Other Comments

B1.1 Residents are finally asked to list any further comments they may have on open space, outdoor sport and recreation facilities which may not have previously been covered; for example specific comments on quality and/or suggestions for improvement.

B1.2 319 respondents made comments on a variety of issues; comments are listed verbatim and more prominent topics have been isolated, namely:

- Footpaths and cycle routes – 72 comments
- Opportunities for, and issues with, children and young people – 63 comments
- Dog fouling and general, anti social behaviour – 41 comments
- Grass and artificial pitches, courts and greens – 32 comments
- Concerns and issues with accessibility and transport – 25 comments
- General contentment with the way things are – 21 comments
- Requests for new and/or indoor facilities – 20 comments
- Fear of development/suspicious of questionnaire – 20 comments.

Comments by area

URBAN AREAS:

Axminster

B1.3 General
- Car parking space and rails to secure bikes against are needed
- Stop building so many large housing estates on edges of Axminster make better use of empty dwellings. Give us a N/S bypass!
- Footpaths and signs need to be maintained to a higher standard
- Signage of footpaths can be improved. One off Lyme Road Axminster is not currently signposted
- Walking and exercise is good for everyone. It has to be interesting and fun. In Europe they have woodland walks with wooden exercise things with a write up on how to use them.
- In Axminster it is not a question of which type of open space/ recreation to improve it is a question of absence of space. With the exception of Cloakham Lawns (not Council) on the Northern edge of town we have nothing in the way of open spaces. Compare that with the favoured Sidmouth!!
- Please think of our young people
- There are a few play parks where I live for young children but you also get teenagers hanging around in them in the night and behave in an impolite manner this can only
be stopped having stuff for teenagers to do. There is nothing for young people to do as I am just reaching my adulthood I know what its like.

Budleigh Salterton

B1.4 General
- Tighter control of dog fouling in all areas including random discharge of poo bags onto verges and into hedges. During winter months areas of beach kept clear for children to play during the better days Oct-Mar "no dogs areas all year round". [Also golf courses] difficult to join - availability to all.
- The old railway line in Budleigh Salterton is being destroyed by EDDC selling off parcels of land. It is a lovely pathway and nature reserve leading from town to countryside and it is being taken away from us. The winter shooting parties coming from Tidwell Barton make riding or walking along the Otter estuary nature reserve and river footpaths and South Farm Road very dangerous, and scare off and kill wild life in this so called reserve area.
- Regarding No15 (above) Think all are adequate and do not need improvement.
- We very lucky in Devon, so much on our doorstep. So much of it is free. We need to open our eyes more to see what's available.
- Recreation Facilities: Swimming pools - We have good facilities at Exmouth and Sidmouth but none in Budleigh Salterton. If you are like me I wish to swim early morning and the journey to existing facilities is not attractive.
- We need an easily accessible indoor swimming pool, for use by all ages.
- It is essential to have parking facilities at all of the above especially for the older generation. Free if possible.
- Facilities for teenagers should have priority.

Exmouth

B1.5 General comments
- Being elderly I enjoy walking to the seafront (which is well looked after) but find the Strand Gardens rather daunting- too open and encouraging poor behaviour at times.
- Encourage schools to make their facilities open to the community.
- Have lived in Exmouth for 7 years and first discovered there are tennis courts, crazy golf and bowling green in Phear Park. Large clear signposting in that area needed! Also advertising of what appears to be an underused area. Improve Phear Park.
• I am lucky enough to live in easy walking distance for Phear Park and the Maer, I walk my dog in these areas daily. If I didn't have a dog I probably wouldn't get out for exercise at all.
• I feel we could do with more waste bins in public areas and recreational areas. Fly-tipping has become a much more common site in the countryside surrounding Exmouth since the refuse charging came in (Solution: Lower the charges or employ more people to catch these litter louts.)
• I have visited many parks in different areas some of them Hove/Brighton (grandchildren live there). They have excellent parks which can be adopted here. Phear Park is big enough. Look on-line Hove Park. Money or lack of it is always the question for any improvement. Dog bins at the end of the Exe cycle way needs emptying they are always over full!
• i.e. Like in Burnside where our back gardens back onto a communal grass area for council staff to cut grass and environmental Agency come in to clean the stream. We residents have a neighbourly code not to wander so as to end up standing outside anothers back garden in the grass area. People who pass through could do with reading a sign saying private area on a lamppost near where the rugby field is - And more no dog fouling signs on lampposts further up this area of burnside too.
• In question 14, there are several other issues I could have ticked, but not able to as I was restricted to 3 only.
• It cost £5 (a lot a I think) to go 'bouldering' in Exeter on top of fuel or drive to Dartmoor. Build a traversing wall or 'bouldering 'area. People will use it. It's cheap to do! Easy to maintain.
• no mention of sea and beaches as key recreation infrastructure in our area!... gross omission. No publicly accessible climbing wall Need much greater creativity in the ways open space are presented, available for use, and funded (My consultancy can help with this) ‘Sufficient emphasis already on pitch provision, more work required in maximising use of the many private and public facilities already in place. More emphasis on informal provision required, and less constraints on their use (especially by young people)
• No mention of the beach. ? Dog areas in summer, I think the area "no swimming“ would be more appropriate for dogs rather than Oncombe Point area, which is a favourite for swimmers!
• No places are close by
• Number of allotments available to local residents should be increased. No teenager facilities in Exmouth, might make parks feel safer if they had somewhere to hang out.
• Programme of tree planting in town would be good maintain footpaths to encourage people to move around on foot.
• The parks in this area need updating badly.
These outdoor spaces should be well lit, now that winter is now with us and the darker days are with us. By having these spaces well lit they will be safe for use, and also encourage folk to use them knowing they will be safe most of the time.

1. Lack of cafe - Orcombe Point. 2. Disabled toilet - Orcombe Point with wheelchair access. 3. Disagree with dual use of footpaths on sea front.

**Sports pitches, courts and artificial grass facilities**

- Exmouth could do with an astros running track so there is a safe place for people to run and train on.
- Exmouth NEEDS more sports pitches - rugby football etc. Instead you have built on the land intended to do so - Hillcrest School!! Rolle College!! Rolle College playing fields!! You can ask for what people want all you like but, if you keep building on the best land you have no room for parks! You are talking about building on the rugby pitch!!! Why?

