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From: Robert Compton
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 29 Jun 2020 22:59
Subject: FOR THE ATTENTION OF JILL KINGABY - NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Dear Ms Kingaby,

I write with regard to the Examination of the Newton Poppleford & Harpord Neighbourhood Plan that you have been tasked with.

I did submit my initial comments on the Plan within the Consultation period deadline, however, as I was still awaiting further evidence from the Parish Council Clerk which has only just been made available to me I did reserve the right to add further evidence to my submitted representations.

I will briefly give you some background about me which will hopefully put my representations in context.

I have lived in the Parish for over 50 years and still do, my family moved down from [REDACTED] years old, I grew up in Newton Poppleford and subsequently was educated, worked and raised my family here. I therefore know the history and development of the Village first hand, a village community that has up until recently welcomed the influx of new residents often from other parts of the Country being a great place to retire.

The natural growth and expansion of the Village has positively added to its community value, unfortunately as in other popular settlements more recently arrived residents feel that now that they have arrived the gates should be closed to keep others from moving to the Village and the current atmosphere of No further expansion is not healthy to the continued viability and sustainability of the Village and indeed the wider local area.

My [REDACTED] was an active member of the Parish Council for several decades and was its Chairman for some of that time. As a family we have always tried to give back to the Community, our family [REDACTED] upon which the existing Doctor's Surgery was built, he was [REDACTED] at that time and was a major force in raising the funds to pay for the construction of the Surgery building. He also negotiated with [REDACTED] to acquire the land on behalf of the Parish where the new Cemetery is situated, the local churchyard being full.

Having now been given access to the Parish Consultation Questionnaire results I would like to highlight some of its conclusions which are not reflected in the policies drafted in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, indeed, some of the Statements made in the Plan are totally opposite to those given by the Parishioners in their questionnaires, one needs to question why !

It is my opinion that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted to reflect the views of a limited number of mainly un-elected individuals on the Steering Committee who having consulted the Parishioners and collated their view have chosen to ignore those findings and draft the policies of the proposed Neighbourhood plan more in keeping with their own opposing views of NO DEVELOPMENT and stagnation.

I have attached various noted extracts from the Summary of the Parishioner's Questionnaires as example of where the views of the Parishioner's conflict with those promoted by the Steering Group.

* 84% of Parishioners Agreed they would support a housing development for local people to meet any affordable housing need identified.

* The most popular area for any such development was identified as "Along the Exmouth Road"

* Public Transport Service - The draft Plan states that Public transport is poor and inadequate, however **93% of the Parish rated the Service as OK to Excellent !!!!!!!**

I hope that you will accept these observations in conjunction with those I have already submitted to you and that the information will be helpful to you in conducting your examination.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

Robert Compton

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Newton Poppleford Neighbourhood Plan Community Questionnaire Report

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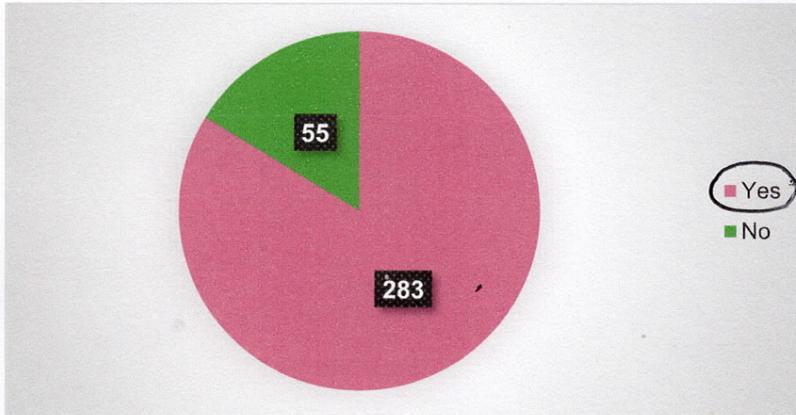


* SEE SIDMOUTH HERALD REPORT
5/1/2018

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Question 2.10 asked whether respondents would support a housing development for local people to meet any affordable housing need that this survey may reveal.

