 (10% of 346) have some form of mobility issue in relation to parking. <p>Housing Style Analysis:</p> <p>When asked for parking solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the most popular option was for driveways followed by garages and car ports; - on-street parking was unacceptable to the largest number of respondents and was the first choice option of 'no' respondents; - if parking for a group of properties is to be clustered, respondents preferred allocated parking spaces rather than a shared car park; - the most common responses were for a minimum of 1 and 2 car parking spaces for 1-bed, 2-bed and 3-bed houses respectively. For 4+ bed houses, the most common response was 2 spaces, but the middle value was 3 spaces; • responses ranged from 1-3 spaces for 1-bed and 2-bed houses, 2-4 spaces for 3-bed /houses and 2-5 spaces for 4+-bed houses. <p>There were many objections to application 18/2016FUL (2 houses at Highlands, Capper Close) concerned about the provision of insufficient new parking and the loss of existing parking. Objections to 18/1688/FUL (1 Hillside)</p>

	also concerned insufficient new parking.
T2	<p>School Consultation - traffic calming is an essential requirement to encourage children to walk to school and more pelican crossings are needed, especially near Pride Hairdressers/King Alfred Way.</p> <p>Business Consultation – maintaining a good and safe flow of traffic through the village is essential to help business; traffic flow should not be restricted.</p> <p>Community Survey:</p> <p>A) Of 381 who responded, 329 (86%) agreed with a list of conclusions drawn from the research prior to the community survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roads are dangerous (speeding, footways) – retain and maintain existing pedestrian footways and improve where possible • improved consideration of pedestrian and cycle safety is essential • traffic control through Newton Poppleford and the wider parish is needed • accessibility to amenities, particularly for disabled users, should be improved • car parking issues should be addressed • public transport should be cheaper and serve more destinations • links between the parish villages must be maintained • positioning of bus stops should be reviewed (note - Harpford Bus Stop now moved); • road safety around the school in particular must be addressed <p>120 comments were received on additional concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the mini roundabout and pinch-point at the western entrance to Newton Poppleford village suffers from speeding traffic, limited visibility, and no safe pedestrian crossing or access to the bus stop; • need to restore the old red foot-bridge or construct a new walk/cycle way over the river at the eastern end of Newton Poppleford; • hedges and verges should be better maintained to improve traffic visibility and to prevent obstruction to pedestrians; • a by-pass for Newton Poppleford main road is needed, or a one-way system for when the road is blocked; • the bus service to the GP practise in Ottery St Mary is not frequent enough and is too expensive.

B) 277 people provided comments specific to Newton Poppleford village:

- High speed of traffic approaching roundabout from Exeter side.
- Speed and traffic volume on main road;
- School Lane and Meadow Drive junction with high street are hazardous;
- Lack of crossings and footpaths along High Street.
- No footpath/pavement over the River Otter
- Back Lane used as rat-run and lack of passing places

D) 59 people provided comments specific to Harpford village:

- joining the A3052 from Higher Way, Lower Way, Northmostown Lane, and from the fruit farm onto Four Elms Hill is dangerous due to poor visibility and the speed of vehicles on the A3052;
- pedestrian access from Harpford to Newton Poppleford to reach bus-stops, services etc. No walk-ways particularly on the road bridge, and disrepair of the Red Bridge footpath route;
- lack of passing places on Northmostown Lane and the road alongside St Gregory's church.

E) 4.8% of 165 people who responded experience traffic problems in the locality of Southerton. E.G. dangerously high traffic speed; HGVs and large agricultural vehicles damaging road surfaces and hedge-banks, and insufficient passing places for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

F) 315 (82% of 382) believe that Traffic impacts on people's ability to enjoy the amenities in the area;

G) Solutions proposed to the more frequently specified issues included:

- the bus stops on the mini roundabout and at Harpford causes blockages, are dangerous for pedestrians and should be re-located;
- a speed indicator is needed on approaches to Newton Poppleford (20-30mph);
- create a footpath/cycle way to the south side of A3052 behind houses;
- double yellow lines to stop vehicles parking near road junctions at King Alfred Way, School Lane, Millmoor lane and Meadow close;
- more traffic control needed on A3052, 20mph on lanes, 30 mph on other roads;
- Back Lane and Dotton Lane to be one way so they can be used when A3052 is blocked;
- Fewer, and slower, heavy vehicles.

