



## The Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan process

Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting  
The First Meeting Monday 21st March 2016

# The Steering Group

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## Key Messages

The Neighbourhood Plan is not just about Eastern Town. It's about the whole of the Sid Valley including the villages of Salcombe Regis, Sidbury and Sidford.

The Neighbourhood Plan, once agreed, is an official statutory document to be used in the planning process; but its provisions cannot conflict with or overrule the Local Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is the one real opportunity for local people to influence how their locality develops in the future.

# Department for Communities and Local Government 2011



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Local Government

“The government has introduced the community right to do neighbourhood planning through the Localism Act. The planning system helps decide what gets built, where and when. It is essential for supporting economic growth, improving people’s quality of life, and protecting the natural environment.

Sid Valley Neighbourhood Plan



# What are the potential benefits?

- Shared vision
- Build relationships
- Protect and promote the interests of Sidmouth
- Economic benefit to the town
- Statutory weight



The Neighbourhood Plan would enable the community to determine its priorities and influence the nature and type of developments.





# What are the potential pitfalls?

- Complexity
- Communications & understanding
- Response rates to public consultation
- Time and money
- Managing expectations

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## The Emerging Policies

Built Environment

Natural Environment

Housing

Economic Resilience

Community and Culture

Transport

Port Royal Eastern Town Regeneration





# Neighbourhood Plan Policies

Local and neighbourhood plans should develop robust and comprehensive policies that set out the quality of development that is expected for the area. Such policies should be based on stated objectives for the future of the area and an understanding of its defining characteristics. Planning policies and decisions should aim to ensure that developments:

will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development;

establish a strong sense of place, using streetscapes and buildings to create attractive and comfortable places to live , work and visit;

optimise the potential of the site to accommodate development, create and sustain an appropriate mix of uses( including incorporation of green and other space as part of the development)and support local facilities and transport networks;

respond to local character and history, and reflect the identity of local surroundings and materials, whilst not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation;

create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or social cohesion and are visually attractive as a result of good architecture and appropriate landscaping

# Process

First Residents Survey (results published this week)

Business & Special Interest Groups Survey ( Flyers on table ends Oct 31<sup>st</sup>)

Young peoples Survey November

Further research

Second Residents Survey January 2017 (Focus Groups)

Write draft Plan (March, April)

Test Plan and Refine

Submit final draft to STC and EDDC

Independent Inspection

Referendum

If majority vote in favour plan in “made” and becomes the latest planning document

# Introducing the Sid Valley Referendum Question



Do you want East Devon District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for the Sid Valley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