- Football

  - I formed the Redgates Residents Association to promote Redgates Playing Field - so named by myself because the land formerly belonged to Mr Weir at Redgate House as part of his farm. To improve use of facilities I suggest one or two metre high fences around the dual purpose basketball area - at present boys kick a football around within the play area - because it is fenced - creating problems for small children and girls who mainly use the play area for its intended purpose. Boys prefer to use the football pitch crossfield path this being downfield. I would propose a metre high fence around the football pitch with this metre high fence being behind each goal mouth.

- I think it should have more open space for more sports facilities in this local areas

- We book 5 a side football twice a week at (L.E.D.) and sometimes it's too busy to get a slot to play. When the refit happens - we should have more courts available - there's 1 at Bristol, outdoors all weather pitch x 10 - £30 each court - good facilities available - nice return in profit for EDDC eventually. Keeps everyone fit, keeps kids off streets - and good social activity (good site Rolle College?).

**Dog fouling and anti social behaviour generally**

- Dog fouling needs to be sorted out! Costings at sport centre and especially cost of tennis courts very expensive, especially for people on limited incomes.

- I am all for green spaces in the community, but feel that one or two "showpiece" areas are better suited to todays living, the small park in Exmouth when it's in bloom is a real gem and a credit to those who tend it, as is the one in Sidmouth, any open green space of notable size is costly to maintain and can be a breeding ground for social malfunction, I feel these "recs" as they're known would be better suited to brownfield development for social housing, which in my mind is more of a concern to people on the waiting lists as well as a national headache to housing planners.
- I would like more control for dog fouling - constant problem in path leading from Ilydale to Sherwood Drive (Exmouth) along play area and walk to school. Also what about a cycleway from Brixington to the Community College and town centre.
- More /larger refuse bins available at the Maer picnic area. Areas where no cycling should have signage. Dog fouling laws enforced.
- Perhaps more dog bins - so that people are encouraged to clean up after their dogs.
- Phear Park - Clean the Graffiti off
- Please buy in some mature trees to give the strand gardens some character back! What happened to the clock? Bigger waste bins please.
- Severe penalties for people who allow their dogs to foul public spaces and do not control their dogs even when requested to do so!
- Some areas of outdoor parks have to be accessed by an underpass under a road and these are often spoilt by undesirable people usually in the evenings with graffiti, anti-social behaviour and drug use. I would like to see these areas policed more often, cleaned up and made safer and more pleasant to use. For example the pass under Dinan Way, Exmouth, where I used to live (if it is still in use).
- The adventure playground on the Maer should be kept free of dogs.
- Tighter restrictions on dog owners NOT picking up after their dogs foul in parks. I am a dog owner and always pick up but am sick of running over dog muck with my pram on pathways in Phear Park. I do NOT want to see dogs having to be on leads in there but can see it coming to that.
- Total ban of dogs from sports fields, childrens play areas and Exmouth beach.

B1.8 Public rights of way – footpaths, bridleways and cyclepaths
- Green Area between Pound Lane and Anson Road. Should be open/upgraded to cycle path? Speed limits on cycle path displayed.
- Having recently visited Barnstaple, they have a fantastic cycle path called the Tarka Trail, you can hire cycles, a fantastic cafe and toilets are all on route. Exmouth would definitely get more use of their cycle track if something similar was in place. I also feel a park warden would be also useful, just to keep law and order from the teenagers who invade the young play parks.
- I think the cycle paths that are already in Exmouth are very good, but I think more signs should be put on the ground to indicate the cycle path and the pedestrian path. I have often drifted into the cycle path where there is no sign on the ground and have nearly been knocked over by a cyclist who are sometimes going very fast.
- It would be good for the local community if limited access was made to the public over Lower Halsdon Farm, National Trust land; even a ‘footpath’ to enjoy the varied nature which protects the livestock. These acres only benefit the tenant farmer and his family.
• Less shared pedestrian/cycle paths - accidents waiting to happen! If you must spend money on cycle paths, site them more sensibly - The Esplanade is a case in point. (Wide road, but you make cyclists and pedestrians share!)
• My favourite place for recreational walking is Exmouth sea front. Fifteen minutes by bus.
• PEDESTRIANS VS CYCLISTS - Confused and foolhardy arrangements e.g. Exmouth Seafront!! I am annoyed by the use of our footpaths and footways by 'all and sundry' cyclists! Footpaths are now becoming sub-divided- half for cyclists, half for pedestrians often where there is hardly room for both. Cycling on paths routing into Exmouth town centre is commonplace and AGAINST THE LAW
• Please continue to expand cycleways including shared pedestrian/cycle paths as you have along Exmouth seafront! Thank you - we love it!
• Please, please could somebody do something to protect us pedestrians from cyclist!!!! They use every bit of footpath and pavement and an accident is just waiting to happen.
• the reservoir at squabmoor is a beautiful location and easy to get to - however provision for a path or cycle lane would be fabulous
• The Strand seating area should prohibit skateboard, cycling and ball games.
• Would like to see a few seats by the railway on Movine Way to sit on for the elderly.

B1.9 General contentment with the way things are
• I think we are very fortunate in living in our area - let's just hope enough money will be available for the upkeep of these facilities
• I visit Phear Park at Exmouth every day and am very proud of the gardeners who keep the park clean and tidy. I have lived in Exmouth all my life. I am so proud of the park staff for the hard work.
• Ref Q12: I consider there is adequate facilities for all, no need for more. Ref Q15: Priority improvement badly needed on the pavements and roads of the area.

B1.10 Requests for new and/or indoor facilities
• Outdoor swim pools Example Topsham. "Brilliant"
• We need a swimming pool at the Leisure Centre in Withycombe.

B1.11 Concerns and issues with accessibility and transport
• A crossing is needed at the end of Rolle Road by the Carlton Hill roundabout or a dropped kerb for disabled persons as there is only a dropped kerb on the other side of the roundabout. There is no pavement on that side of Salterton Road in parts.
• Access for mobility scooter Brixington Park. Path to run all the way around; not stopping at play area but to run past the playground so as to join up all the way
around as it gets very muddy where path stops. Easier access for mobile scooters
joining to cycle paths thus keeping mobile scooters off main roads where possible.