<p>T3</p>	<p>School Consultation – There is an urgent need to address parking around the school. A lack of safe routes makes walking difficult and cycling inadvisable. Also, due to its position, the pinch point near the school increases the likelihood of accidents.</p> <p>Business Consultation - Cycling out of the village is dangerous and work could be done to improve this.</p> <p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 307 (80% of 384) agreed “walking paths should be retained”; • 329 (86% of 381) agreed “improved consideration of pedestrian and cycle safety is essential”; • restoring the old red foot-bridge or construction of a new walk/cycle way over the River Otter is a clearly expressed priority for many people; • pedestrian crossings, one-way/single priority lanes and other traffic calming measures to be introduced as a matter of urgency; • opening a cycle route along the disused railway from Newton Poppleford and Harpford to Sidmouth, and on to Budleigh Salterton; • more people would be encouraged to walk or cycle for leisure, shopping, travelling to school and GP etc. if improved foot/cycle ways and traffic calming made it safer; • create a footpath/cycle way to the south side of A3052 behind houses; • more cycle paths and bike trails to be provided; • better cycle paths, footpaths and a gym are a priority to increase healthy lifestyle opportunities for residents; • 25 (66% of 38 who answered the question) state that they walk their children to school, one third travels by car and very few cycle to school. The following are needed to walk children to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the entire route needs pavements and safe road crossings; b) need to be traffic calming measures; c) an off-road back route for cycles, pushchair and wheelchairs; d) a safe route across the river.
<p>Environmental protection</p>	
<p>EP1</p>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 314 (83% of 378) said the AONB designation and its preservation is important. Only 3 responders disagreed; - 315 (83% of 378) said The AONB should be protected and respected. Only 2 responders disagreed;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 312 (80% of 392) fully agreed that "issues that cause most concern and have a major impact on existing residents to householders in new developments areDestruction of the AONB". - 307 (80% of 384) agreed 'Don'tdestroy AONB.... Etc.); - 64 participants listed specific trees, hedgerows, orchards or other natural habitats in the parish that should be protected (see appendix 3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 people specified trees that should have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) • 15 people referred to orchards that should be protected • 12 people referred to hedgerows that should be protected • 10 people referred to miscellaneous natural features that should be protected • 8 people referred to specific woods that should be protected, in particular Harpford Wood • 5 people referred to the flood plain meadows and their feeder streams as important habitats to protect <p>National Park – the Glover Review Landscapes Review final report 2019 "We received submissions on the case for several other AONBs to become National Parks too. The two that stand out as leading candidates are the Cotswolds AONB and the combined Dorset and East Devon AONBs (page 121).</p>
<p>EP3, EP4, EP5& EP6</p>	<p>Community Survey: 312 (80% of 392) fully agreed that "issues that cause most concern and have a major impact on existing residents to householders in new developments are Flooding, etc."</p>
<p>EP7</p>	<p>On application 16/2702/MFUL (Construction of new school) the Parish Council asked for conditions to be set to mitigate and minimise noise and light nuisance to neighbours, and this was upheld by EDDC who applied EN14 (Control of Pollution)</p>
<p>EP8</p>	<p>Agricultural Land downgraded by Application 13/0316/MOUT to enable development.</p> <p>Community Survey: 312 (80% of 392) agreed that Newton Poppleford should be kept as a village in an agricultural rural setting</p>

<p>EP9</p>	<p>19/0153/AGR - agricultural land used without permission for equestrian use)</p> <p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 312 (80% of 392) agreed that Newton Poppleford should be kept as a village in an agricultural rural setting.
<p>Housing, Heritage and Design</p>	
<p>H1, H2 & H3</p>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <p>312 respondents (80% of 392) to the Community Survey agreed with a list of conclusions drawn from the research prior to the community survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheltered housing is needed • Truly affordable housing is needed, particularly for local people based on proven need • Smaller homes are preferred to large executive homes • Large estates should be discouraged • Brownfield and infill sites should be prioritised • Newton Poppleford should be kept as a village in an agricultural rural setting • Dog walking areas, recreation areas and playing fields should be retained • The issues that cause most concern and have a major impact on existing residents to householders in new developments are ridge height, flooding, impact of additional traffic and destruction of the AONB.
<p>H1</p>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <p>Residents were asked what house sizes are needed:</p> <p>1 bedroom - 103 people (35% of 289) 2 bedrooms - 211 people (65% of 326) 3 bedrooms - 157 people (50% of 314) 4 bedrooms - 34 people (12% of 282) 5 bedrooms - 8 people (3% of 281)</p> <p>Housing Needs Analysis - moving to a smaller more manageable home was the most popular reason for over</p>

