

Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan

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HEADLINES

The latest version of The Plan is still on our Web site - www.tivertonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk, in the [Documents](#) section. This is subject to further updates following the Informal Public Consultation last Autumn.

Previous Bulletins are also available there.

Social Media - we have [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts which have been quite active with comments on The Plan.

INFORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

The September Bulletin gave an overview of the contents of the version of The Plan published for Informal Public Consultation in September 2020. This was the first stage in engaging with the community. We are now assessing the feedback and updating The Plan as appropriate.

Some useful polling was done, including through the use of Facebook. Feedback so far is linked to on our web site in the [Public Consultation Section](#).

Some Feedback Themes

One of the most common requests was for improved transport links between Tiverton and Tiverton Parkway Station. The 2014 attempt to draft a Plan suggested a monorail! This version has sought to be more practical in its visions. Strictly this is not a planning matter. Richard Ives comments, "as a regular train user before the pandemic I know that passengers off evening train arrivals are usually met by someone in a car and very few use a taxi". He suggests that people will not be persuaded out of cars unless and until there is a good bus service, including in the evenings. The problem is that funding for such services will not materialise unless and until people are willing to get out of their cars.

The development of the Eastern Urban Extension, beginning with Braid Park, is now established, and The Plan can only influence design detail, cycle routes and other community needs.

However, it is very important that a clear green corridor is maintained between Tiverton and Halberton. Halberton must not be developed westwards nor Tiverton eastwards along the valley so that the two communities merge. This would be seriously detrimental to Mid Devon, to Halberton and to Tiverton.

The Plan takes climate change extremely seriously and insists on carbon neutral housing developments, safe cycling and walking routes around the parish and the growth of electric car charging points. We also want to see housing developers meeting their obligations regarding affordable housing, the provision of quality recreational facilities and preservation of green spaces within the town. There is support for this in the feedback.

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL SCREENING

Mid Devon District Council has completed the first statutory step of screening The Plan. The Council has determined that there is no need for a [Strategic Environmental Assessment](#) (SEA) or a [Habitats Regulation Assessment](#) (HRA). There are some minor conflicts with between the Local Plan and The Plan's policies, and those are being resolved in the next version of The Plan.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

Sustainability is a thread throughout The Plan and the policies are framed with sustainability in mind. There is a need to prepare the [Sustainability Assessment](#) to accompany the **Pre-submission Plan**, and work on that is in hand.

We have the benefit of advice from the Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning Programme, which is supported by the [Centre for Sustainable Energy](#).

NEXT CONSULTATION STEPS

The next public consultation step is a statutory one, known as [Regulation 14 Consultation](#). There will be much more about this in the next Bulletin.

The Team will be presenting to the Town Council at its meeting on 22 Mar 2021. The aim is to gain the Council's endorsement for the Regulation 14 version of The Plan to be published and for feedback to be invited from the community and the statutory consultees.

Contact us: If you have any comments on the current Draft Plan please email us at: nplan@tivertontowncouncil.gov.uk, or contact us using [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or use the feedback form on the web site - www.tivertonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/contact-us/