In answering this question respondents were asked to note that any development would be wholly or predominantly affordable homes (rented or shared ownership): Open market homes would be the minimum required in order to make the scheme economically viable to develop.



84% - AGREED

The majority of respondents indicated that they would support the proposal

Question 2.11 asked if people have any suggestions for suitable sites for affordable housing, or any general comments about housing in the parish.

91 individuals responded to this question. In terms of general comments about further housing development: 18% stated that no further housing developments of any kind should be approved - this appears to tie in with the 13% of respondents who stated that the current infrastructure is not fit to support any further developments. 11% of respondents stated that no development should occur beyond the BUAB.

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The remaining comments suggested twelve potential sites for affordable housing. The three most popular suggestions were:

- * • Along Exmouth Rd (7) *
- Waterleat (7)
- In the King Alfred site (4)

Other sites suggested were:

- Behind the Village Hall (3)
- In GAP along Back Brook – off of flood plain (3)
- Land between Lark Rise and Hillside (2)
- Site behind Oak Tree Villas (2)
- Corner of Venn Ottery Rd and Hunger Hill (2)
- Along Dotton lane (1)
- Towards allotments from Burrow/Hillside (1)
- North of A3052 opposite Parsons Close (1)

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Number of families on East Devon housing waiting list has nearly doubled

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More than 3,000 families are on the waiting list for a council house in East Devon.

In the last three years, the list has grown by around 46 per cent, a Freedom of Information (FOI) request submitted by the *Herald* has revealed.

Council bosses have said one of the reasons for the rise is that many applicants cannot afford to rent privately or purchase a home in the district, so turn to the authority and housing associations for assistance.

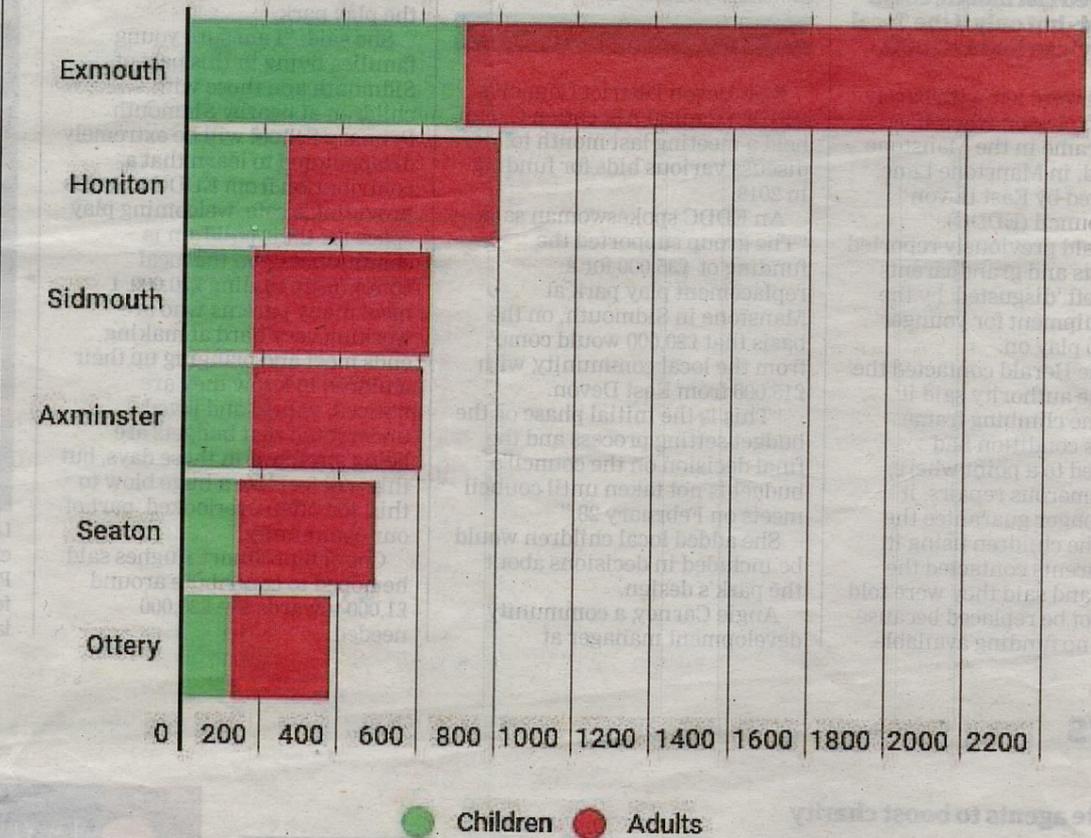
The statistics, released by East Devon District Council (EDDC), revealed there were more than 620 people on the waiting list in Sidmouth, including 171 children.