	55's if they move.
H2	<p>Housing Needs Report - Part 2 Over 55s:</p> <p>Part 2 of the housing needs survey was specifically for households where at least one person was over the age of 55. 434 households with at least one person over the age of 55 responded to the survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 households plan to move within the next five years. Of these, 10 would like to remain in Newton Poppleford. Two of these would need affordable housing. <p>When asked for the views and aspirations of people aged over 55 267 households responded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the majority requirement (73 respondents) was for homes better suited to needs of, but not specifically designed for older people. • the majority of households (73%) have no plans to move home. However, the parish does have some older households who wish to downsize to smaller accommodation that is easier to maintain, has lower running costs and is close to amenities and support. • The main reason given for moving was struggling to afford current home followed by health/mobility. <p>Note - The Office for National Statistics shows that the percentage of people over the age of 55 will increase by 22% in East Devon over the next 20 years</p> <p>Business Consultation - warden controlled accommodation in the village for the elderly or disabled is likely to be well used.</p> <p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 312 (80% of 392) agreed that 'Sheltered housing is needed'; • 27 (7% of 379) said a member of their household is likely to need affordable housing and/or housing adapted for older people in the next five years. Comments stated a need for single-storey living, on the level. <p>Housing Needs survey 2016 confirms figures from Devon Homes Choice 2013 that there is a need for one bedroomed dwellings in this parish and across East Devon.</p>

H3	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 204 respondents (57% of 356) opposed any building outside the Built-up Area Boundary (BUAB), however - 96 respondents (27% of 356) agree to building outside the BUAB but for affordable housing only. - only 56 (16% of 356) agreed to building outside the BUAB.
Type of Development	
TD1	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 312 (80% of 392) fully agreed that "Brownfield (previously developed) and infill (gaps between existing development) sites should be prioritised". • however 18% of comments want no further development at all and some residents highlighted concerns that infill will cause the village to feel cramped. <p>Objections to recent NP planning applications 18/2016/FUL (Highlands, Capper Close) and 16/1688/FUL (1 Hillside) raised concerns about privacy, loss of daylight and inadequate private garden space.</p>
TD2	<p>Community Survey: 29 people showed an interest in forming a CLT.</p> <p>Housing Needs Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 households were interested in an individual self-build • 1 household was interested in a group self-build
High Quality Design	
HQD1	<p>HQD1 is primarily based on public responses to the Housing Styles Survey. A summary of the findings is incorporated in this document, a detailed analysis can be found in the Housing Styles Survey Analysis document held in the NHP library.</p>

	<p>Comments made on previous applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 'Neutral' comment to application 18/2608/OUT (2 more houses at land south of King Alfred Way (Alfred's Gate)) requested many wildlife mitigations; • objections to application 18/2016/FUL (Highlands, Capper Close) concerned loss of wildlife corridors, loss of daylight and insufficient private garden space; • an objection to 18/1688/FUL(1 Hillside) was concerned about privacy. <p>Bulletin of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) – June 2019</p> <p>'Building for Life 12' which is the current industry standard for the design of new housing developments.</p>
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<p>Education, community facilities and leisure</p>	
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<p>CF1</p>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 320 (83% of 384) agreed that existing amenities should be protected (e.g. sports facilities, pavilion) or improved (e.g. better access to the Village Hall, more meeting places) • 307 (80% of 384) agreed "community places need to be better maintained"; • Some residents felt that some facilities (e.g. Newton Poppleford village hall, the sports facilities and pavilion, pitch and play facilities etc.) are in a poor state or repair or not adequate to meet modern standards; • Residents asked for many facilities to be protected as community assets (see appendix 2 for list of Heritage Assets); • People were given a list of community spaces and asked them what changes if any they would like to see happen to each. Highest responses were to rebuild the Church Hall, improve access to the Village Hall, and to extend the allotments. Requests to refurbish the Village Hall and Harpford Hall, and to extend the Pavilion have already been progressed. • Several people commented that more amenities for older children such as sports pitches and a youth club should be provided.
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CF2	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 64% of 363 people felt the current amenity spaces are adequate for the parish. - Of those that disagreed, the most common suggestion was for more children's play areas, particularly in the west of Newton Poppleford village
<h3>Local Green Space</h3>	
GS1	<p>Community Survey:</p> <p>232 (64% of 363) people agreed that the current (green) amenity spaces are adequate for the parish. Only 5% disagreed.</p>
<h3>Trees and Hedgerows</h3>	
TH1	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 307 (80% of 384) agreed "Trees and hedgerows are valued and mature trees that provide a canopy in particular should be retained" although 5 people suggested there is sometimes a good rationale for removing of specific mature trees and over-grown hedges • 64 of 67 responses identified specific trees and hedgerows that should be protected;
<h3>Local Medical Facilities</h3>	
M1	<p>Medical Survey - A survey carried out in 2019 gathered information about the requirement for medical facilities. 591 households (representing 1319 residents) responded (66% response rate). The key findings were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 78% of 591 households (459) currently go to Coleridge Surgery in Ottery St Mary, with only 8% going to Budleigh Salterton and Sidmouth; - 86% of 587 households (510) nominated a Newton Poppleford surgery as their most popular; - 93% of 591 households (553) use a car to get to their surgery. Fewer than ½% households (28) use the bus.