- Complete absence of the appalling lack of good slipways for use by local and visiting
sailors, within this questionnaire. For a popular coastal resort we have almost zero
facilities on offer - the slipways are either dangerous or almost un-useable, the
marina has no visitor berths visitors moorings are rare - and the costs are ridiculous,
as are the charges for car parking and the confusing scenario along sea-front where
it is possible to buy a ticket from the ‘wrong’ machine and get fined!

- I would cycle to work (Exmouth Town Hall) but there is nowhere safe and dry to keep
my bike so have to use the car. A large cycle shed in town would be an advantage

- Improvement of pavements etc for mobility scooter users. So we may also enjoy
some of the outdoor activities.

- Re-introduce free parking on seafront Oct-April, used mainly by locals.

- We have lovely beaches in the area and should allow better parking on sea front and
ban camper vans and similar vehicles who take up all the spaces making it difficult to
park with safety.

B1.12 Fear of development

- Exmouth has a good balance of facilities. My main concern is that it will be lost in the
rush for more housing which is a separate issue that has been caused by failed
government policy and implementation. Empty houses and second homes should
pay double council tax.

- Exmouths population has risen greatly since WW2 but open spaces are always
under threat to provide more housing. It is important to maintain a balance between
housing and recreation space.

- I would like to think that if the new residential area planned to be built at the edge of
Exmouth goes ahead then they build in all these elements! And also leave the
woodland corridors and copses untouched.

- With the priority of build build build there will be no land available to make any of
these facilities available, except outside an urban area.

- You must NOT build or develop on our open spaces keep Exmouth as charming as it
is

B1.13 Facilities for children and young people

- Brixington needs to be included in development as there's nothing for kids to do or
people to walk, sit and relax etc. In holidays, weekends etc the children around here
run wild, causing terrible trouble with footballs etc. So an area, not by houses, is
needed where they can go and play safe. Plus a youth centre.

- I live in the Bystock area within walking distance of 2 play areas for children, both
unsuitable for small children. One is completely unused as it is a climbing frame for
teenagers and 1 has 1 swing in it.
• I think the area is well served apart from the one I have ticked which is very poor. Perhaps if something decent was provided (as at Paignton) they might stop using the re-developed Strand area for BMX and skate boards?
• More outdoor facilities for teenagers are needed, especially aimed at the older teen, but also needs to be supervised.
• This obviously reflects the fact that I have teenagers who travel into Exeter to find a much bigger variety of parks for scooter, bikes and boards. We only have 1 in Phear Park for hundreds of kids.
• More provision is needed for 10-16 age group - skate board parks, clean safe areas to hang out.
• My family and I live at the top of Hulham Rd, Exmouth. The children are aged 4 and 8. The difficulty we find with their age group is that we often wanted to cycle to Phear Park or the other cycle paths but there is no safe method from the top of Hulham Rd - maybe added cycle paths would be of benefit in this area. Also there is a green area opposite the nursery in Pound Lane. It is not overlooked by houses and mainly used by dog walkers it does not seem particularly safe for the few children in the area that ant to use it - maybe improvement here - particularly as there are no childrens facilities in the immediate area.
• Not enough recreation (indoors) for families or teenagers
• There is no facility in Exmouth for children/teenagers to play football ie "off the street" especially in and around the Town Centre/Exeter Road/Colony area - hence they use Exmouth Town Football Club, which is a private members club and not available to the general public.
• There should be open areas for all with safe areas for children to play in.
• Very disappointed in the old fashioned style of play parks in the Exmouth area. We now visit Exeter, and even go as far as Teignmouth Seafront to visit the very popular and up to date playing area with our 2 and half year old daughter, who is now very bored with Brixington Hill, and Carter Avenue Parks. When visiting friends and family in the Kent area, its is apparent that they understand the needs and benefits of play parks with modern and fun equipment. This sadly shows that again Exmouth is very behind on what is desperately needed for a very highly populated community!!
• When putting large housing areas, the Council must provide facilities for children and teenagers.

Honiton

B1.14 General comments
• All new housing developments should make space available for allotments
• Because it only takes 20 or so minutes to get there I class Exeter as local, eg, walk along the canal/ river
• I think the Glenn (Honiton) could do with improvements (bird box's, bat box's, faster running stream).
• I'm a dog walker- Have to travel 2/3 times a week to Donkey Sanctuary at Sidmouth for this. Roundball and East Hill poor quality as is Honiton Bottom Rd and the Glen. Is Gittisham Common not an option for open public access.
• It is a pleasure to live in ED because of the excellent amount of Open Space. There are acres and acres of countryside accessible to all. My concern is that it should STAY THAT WAY! Don't start selling it off
• Sorry I don't know anything about local outdoor. However I would like to know if there is a large park that could be walked around, at present I go through to Sidmouth to walk.
• The recreation facilities in Honiton are appalling compared with other ED towns. Sport fields are not adequate for a town of 12000. Far more footpaths especially beside the River Otter need to be installed.
• We in Honiton are poorly served for allotments, when we know that there is adequate land available.
• What open space? So few and far between, blink and you'll miss them. Walking to any village from Honiton you take your life in your hands if there where and if possible grass verges it would be much safer.
• The ground field near the river could be landscaped with seats perhaps toilets it seems the priority there is dogs not people. What about an outdoor swimming pool especially in a holiday area and where there is not much to do.
• I believe that Honiton could benefit from a large communal park, where the all the community could go for walking, dog-walking, ball games etc - which would bring local people and their visitors together within an outdoor space. At present there is only a number of children's play areas spread across the town and an uninspirational recreation ground linked to the Sports Centre.

B1.15 Sports pitches, courts and artificial grass facilities
• Currently there is no hard-weather pitch ((astro) for hockey, which, means there is no men's hockey team in Honiton. This is dire situation when you see that Ottery and Sidmouth are better catered for than us! Regarding wildlife, in particular insects, can I also encourage the Council to do less verge and hedge cutting, as this wipes out huge quantities of insects and other wildlife.
• I think this area is lacking in a good athletics track with astro turf for other sports. Maybe an outdoor paddling pool for the summer months with cafe and a more community based outside recreation park. We need more outside sports facilities especially to encourage our children to get out more. I hope you can help, it would be great!
• The lack of football and cricket facilities in the Honiton area has hampered progress for local teams in recent years ground sharing does not work.
- Honiton desperately needs an easily accessible all weather pitch. We are short on public sitting space in the town centre - somewhere to go and be in ones lunch break for example!

