NEW LOCAL PLAN 2021-2040



Your town and Village centres

Some of our villages in East Devon should stay as villages. In particular I am talking about FENITON We don't want it built up any further than it is. There has been a lot of development already taken place over the years including, Ackland park and Liverly close. And we are now awaiting some development on the Burlands. BUT the proposal from Taylor Wimpey to fill TWO fields of productive farm land into housing, which would virtually double the size of FENITON is not needed.

It is not driven by necessity for people. Sadly 15% of all wild life in the UK is now threatened with extinction due to the taking away of their habitats.

To give away large green areas, of good farming land to greedy money making large building companys is not acceptable. We were initially told by the then Prime Minister David Cameron that our local villages would not have any large scale development. Some areas are not suitable for large development, and Feniton is one of these. Enough is enough.

Ottery ST Mary a small market town.

Used to be a thriving town with a lot of local shop keepers. Not anymore. We are now full of new housing estates, over 500 properties, plus Ottermill that is still in progess with a lot of apartments being created. I am in favour of Ottermill together with the Churchill retirement homes as they are brown field sites. Even so there are still a lot of these properties that still remain unsold. Quite a few of the Tumbling weir site were purchased by wealthy investors and property to let signs went up.

The Kings Reach site is not a well planned site and looks such a mass of properties they have also taken away hedges in the road towards West Hill taking away nesting sites for the birds. How can this be right.

Where is the local demand for all these properties. Ottery St Mary does not need any more new properties built. All the roads in and out of Ottery are in a very bad state and are in desperate need of repair, with lots and lots of deep potholes but nothing gets done.

Views on the Climate Emergency

Don't build any more new housing. David Attenborough has informed us that too many people on our planet are not looking after it. We need some countryside, not covered by tarmac and concrete.

We can't keep building new housing on our lovely East Devon country side. There won't be any green fields left.

There is no such thing as affordable housing, building contractors can't afford to sell houses at a reduced price. Local authorities should have built more council housing and not been allowed to sell off housing stock at reduced prices.

Water wheels, water turbines: water is running all day every day for free. We should be harnessing It we have plenty of water in our valley.

I am not so sure about the use of ground source heat pumps. They need to have high capacity pumps which would use a lot of electricity. With all the electric cars we will have in the future how is all the electricity going to be generated. Modern houses would not have enough land around them to lay the pipes needed to deliver the heat to the properties.

New Homes

Tipton St John wants to have a new school built in their village. Should we be thinking of new family suitable properties being built, together with a new school to secure and keep the village alive.

We are already transporting a lot of school children in old polluting buses around East Devon which is not good for the air quality, or the children.

Planners and Planning

The planning department need to take account of the impact to the area when making planning decisions.

I have to ask why development was allowed in the middle of the country side for what is now a Tractor and agriculture repairing business near Putts corner, it is now a complete eyesore with a lot of scrap material stacking up. There are plenty of industrial sites in East Devon without cluttering up our countryside. It is quite out of place there.