Compared to the rest of the district, Sidmouth had the third highest number of families on the list. This included around 41 single parents, 229 households of one or two people, 31 families of three, 32 families of four, 12 families of five, 11 families of six and one family of seven.

In Ottery St Mary, there are 375 people on this list and, of this, 251 are adults. This means that 33 per cent of those waiting were children, leaving Ottery with the highest percentage of children waiting on the list compared with anywhere else in East Devon.

Overall there are 156 families waiting in Ottery – this includes 95 households with one or two people, 25 families of the three, 24 families of four, six families of five, four families of six and two families of seven.

Across East Devon, as of



The number of adults and children on the list in the top five towns with the highest number of families waiting.

November 30, 2017, there were 3,143 families on the waiting list.

When looking at the numbers for the last three years, the statistics showed that the amount of people on the list had slowly been increasing.

In 2014/15, there were 2,297

households waiting and by March 2017 there were 3,361.

Although, as of November 30, the number of households on the waiting list had dropped by around 6.9 per cent.

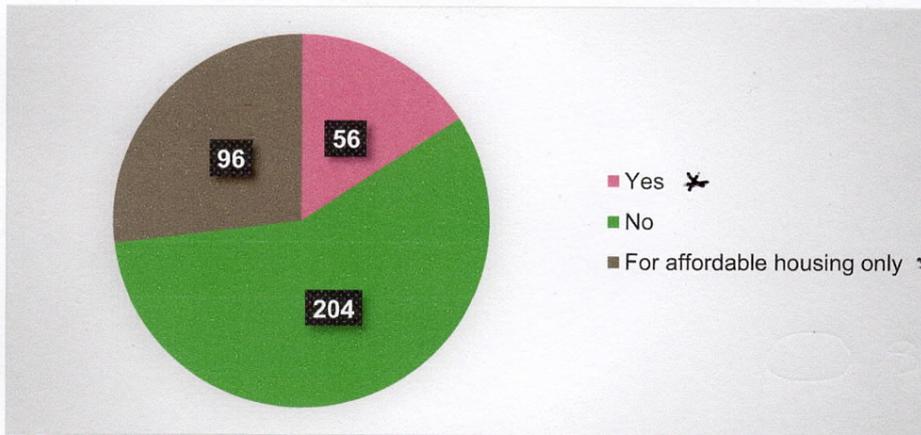
An EDDC spokeswoman said the authority's housing register

was one of its barometers of housing need in the district.

She added: "We are constantly monitoring movements in the housing register and trying to secure new affordable housing where needs arise."



Question 2.13 then asked if they would support housing development outside the BUAB if it was to meet an identified local need.



