

**West Hill Parish Council (WHPC) – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Agenda 22/358-1**

**East Devon District Council (EDDC) Draft Local Plan 2020 – 2040: Developing the WHPC response.**

**1. East Devon Local Plan – Regulation 18 consultation.**

It is a requirement of Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 that East Devon District Council (EDDC) notify various bodies, residents and businesses and invite each to make representations on the content of the Plan. EDDC in preparing the plan must take account of representations made.

It is important, that not only WHPC makes representations but also that residents of West Hill also submit their views direct to EDDC – whether in support or raising concerns.

The Draft Plan of 312 pages sets out the EDDC current view on 108 Policies. There is extensive additional information available on the EDDC website from studies and other evidence reports.

The primary role of the local plan is to guide and inform decisions on where developments will take place in East Devon – the key ‘turn to’ document that is used in determining planning applications. That is why it is so important at this consultation stage that everyone makes known their views.

EDDC started its consultation process on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, and this consultation will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. They are seeking feedback via

- an online consultation survey Commonplace [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/local-plan) ;
- by email to [planningpolicy@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@eastdevon.gov.uk)
- write to Ed Freeman, Service Lead Planning Strategy and Development Management, EDDC, Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton Ex14 1EJ

The online consultation survey has some 17 separate parts – as little or as much can be completed as a resident wants to do. These parts cover the various chapters of the draft plan – see below (at 3.) regarding key issues identified for West Hill.

EDDC are also holding a number of public exhibitions across East Devon allowing residents to find out more and ask questions about the draft Local Plan. See Appendix A for dates and locations.

**Decision: Councillors to note.**

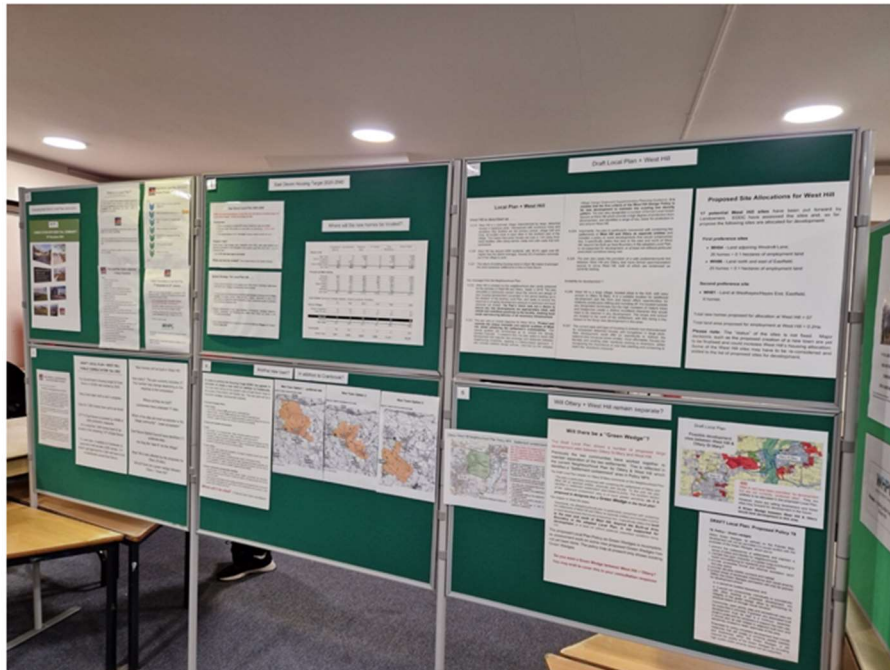
## **2. West Hill Drop-In Consultation**

WHPC has sought to inform residents of the progress of the Draft Local Plan and to highlight issues that may impact on West Hill. During 2021-22 the Council's newsletters delivered to all households, website and noticeboards have included articles reporting progress of the plan. Once the likely dates for the publication of the Draft Local Plan and public consultation were known WHPC made arrangements for a community event to inform and seek feedback from residents.

The Local Plan's objectives and proposed strategies are important to the whole of East Devon, but it is natural that residents are more focussed on their own neighbourhood locale. See Appendix B for the map of the 17 sites offered up for development within West Hill.

WHPC organised and advertised a Drop-In session at the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The developers/owner's agent for the proposed development sites WH01, WH04 and WH06 also attended and engaged with residents attending. The session ran from 15:45 to 20:00 and was busy the majority of the time, with over 100 people attending. The District Councillor, Parish Councillors and Clerk, and public member of the WHPC Strategic Planning Working Group also attended.

The exhibition layout was conducive for residents to receive information from displays, to ask questions and make known their views on the draft EDDC Local Plan.



**Decision: Do Councillors wish any further actions by WHPC prior to the end of the consultation period additional to submitting a response to EDDC?**

**3. Developing the WHPC response to the EDDC on the Draft East Devon Local Plan.**

Utilising feedback received at the Drop-In Session and a thorough analysis of the draft East Devon Local Plan and supporting documentation, a Version 1 of a response from WHPC is attached at Appendix C.

This first draft is intended to enable further contributions on key issues that should be included, to then create a final version for consideration and finalisation at the January 2023 WHPC meeting in order to meet the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

It is recommended that Councillors (as residents) and interested residents actually access the online EDDC Consultation and work through it and submit, to help inform their contributions to the WHPC formal response to EDDC.

**Decision: Councillors agree to comment on the version one of the WHPC response before 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022.**

**Summary of Decisions:**

- **To note information on Section 18 EDDC Consultation.**
- **To identify if any further actions required by WHPC prior to the end of the consultation period additional to submitting a response to EDDC, and if so, what and who will be taking forward.**
- **To comment on version one draft WHPC consultation response (Appendix C) by 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022.**

WHPC Strategic Planning Working Group  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2022