**B1.16 Dog fouling and anti social behaviour generally**
- Control of dog fouling in open spaces, paths. Horrible to get out of bike tyres.
- Keep dogs from fouling on footpath ie childrens play area by putting up more signs warning irresponsible dog owner that it is their responsibility to clean up after their dogs.
- More dog bins
- There is a lack of dog bins on certain walks 'Tesco walk' and from Clapper Lane through Coombe Raleigh woods along fields to Eggland then heading back to town there is not 1.

**B1.17 Public rights of way – footpaths, bridleways and cyclepaths**
- Honiton needs more rural footpaths and cycleways. It also needs a good athletics facility for the children and clubs and more skate/bmx/roller skate area. Better swimming pool and changing facilities. There are great sports clubs here for children with great volunteers but they need help with grounds and buildings - eg rugby club, football and junior running club.
- In Honiton it would be really good to have a park where people could go and just sit, enjoying the surroundings, but fairly safe. Also accessible for older people. The Glen is lovely to walk through, but a bit isolated for sitting alone. Also - there are footpaths, but often they don't lead anywhere and it's necessary to come back the same way. It would be terific if there was a walk along the river between Clapper Lane and Dowell Street.
- Some cycle trails in Honiton would be good, similar to those at Haldon Forest. Haldon Forest is where I choose to go but would certainly use some trails closer to home. Please consider this.

**B1.18 Concerns and issues with accessibility and transport**
- No question on facility for disabled people in wheelchair very biased
- Parking areas for above (free)

**B1.19 Facilities for children and young people**
- It would be lovely to have a landscaped park in the centre of Honiton with maybe a teenage area (skateboard etc) where one could sit and enjoy flowers with a cafe and bandstand like other towns, Wellington, Minehead, Taunton etc.
- The amount of play areas is very high in our area but the quality and cleanliness of some is not great. Also there should be more things within the park for all ages. I have two children. Aged 4 and 20 months. Very different abilities. My 4 year old can
go on all things but in many parks my 20 month old can only go on the swings as all is aimed at an older age. The younger toddlers want to explore and want more than swings! Thanks
- The children's play area in Allhallows Park needs further improvement, more activities/climbing frames etc - the new 'rocks' are dangerous and not many children can play on them at one time. Recently visited play area in Sidmouth (next to swim pool) is so much better than ours! Many more items and safe!
- We have too many children's play areas - they are not used because parents won't let children play in there unsupervised

Ottery St Mary

B1.20 General
- How come the new bridge in Ottery cost so much, and there's no lighting, funny that it takes the children out of the town and past the new Sainsbury's as they come off near the bridge. We need a swimming pool, maybe
- I liked more than 3 in question 14. All good comments.
- Keep the area as natural as possible. Do not improve on nature and our beautiful countryside. Just enjoy.
- Open spaces are now particularly important because of the amount of housing development in progress and proposed.
- Tidying up of footpaths, removal of bramble etc. on riverside walks. They look so messy and unkempt. The River Otter could look beautiful and attract visitors especially with the new bridge and Coleridge Kerb stones. A Swimming Pool would be appreciated in our Town
- Lighting for tennis courts in the winter. Sports centre. A small golf course near Ottery
- TOTAL DOG BAN ON ALL PUBLIC RECREATIONAL AREAS THAT CHILDREN PLAY IN. CLOSER MONITORING ON DOG FOULING IN PUBLIC AREAS AND STEEPER PENALTIES ENSURE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES ARE NEVER AVAILABLE ON THE OPEN MARKET FOR DEVELOPMENT.
- Why have other towns in ED banned dogs in parks and recreation grounds (especially those used by children) but OSM councillors still put dogs before children
- I would like to be able to get around the countryside safely with my grandchildren and would love to have a safe cycle path/footpath from Ottery to Sidmouth/Feniton to walk and cycle on.
- There are no open space facilities in my village, even though the Council has Section 106 money for houses built here. There isn't even an adequate footpath connecting one end of the village to the other even though we were promised one when the above mentioned houses were built.
- Here in Tipton SJ we have an excellent playing field which is privately owned and financed by the village. Facilities include children's play area, tennis courts, cricket
and football, access via the playing field to the River Otter and open countryside to OSM. What more could we want?

- More seating in town edge areas for the elderly exit from school at bottom of spring gardens needs to be supervised, road crossing dangerous.
- Development should be kept to a reasonable level to keep the Devon countryside as beautiful as it is now. Once lost it can’t be replaced and the infrastructure would be overloaded. It is the quality of the county that is the jewel.
- I moved to Ottery St Mary 11 years ago and there was talk of a skateboard park for teenagers. Those same teenagers are now thinking about playgrounds for their own children. Nothing should take that long.
- In general we are very lucky to have so much access to countryside and woodland. However, the play areas for younger children are generally boring and unchallenging - too many fences.
- It is strange to lump the tennis/netball courts and bowling greens together. There is never adequate provision for young people - more skateboard/BMX parks needed.
- OSM is a great place with a range of facilities and improvements continuing. It suffers from a lack of teenager facilities and a community/family social point eg family pub and extras.

**Seaton**

**B1.21 General comments**

- Emphasis should be on all sectors and age groups in the community - not just children and teenagers. These should also be access for people with all types of disability
- In urban areas green spaces are essential for the well-being of the residents. Look at London with all its parks etc!
- It would be nice to have a well kept park. Please keep our area beautiful and not make the same mistakes as South Devon which is now ruined.
- More toilets
- Spend our monies very wisely - not on pensions - on amenities and quality of life.

**B1.22 Sports pitches, courts and artificial grass facilities**

- A basketball net down at Eaton skate park, also new football goal nets.
- Seaton town needs another football pitch. It’s has been spoken many times to EDDC lets see if you can deliver.

**B1.23 Dog fouling and anti social behaviour generally**

- I would just like to congratulate EDDC for the field near Homer Lane in Seaton (known locally as the dog walking field). This is a fantastic amenity for dog walkers to
walk their dogs in a secure environment with dog waste bins provided and I think everyone who takes their dogs there really appreciate this amenity.