	<p>Community Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45% of 358 people said the current GP facilities in Newton Poppleford are not sufficient for their needs, only 23% consider them to be sufficient; • 182 suggested improvements for the current GP facility in Newton Poppleford: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 45% requested more frequent surgery slots, preferably full time availability; - 38% stated that the current service is poorly equipped (e.g. lack of procedures such as blood tests, inoculations and dressings being administered on site; - 13% felt that the current premises should be enlarged • 65% of 367 people who responded would support a change from residential to healthcare with only 14% opposing.
<h3 style="color: #4F81BD;">Employment and Business</h3>	
<h4 style="color: #4F81BD;">EM1</h4>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <p>The greatest level of support is for change to shops or healthcare facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare (65% of 367 people supported); • Shop (57% of 364 supported); <p>The strongest areas of opposition are for conversions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manufacturing (12% of 358 supported, 56% opposed); • storage/distribution uses (9% of 354 supported, 62% opposed). <p>Small businesses are already a significant employer within the Parish, with in excess of 60 small and home businesses in existence.</p>
<h4 style="color: #4F81BD;">EM2</h4>	<p>Community Survey:</p> <p>a) Residents were asked what additional businesses/services they would like to see in the parish. Of 143 people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 (30%) suggested convenience store

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 (30%) suggested a pharmacy • 21 (15%) suggested a café/bistro/meeting place • Fewer than 13 (10%) suggested library, small trading estate, petrol station, social/leisure centre, another public house, dentist, another restaurant, care agency, vets, bank and cash machine. <p>b) Of 378 who responded, 272 (72%) agreed with a list of conclusions drawn from the research prior to the community survey, whilst 91 (24%) agreed with some:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • require better Wi-Fi, mobile phone signals and improved broadband required; • need support for small businesses; • need assistance to find work for unemployed people, including local people and young people. (e.g. manned Help Centre); • make more jobs in the village for local people to avoid travel; • existing shops and businesses are valued , but need more shops and services (e.g. pharmacy, library); • need to have wheelchair access to shops, restaurants, services; • more parking for visitors to use local services and local shops (e.g. laybys); • still getting burst water mains even though the water pipes were replaced; • frustration over lack of co-ordination with repair and maintenance of mains services and highways etc. <p>50 people provided comments. Of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 felt more businesses are not appropriate for a village; • 5 felt more shops, businesses and employment should not be encouraged unless the infrastructure is improved; • 11 felt that new services are either unrealistic or not needed. <p>Business Consultation – these issues may be relevant to businesses who operate from a fixed premises like the garage, shop, restaurant, but don’t affect businesses who do not rely on people coming to them. NP has a high proportion of businesses that operate from home which do not require specialist premises.</p>
EM3	<p>Of 378 who responded, 272 (72%) agreed with a list of conclusions drawn from the research prior to the community survey, whilst 91 (24%) agreed with some, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • require better Wi-Fi, mobile phone signals and improved broadband required; <p>The majority of comments re-iterated agreement that Wi-Fi signal and broadband speed were poor and negatively impacting on local business.</p>

However:

Business Consultation – since the Community Survey, “two mobile networks offer 4G coverage to the village with speeds in excess of 40Mbps. Almost all the village and many smaller surrounding hamlets are enabled for fibre broadband offering speeds up to 80Mbps”. This makes the need for new superfast connectivity less urgent.