



Progress update from the NSC Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

May 2024.



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The purpose of the Steering Group

Legal Framework

- **Localism Act 2011**
- **Power for Parish Councils to produce "local" Neighbourhood Plans.**
- **Influence development in their area.**
- **Formal process of inspection and adoption by vote in the community.**

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Neighbourhood plans must have

1. An Economic objective

2. A Social objective

What can it do?

- Set out a shared vision for a Neighbourhood.
- Influence what buildings should look like.
- Propose new sites.
- Influence the types and tenures of new housing.
- Designate public open space.
- Identify transport and infrastructure requirements.

What can't it do?

- Contradict the policies of Mid Devon District Council (MDDC).
- Mandate changes to services which fall outside the remit of the MDDC Local Plan .
- Mandate changes to services outside the NPPF.
- Exert planning powers over areas of activity that are not addressed by the NPPF eg agricultural activity.

Current important dates-MDDC Local Plan.

- Call for sites 2021-completed.
- The outcome of the HELAA process late 2024. Possible implications.
- Expected Adoption 2026/7



**The Story
so far.**

First Meeting 19th of April 2022

We quickly identified 6 core areas

1. Housing
2. Health & Wellbeing
3. Transport & Infrastructure
4. Local Economy
5. Open Space
6. Climate Change

Started to development a Engagement/Communication Plan-Newton Wonder

Engagement Meetings

1. Community Forum Event 25th of February 2023-invite to each household. 58 people attended
2. Local children at Newton School age 6-7 and 7-11. 7th of July 2023. Over 91 children consulted.
3. Meeting with Businesses and key stakeholders. September 13th 2023.8 stakeholders attended.
4. Meeting with MDDC Planning Department.



Sustainable Community

You want a Sustainable Community

You recognise the challenges of

- An Aging population.
- Housing.
- Social issues
- Infrastructure and local amenities
- Transport and road traffic.
- Economic issues



Sustainable Environment

You want a Sustainable Environment

You recognise the challenges of

- The need to retain and increase biodiversity.
- Oppose large scale Housing Development.
- Retain the "rural" nature of the village and views of the countryside.
- Limit the impact of modern farming on hedgerows, river banks and reduce the threat of flooding.
- More and better footpaths/cycleways.



The Neighbourhood Plan Process.

**Have I got News
for You**

Points of View

Challenges-Obstacles & concerns with Project Programme

- Timescales-2 years to date
- HELAA process
- MDDC New Local plan 2027

Concern for our infrastructure improvements

- Funding through development –S106/CIL

Validity of NHP

- Winkleigh Plan- ignored by Council & Developers
- Lack of Development control

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In Summary

Challenges & Opportunities