- Too many areas are NOT available for enjoyment by dog owners, the marshes for example!
- We need more for children / young teenagers, that's maintained regularly, for all ages and sexes. Covered in and open air. I'm a dog owner but stricter rules or punishment on people allowing their dogs to mess everywhere and not cleaning it up!! - I see it all the time! - It gives dog owners a bad name!

B1.24 **Public rights of way – footpaths, bridleways and cyclepaths**

- (Re:Q10 - walk to footpaths, cycle to cycle paths - use them to access countryside woodlands etc). Cycleways and low carbon transport options are essential for East Devon - they should be improved, increased and link with each other. Open space is also essential for all humans to have access and easy use of.
- Difficult to walk "off road" between Seaton and Colyford and from Axmouth to the A3052
- Local footpaths (underfleet) are overgrown, dirty and full of dog mess - a case of out of sight out of mind.

B1.25 **General contentment with the way things are**

- I have been very impressed with the development of Seaton Marshes reserve over the past few years and highlight this only that I see its completion and maintenance as vital
- I think Seaton is very lucky to have two wonderful nature reserves in Seaton Marshes and Colyford Marshes. It will be excellent if they cycle path can be extended to Colyford Marshes.
- The outdoor gym in Seaton is superb. When I read of it in the press I thought ‘a waste of money’ I've changed my mind - its great - I use it frequently and am encouraged by the huge number of pensioners using it. People of all sort of physical abilities - Thanks and well done.

B1.26 **Requests for new and/or indoor facilities**

- Swimming pool would be the best possible improvement.
- The new outdoor gym in Seaton seems to be a great success. A new youth centre and swimming pool in Seaton would be much appreciated. The closure of the public toilets at Seaton Hole may save money but stop a lot of older people walking further during the winter months.
- We need indoor swimming pool (for the sake of visitors etc). We need a cinema. We desperately need Seafront shelters and toilets near Harbour end.
- Cliff Gardens. The steps going down toward the Chine toilets are very steep and uneven depth and would suggest a bar barrier at the top to reduce the risk of any
unsupervised child falling down them. Which would in all probability result in a very serious injury.

- Considering the amount of residential development which has taken place over the years, there is a great shortage of public seating and some seats have been removed and never replaced ie outside the Methodist Church. Covered shelters on both East and West walks would be a decided advantage. An OAP's view!

B1.27 **Concerns and issues with accessibility and transport**

- No access for mobility scooter users to Cliff Field Gardens. Entry should be made available and hand rails where steps are used.

B1.28 **Facilities for children and young people**

- 1, Youth Club and other initiatives for young people to congregate with organised programmes of events and professional supervision/guidance 2, more facilities for older (senior citizen) groups to congregate
- Anything to give the youth a chance! We need amenity's for youth, somewhere to go, things to do, rather than gangs hanging around the town - bored, and getting up to any trouble to pass the time!
- I feel Seaton does not provide well for its young people There are no football fields (apart from the Football Club) there IS a skate park which was pushed for by the community rather than the local authorities, there is NO youth club, no swimming pool The focus in Seaton seems to be heavily towards wildlife/nature reserves which if one is not a bird spotter is of limited interest However, congratulations to those involved in the setting-up of the outdoor gym which has been very well received
- we used to live elsewhere - there are very good facilities for young children in the Midlands, here you are lucky if you have a bit of grass. My own child does not use outdoor local sports facilities and I am more concerned that there should be indoor space for activities so that these may take place in winter. However to reduce vandalism local young people need facilities like skate ramps and they need a covered shelter where they can sit and watch. We make a lot of use of local nature reserve and would like to see the cycle path make faster progress.
- Facilities for young people are vital to curb anti-social behaviour, also improvement to cycle paths and footpaths to enable safe travel around the area.

**Sidmouth**
B1.29 General comments
- The parking in Livonia Rd for dog walkers is becoming a nuisance. 2) Enhancing the River Sid-introducing fish. 3) Also the entrance of the goyle water course into the sea (by Belmont) could be a marginal plant area - on the beach instead of unsightly mess.
- I would like to see that toilets are kept open, shutting them is just not acceptable, we are meant to be a tourist area, and as we get older these facilities are important.
- In the present economic climate it is surprising to receive a questionnaire concerning provision of further open spaces. At a time of proposed cut backs it would be more beneficial to maintain present services such as libraries, landscaping and police presence than spend money on "luxuries". On our travels through Sidmouth, amenity spaces already provided seem adequate and are certainly not overstretched. The concern is the council have a separate agenda here and provision of further amenity space is a pre cursor to yet further large scale development of high density housing.
- Install for over 50s all weather fitness machines. Good for Health.
- The allotment situation in Sidmouth remains very poor with residents currently on 4 years waiting list. Not good enough. Dog fouling is still a major problem despite the many bins. I believe that dogs should be further restricted in wildlife/nature reserve areas of parks and beachall where children play and people require cleanliness.

B1.30 Sports pitches, courts and artificial grass facilities
- Artificial turf pitches - desperately need lights at Sidmouth.
- I've lived here all my life and why isn't there any floodlights on Sidmouth College astros pitch they've just put lights on the tennis court ones in town with flats right next to it, I've travelled miles to Ottery for training for many years! What a shame on Sidmouth.
- We need more floodlit outdoor courts for netball. Cheaper easier access to the ones we do have.
- Work out stations in the Byes, Sidmouth (see Highgate Wood, north London) i.e. Parallel bars, chin-up bars, etc.

B1.31 Dog fouling and anti social behaviour generally
- Dog bins on Peak Hill car park with sign to pick up.
- If more rec parks ensure no anti social behaviour occurs late at night.
- Litter and unsocial behaviour is awful outside my house in Howarth Close.

B1.32 Public rights of way – footpaths, bridleways and cyclepaths
- Could footpaths / cycleways have a number on them (on board) so public are aware which path they are following. In several places paths converge and we are unsure
at times which could be the correct (or quickest) path to reach our desired destination.

