



North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event Saturday December 10th 10am – 12 noon In The Town Hall

After a period spent developing the Neighbourhood Plan for North Tawton we are now ready to share the draft plan with residents of the town.

We now want and need your views on what we have produced

- Do you agree with the vision for the future of North Tawton?
- Have we included the right policies?
- Have we identified the important issues?

This is your chance to influence the future development of our town over the next 20 years. Please come along and make your views known.

This is your Neighbourhood Plan.

North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan 2014 to 2034

Back in 2014 a group of volunteers comprising of Town Councillors and local residents from North Tawton began the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for North Tawton. This was to follow on from West Devon's 'Our Plan,' a strategic planning document shaping the communities of West Devon. Both 'Our Plan' and the North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan must follow the National Planning Policy Framework, which sets out Government plans for development within communities.

There have been changes since beginning this process – membership of the Plan development group has altered; 'Our Plan' has become the 'Joint Local Plan' with South Hams; national planning policy has introduced new challenges to development within communities.

Throughout all these changes the Neighbourhood Plan group has continued to work on developing the 6 themes of the plan – **Preserving our Historic and Natural Environment; Community; Economy; Housing; Infrastructure; Energy and Environment**. Evidence has been gathered through the survey and questionnaires, consultation events and the Call for Sites process. With the help of a Consultant Policies have been developed that form the core of the Neighbourhood Plan. These policies aim to address the key issues of housing development, transport, employment, sustainability of local businesses and economy, environmental concerns and retaining the heritage and green spaces within the town.

Alongside the Neighbourhood Plan a small group of people have been revising and updating the 2004 'Village Design Statement' which addresses the heritage and character of the town. A revised 'Town Design Statement' will be an important appendix of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process is to consult with residents on the Draft Plan – the key elements of the plan – Vision, Aims & Objectives, Policies, Evidence base, allocated sites for development. Following this and further consultation the group will finalise the Plan. The proposed Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to West Devon District Council who will ensure the Plan complies with legal requirements. Following this the Plan will be examined by an Independent Examiner who will produce a report. Finally the Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to a Referendum within North Tawton, before it can be adopted as a development plan within West Devon.

Although there are still a few stages to complete we are at a very crucial stage, and hopefully nearing the end of the process.

We need the views of North Tawton residents on the draft plan to ensure we are reflecting the main concerns and issues for the town over the period of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please call into the Town Hall on 10th December from 10-12 and tell us what you think. Your views are very important and will help shape the final Neighbourhood Plan