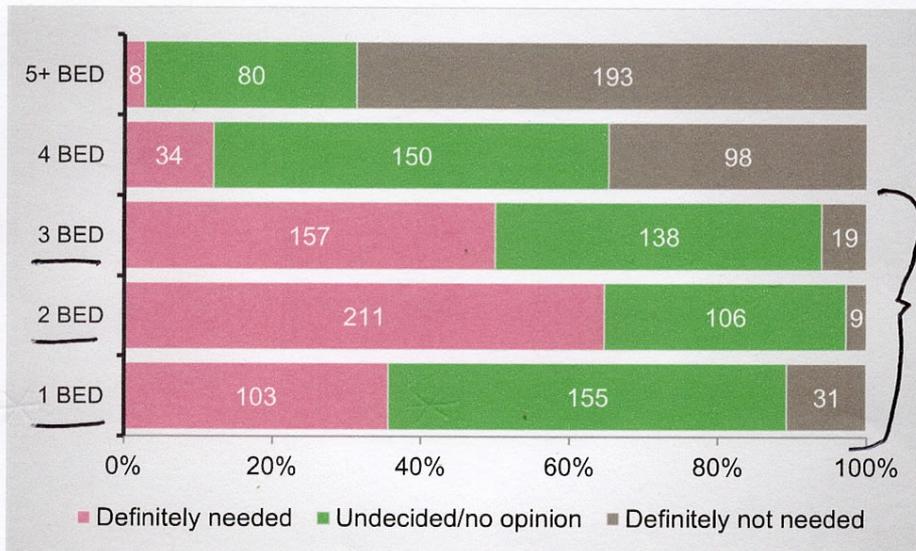
* 43%
AGREED



Compared to later responses (see question 4.1) a total of 43% of respondents (152 individuals) indicated that they would support housing development outside of the BUAB if it were to meet an identified local need such as affordable housing for local people.



Question 2.14 asked participants what house sizes they think are needed and therefore should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

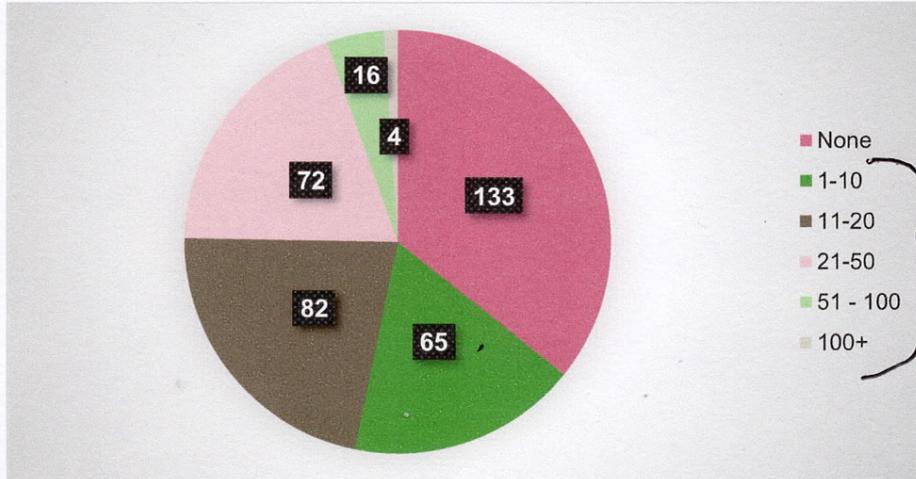


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BEDROOM

A total of 345 people responded to this question, the majority of people responded positively to the question of need for houses with two (61%) and three (46%) bedrooms.