- Cycle track in the Byes is not wide enough - needs to be 3m min. I would wish to see more cycle tracks in the area, linking Sidbury and other areas to Sidmouth.
- Footpath and cycle track to join up Sidbury to Sidford to Sidmouth. Dog bins in car parks on Peak and Salcombe Hill
- Footpath up the Sid Valley, and around / alongside local roads with no footpath, would be high on my priorities - and allotments to meet demands, in an environmentally conscious age.
- I am a keen cyclist and have been so impressed by the cycle route up the River Exe - its fantastic - we need more facilities like this.
- I am not in total agreement regarding footpaths and cycleways as I have seen people argue if one steps over white line etc. Also the speed some people cycle (because of the white line divide is very frightening)
- I think a cycle path and / or pavement from Sidford to Sidbury. Road is extremely dangerous to walk or cycle.
- Paths, styles and kissing gates are excellent and maintained. Much appreciated by myself as a rambler. The countryside in ED is delightful. I hope it will not be covered in new houses anytime soon. It would be nice to have a dance studio in the sports centre as Honiton does. We have to use the sports hall or squash court with no sprung floor. Lower leg injuries could result from using hard sports hall floors. ED is a joy and each day I feel privileged to live here!
- Sea defences at the cliffs, then re-open the cliff paths!
- There are quite a lot of places providing access to the countryside, but at most of them have no indication as to who owns or is responsible for the paths, access ways and maintenance of the land. A small sign at the main entrance gates would enable members of the public to give feedback or make suggestions. This would help members of the public to feel more involved with the locations, rather than just passive consumers

B1.33 General contentment with the way things are

- At 90 years of age I very much appreciate my local parks and gardens - as formerly a keen birdwatcher and nature walker
- I actually find Sidmouth and surrounding areas have a wonderful array of recreational facilities but perhaps volunteers are needed to organise activities during school holidays in these areas.
- I am very pleased with all the facilities indoor and outdoor offered in Sidmouth. Thank You
- I have not answered Q15 as I have no knowledge of them all. I think in general we live in a wonderful area where there is plenty of space for enjoyment of sea and countryside.
Overall we are blessed with reasonable facilities in this area but for the health and welfare of all they must remain a priority
The parks, Connaught, Blackmore etc - and the sports facilities cricket, tennis, croquet etc here is Sidmouth are excellent and well maintained. Is that the same in East Devon? If not, it needs to be. Having some more of our lovely Countryside in ED opened up as park or nature reserve would enhance the County even further.
Your recreation areas and outdoor facilities are very good - Keep up the good work!

B1.34 Concerns and issues with accessibility and transport
- Making and keeping parks disabled friendly
- Re: Q14 - A toilet is badly needed near the Byes entrance, especially for disabled folk. It would also be a great help if more seats were available in town especially for disabled folk. Please see attached A4 of these suggestions. Plus over 70s should be able to use the swimming pool free of charge anytime - parking free for badge holders.

B1.35 Fear of development
- Because of new building we are losing local wildlife areas. But I really like places like Margaret's Meadow, coastal paths etc.
- Control of excess lorries using Stowford Rise and speed restrictions to make it safer, with the increased volume of traffic with the explosion of housing development locally. We have lost much wildlife with the recent destruction of green spaces, our quality of life has been unredeemable affected.
- I don't mind what you do, so long as you don't mess with THE BYES
- My family and I enjoy the local countryside and the sports facilities around Sidmouth and would be strongly opposed to losing any countryside or fields to provide any more housing or sport facilities.
- We are very lucky to have so many beautiful places in which to walk and spend time. Thanks must be given to the Sid Vale Association and to the Friends of the Byes (formerly the 'B' Project). It is essential to keep these places for the recreation of local people and tourists to make sure that the wild life is maintained.

B1.36 Facilities for children and young people
- Although I can't use them anymore, its very important to provide places for the young to play and keep them off the streets and safe.
- Apologies for negativity but as a wheelchair user dependent upon a pusher to leave my home I have no personal practical involvement, but commend your efforts to improve the quality of life of the younger generation. Good luck!
- Consider the Sidmouth Rugby Club does much to encourage children to take part in team sports. We do not wish to see these facilities reduced in any way. Not being
closely involved with children or teenagers I cannot comment but conscious that everything possible should be done to get them out-of-doors.

- Ensure play areas are a safe environment for young children. The very small (inadequate) play area at the top of Baker Close is always strewn with litter, including a lot of broken glass - disgraceful!
- For such a large town with a secondary school recreational facilities for teenagers are very poor. Also sports facilities available at the swimming pool and leisure centre for this age group are almost non existent. Improving this would keep them off the streets and out of trouble.
- Given the age of Sidmouth's population, in addition to children's playgrounds, there is a need for an outdoor, free to use, 'gym' as seen in other towns and very often abroad. Simple equipment e.g. Cycles, rowing machines and bars for people to exercise (save money as keep people healthy).
- I believe that all sporting amenities (outside) should be free to local people particularly tennis courts. Currently there is a dire need for children/teenagers in Sidmouth to have good quality amenities.
- I use the play grounds when the grandchildren visit. I know a great deal of money was spent in Sidmouth, however I feel that the play area is more for older children, not much for the younger ones. Also there was a swing for a disabled child, this was removed and replaced. Sadly in theory a disabled child could lay in it but normally there are something like ten children on it at any one time. P.S. To my knowledge Sidford does not have any toilets for children near the play ground area.
- Just keep improving sports facilities for young children and teenagers
- Provision for young people's activity should be covered more not just places but activities and events which young people can focus.
- We need to add to our sports facilities from encouraging children to use play areas to getting them involved in every type of sport. Become involved in sports from an early age and it will keep them off the street. We must not lose any more of the facilities we have.
RURAL AREAS

B1.37 Aylesbeare
- The nearest tennis courts are in Woodbury and could do with resurfacing
- The need to emphasise cycling paths. The Lanes and roads are too dangerous!

B1.38 Branscombe
- As a horse rider I feel the bridleways and gates are not sufficiently monitored as
gates don't open. There should be more paths available to riders. Off road
motorbikes should be banned from using these paths.

B1.39 Broadclyst
- Need a gym and swimming pool
- Traffic in and out of the village make it very difficult to walk and cycle to the local
amenities as above. 30mph is not adhered to be passing traffic and I fear for anyone
attempting to walk or cycle. I would do this daily if it wasn't for the fear of the main
road and potential accidents.

B1.40 Broadhembury
- Tennis Court in Broadhembury would be good
- The village really needs sports and improved playing facilities to help attract more
families to the area.

B1.41 Chardstock
- Sport and recreation facilities need to be placed in central areas, each council district
should be divided into such areas for these facilities.

B1.42 Clyst Hydon
• We are fortunate to live in an area with most of the above and so no problems - we also have an outdoor swimming pool too! Transport is a problem if you don’t have a car, so maybe transport to facilities such as tennis courts would be useful.

B1.43 Clyst St. George
• Additional park and ride type transport to each these outdoor facilities including, where appropriate, the carriage of dogs to country walking areas.

B1.44 Clyst St. Mary
• At age 95 I find much of the questions very academic.
• Need to be protected from urban sprawl and new housing development.

B1.45 Colaton Raleigh
• I am 96 years old and housebound - so cannot access any of the facilities mentioned - I think in general. Colaton Raleigh is adequately covered.
• Please create or develop the cycleways eg Ottery to N Pop to B Saltherton and linked on to Exmouth. Link the Otter Valley to open up the old railway routes to cycles.

B1.46 Colyton
• A local swimming pool/gym would be good for Seaton/Colyton.
• An area of adequately ‘illuminated/lighting’ for use in the darker winter months would be great. (i.e.: Park with tennis court area for instance).
• Can we have more tennis courts in Seaton please.
• The childrens park is quite far away from where we live so we often drive instead of walking. When we get there the toilets are not always open, they are not to a high standard and there have been occasions where there has been broke glass there.
• Generally the facilities in this area are good.
• I feel that many of my answers are very specific to living very rurally and different factors would apply in Honiton/Seaton though so nearby.
• I’m not being uncooperative but many of these questions lie outside my interests.
• Keep animals (farm) off public footpaths horses and cows particularly.
• Lack of swimming pool in Seaton now Tescos has filled it in.
• The area of the MUGA in Colyton Playing fields needs to be further developed to offer better facilities for the youth of Colyton and the surrounding areas which may in turn reduce the number of acts of petty vandalism carried out because ‘they are bored’!
• The East Devon Way needs improvements, promotion and publicity. It is a wonderful long distance path and should be promoted as an alternative to the SW Coastal Path, or perhaps promote walking the “East Devon Loop”. More footpaths are needed particularly a link between Colyton and Colyford.
There is only one small park by us with not enough to keep young children occupied - for such a large area with a school nearby, I believe a better well situated park for children aged up to 11 would serve the Colyton community well.

We are very well served in our area of ED, I can think of few improvements needed. A bus service to and from Sidmouth from Colyton would be very much appreciated.

We need a swimming pool. Why is there no mention of it here?!? Footpaths desperately need to be maintained. Please don't ban any more areas from dogs - please think of dogs and owners wishing to enjoy open space together.

**Cotleigh**
- To improve access on rights of way (clearing obstructions)

**Dalwood**
- A village green for community involvement, fairs etc
- This village of Dalwood does not have any recreation facilities. The Council gave us money to do a village appraisal and plan. 66% of the village wanted an open space. Since the plan was completed the small school playing field has become available as the school has closed. DCC have offered to sell the site to us but at 3 x the cost you would normally pay for an 1/2 acre site outside the village envelope. There is no point in EDDC doing these surveys if you have DCC not allowing the community to purchase at a realistic price. A playing field that has become available the domestic rate payers in this area who have paid thousands of pounds over the years to improve the field should be ignored.

**Dunkeswell**
- Here in the Highfield Estate, No one cleans up the pathways and most of older population walk at least once a day using these paths.
- It is a pity that facilities provided for young people are not used to their potential. In dunkeswell, for example, the MUGA and playing field is rarely ever used.
- Places for OAP to walk, sit and enjoy

**East Budleigh**
- Wheelchair access to recreational open areas

**Farringdon**
- More dog bins to be provided

**Farway**
- Some footpaths are not well signed or get overgrown or blocked, including a style on the East Devon Way in Farway, where I live. More cycle paths would encourage cycling in general.
B1.53 Feniton

- [re q.11:] limit to how far children can go. [re q.12:] The community have worked hard to achieve the current children's play area but it could still be improved. Reasonable facilities [playing fields for football, rugby, cricket etc] at present, although concerned that we could lose these in a current planning application. This is also the outdoor space used by our school. Particularly safe places we could cycle to from home [are needed]. Concerned about the future of our local football/school outdoor area as it is owned by developers who are using it to bargain with for their current planning application. Would be nice to have some cycle paths we can use from home - lanes are not that safe to cycle along with children.
- I live in a small village with little room available for many of the above, but hope that they may be included in the proposed developments under consideration at present.
- Improve cycle routes in ED eg open old railway line to OSM to enable and encourage teenagers to visit their friends and use astro etc in OSM and cycle to Kings
- Leave nature alone! Use less chemicals!
- Questionnaire ironically received at same time as EDDC letter with negotiations of planning application (11/2245/MOUT) along with "flyer" free in local paper from Strategic Land Partnerships - IS THIS QUESTIONNAIRE A "RED HERRING" to distance us from the enormous problem we are so worried about NOW! Why do you bother to ask what we want??!!!
- The sports field is popular and well used for football and cricket also a play area for the school. However we are constantly worried by talk of the field being developed for housing. The field is the heart of our community.
- We have play areas for children but nothing for teenagers and there are a lot here.
- We used to have 2 tennis courts which were well used we should never have lost them. (Feniton) Love to have cycle track on old railway line to Ottery developed. Proper cycle track at side of old A30 so really is safe to use.

B1.54 Gittisham

- There is definite need for an adult outdoor gym/exercise area in EX14 as contrast to childrens play areas.
- When one considers areas for sporting activities, there can never be too much. However what is provided needs to be maintained to a satisfactory standard. Every opportunity needs to be taken to provide whenever and wherever possible!!

B1.55 Kilmington

- Kilmington is a large village with a good cricket pitch, a local wildlife/bird sanctuary and childrens playground. A new cycle path costing £1400 + has recently opened (connecting to Axminster). We live next to a 3-4 acre field and we have created a
woodland with indigenous trees. We also have holiday cottages with families who use the local childrens playground and they also use cars and buses for transport and walking etc. I use flamingo pool regularly in Axminster. I also attend a weekly gym session.