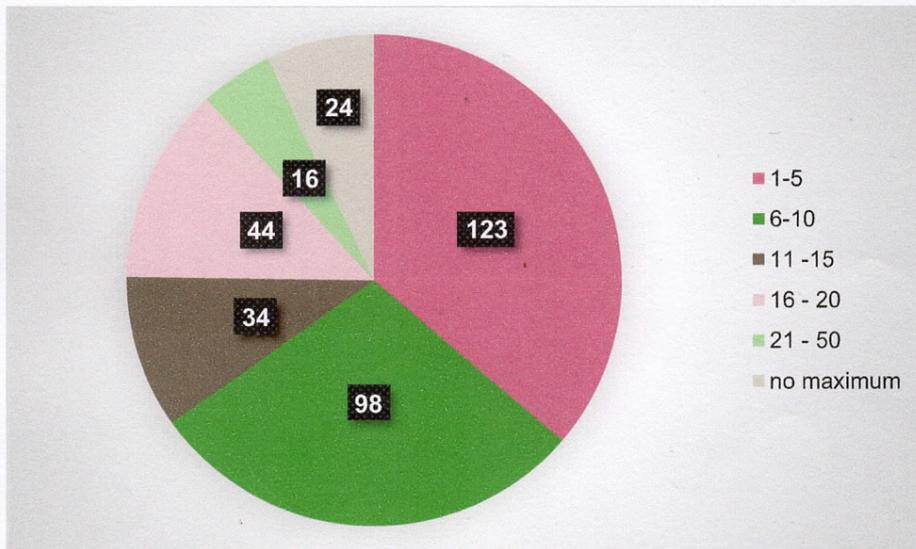
Question 2.15 Participants were asked how many additional houses they would like to see built within the Neighbourhood Plan area between now and 2031. The preamble to this question explained that outline planning permission has already been given for 40 houses including 16 affordable homes in King Alfred Way.



64%
FOR MORE
NEW HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT

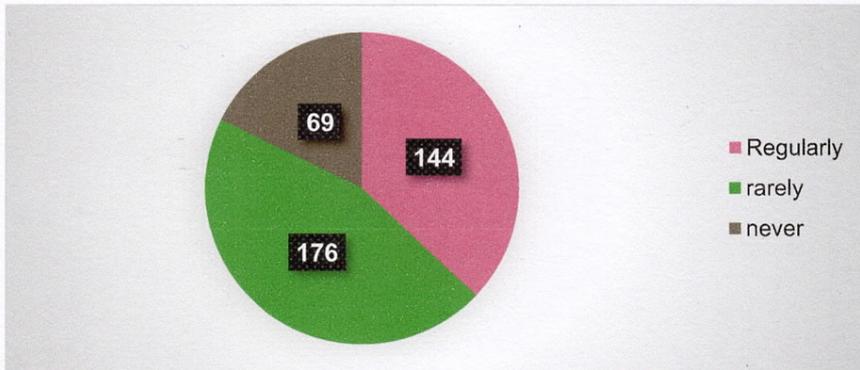
A total of 372 responses were submitted, of which over a third supported no further housing development. Around 40% of respondents supported developments amounting to no more than 20 properties in total over the life time of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Question 2.16 asked if people think there should be a maximum number of houses permitted per individual site (if permission is granted for further sites).



The majority of people think that in the future the number of houses per site development should be kept to small scale developments. Only 5% of people representing just 16 individuals have suggested that developments of 21-50 houses should be permitted (developments similar in scale to the current King Alfred's Way proposal).

Question 3.10 Asked how often participants currently use the public bus service.



Question 3.11 asked participants how they rate the current public bus service in the parish.



Question 3.12 asked those participants who have children at school in Newton Poppleford how they are taken to school.

38 respondents answered the question, of these approximately two thirds state that they walk their children to school, one third travels by car and very few cycle to school.

Question 3.13 asked those parents who previously reported driving their children to school in Newton Poppleford, what would need to change for them to feel happy for them to walk.

A total of 23 respondents answered this question, they suggested the following would need to be in place to enable their children to walk to school:

- 43% stated that the entire route would need to have pavements and safe road crossings
- 35% stated that there would need to be traffic calming measures in place
- 17% stated that an off-road back route for cycles, pushchair and wheelchairs would be needed
- 4% stated that a safe route across the river would be needed