B1.56 Luppitt
- On a strictly controlled budget my "priority for improvement" is a fair council tax set at a minimum level, scrupulously administered.

B1.57 Lympstone
- Better local public transport at sensible prices or free parking for those over 60 and not having public transport near their homes, how are we expected to use these facilities when parking is so restricted and expensive and have no access to public transport!
- Reflectors on cycle paths for cycling in dark. Better sign posting around Exton and Lympstone re cyclepath.
- There is a dire need in the community for a good football and cricket pitch with attached facilities. There is currently no cricket pitch and the football pitch and changing rooms are dislocated and prevent promotion to the next division. All that is needed is the land - funding can be found for the buildings. Also within this facility a large "barn type" indoor training area for football etc and also for netball/basketball and possibly even indoor bowls.

B1.58 Membury
- Difficult to answer many of the questions as I live in an Area of Outstanding Beauty and facilities for walking running are abundant naturally.

B1.59 Monkton
- Left Honiton School in 1978. At the time I was told about sports centre - now built. Whatever happened to the astro pitch programmed to be built in the school grounds then?

B1.60 Musbury
- [The times given as answers to q.9] are the times it takes us currently. It is why we moved here in the first place. We think things are just about in balance where we are. The above in q.14 are all important of course. [re q.15:] they're all pretty good. Walking, cycling, parks, country parks, rec. Grounds, woodlands and all the paths, tracks, and bridleways used to get there are all so important in the countryside...and our farmers are just great..!!
- A decent grass running track is needed in ED for access and use by local running clubs. Review facility of Colyton Grammar School. Needs levelling but would be
ideal in the summer. Local clubs could invest time and money and maintenance. A cheap but productive exercise when money is restricted.

- No parking fees for disabled people (blue badge) in amenity areas including seafront.

B1.61 Newton Poppleford and Harpford

- A need for toilets in play areas
- Formal sports/rec facilities (Golf, artificial pitches, playing fields and outdoor court and bowling greens) are high maintenance and expensive to create and maintain whilst benefitting relatively few residents. The same investment/expenditure on informal spaces and recreation grounds would benefit far more people.
- Generally we enjoy a good quality and range of open space. Main concern would be that 'localism' and proposed new planning legislation doesn't lead to the loss of these amenities to developers.
- More and better cycleways - away from fast traffic on narrow roads
- Newton Poppleford is an area of outstanding natural beauty - long may it remain so.
- We have few cycle tracks, compared to other parts of the UK (and particularly some European countries). Some footpaths which could easily double as cycle ways specifically ban cycling. Both from a recreational point of view, but also on health grounds we should be encouraging active pursuits for all ages, cycling facilities could be improved.

B1.62 Offwell

- We are lucky to have unspoilt woodland nearby which needs no improvement

B1.63 Otterton

- Access to toilets would be helpful!

B1.64 Payhembury

- All the footpaths, bridleways, and cycleways have been removed. Desperately need at least one open around colestocks/Payhembury area.
- We have very good facilities but they are in need of updating I have lived here for over 30 years and it has always been looked after by volunteers. About time the Council got involved.

B1.65 Poltimore

- We live in a rural community yet there is no where for children or young people to play. There are no footpaths and the cycle path put on main road Pinhoe-Cullompton (serving Clyst VCC is unmanned and it not safe

B1.66 Rewe
• There are no play areas or playing field facilities in Rewe. The closest village is Stoke Canon who's Play area is very poor. There isn't very much for young children to play on and the equipment that is there is very run down and outdated. The playing field for the village which doubles as the primary schools field is also quite poor compared to other villages in the district.

B1.67 Sheldon
• Where will results of survey be published/available? What likelihood is there of any money being available? When touring on continent it is noticeable that even small villages have sports grounds etc - where did we go wrong?

B1.68 Stockland
• If there were more rural buses I would use them.

B1.69 Stoke Canon
• No mention of water activities.

B1.70 Talaton
• Provision of footpaths is quite good but better cycleways would be beneficial.

B1.71 Uplyme
• There is a need for safe, segregated cycleways and for a 20mph speed limit on single-track rural roads to encourage walking, riding and cycling on this network.

B1.72 Upton Pyne
• Better/more use of school facilities for the public and easier way of booking these facilities

B1.73 Whimple
• Car parks and approach roads e.g. At Woodbury Castle are rough and full of pot holes. Park surfaces e.g. Peak Hill are tyre non-friendly infilled of sharp flint. Generally the hill and footpath are quite good. We don't want it full of unnecessary signs.
• Outdoor gym circuit for adults and teenagers, seen in Lichfield Park very well used by adults and teenagers. Simple and good for leisure. Cleanliness of areas.
• The slide in the children's play area is of poor design. The steps are too wide apart for small children.

B1.74 Woodbury
I feel very fortunate to live in Woodbury but when my small grandchildren visit the children’s park is very poorly equipped for their enjoyment.

It takes too long to get an allotment in Woodbury. Cycling needs more Cycle Paths/Lanes as the main roads are dangerous. Footpaths are generally in boggy areas.

It would be really good to have free water available to visitors to children’s play areas in Woodbury (and other parts of East Devon). The main park (off Town Lane) has a good play area, but no free drinking water. Children either have to take drinks (often sugary, fizzy which can also cause a litter problem and contribute to obesity), or come home if they are thirsty. It would be much better if there was free water at our main park. Costs would be quite low, there is already a scout hut there with mains supply, the bins have to be emptied regularly and so checks could be made on the fountain by the same person who empties the bin. Also, the cost of water is low, as amount consumed is relatively small. It would encourage children to use the park for longer, as children get thirsty quickly when they are exercising.

Please ensure our open green spaces near houses stay as open green spaces Please ensure good sporting facilities at grass route levels

The children’s play area in Woodbury has not been updated or well maintained considering the number of young children in the village - there needs to be more equipment, on a par with other nearby villages (eg Exton). Dog fouling is a real problem on Woodbury common on the main footpaths and I believe fines need be larger and imposed more regularly - it is particularly worrying when taking young children there.