

Comments from Second Consultation – December 2014

Business and Jobs - <i>Maintaining a living and working parish</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel faster broadband is important. / No masts/towers as they are cancerous. • Micro-businesses and not large scale units – Not really within limits. Difficult to have one without the other. / What is defined as large scale. / Artisan only. / Only non-polluting ones. • Be careful what you wish for regarding the business/jobs section. This will create extreme influence over the remaining sections. / Only if it is a farmers market or craft fair • Must retain PO in village • Where is employment land? • Improve business services – Increase in commercial vans • Development of micro-business spaces – In former shops
Community Facilities and Services - <i>Becoming more resilient and self-supporting</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working positively – Include churches • Easier to book rooms. Cheaper places to meet for groups. • Parish website – Use facebook instead. • Another classroom at the school is needed. • Improve community communications – Use events diary on-line • Improve support services – Voluntary services • Community shop every Saturday as in Bere Ferrers
Built Environment - <i>Being careful when making changes and additions to the built environment</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk map – Silverton Local History Society published a booklet “Walk around Silverton” in 2005. Copies are still available from the Society. / WI produce one several years ago. • We need to evolve too • Design standards – Who will do this? / Depends whose standards. / Agree re: parking. Safety issue for access. / In an innovative spirit. / If ambitious and forward thinking. / But maybe difficult for particular resident. / This is problematic. We need larger family homes, not bungalow retirement village. / Against design standards/guides if they restrict innovation and are only based on aesthetic preferences. / Enforce yellow lines. / Eco friendly. • Don’t live in the past. History is ongoing. Value the present. • Reduce on-street parking – Big problem • Improve village maintenance – Encourage litter picks. / Educate dog owners.
Housing - <i>Willing and able to accommodate changing needs</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing over 55’s- If an individual owns their property and can afford to live in it, then it is no one else’s business whether it is larger than they need. / Retirement age is going up to 70. 55 is rather young to downsize. / But also upsizing for family aspirations. / The only reason I do not agree with downsizing accommodation for over 55s is that it is often difficult to find suitable smaller properties in this community. / Demands for smaller houses puts pressure on first timers. • 5 house restriction – to be discussed. / Agree in principle small sites but 5 is very restrictive / Not necessarily / Possibility of flats, apartments. / Development sites should be restricted to no more than 10-15 dwellings. Restricting this to 5 is unrealistic and not necessary. Encourage passivhaus new housing. No problem with using greenfield sites after brownfield sites have been used/considered as

good development sites. / Maybe a few more than 5. / I am not sure that local needs will be satisfied by restricting development sites to as few as 5 dwellings per site. / Depends on location. / Unrealistic.

- Consider ensuring housing provision for families as well as starter homes. More 4 bedroom houses with gardens
- Plus bigger rooms in houses
- Will the existing sewage works support additional housing?
- What about social housing?
- Identify site – How?
- Try to incorporate any new developments sympathetically
- At least parking for 2 cars and enforced
- Include social housing and restrict development to 10, not 5
- New housing must consider the needs of the young people of the village
- Development should go on size of footprint, not quantity
- Some development but not too much.
- Identify sites – Not green field.
- Space standards – Is this viable? Who judges what is good design or adequate.
- I feel there is a need for more affordable housing in the village for the younger generation to be able to stay in Silverton and buy a home. I think we need to look out for Silvertonians and make the houses available first for people with a strong local background/history
- I am generally agreeable to gradual planned expansion to maintain the equilibrium of the community.
- Not everyone wants a garden to maintain.
- Encourage new housing to have solar and PV panels
- Do not make low cost housing dear by restricting development.
- Keeping within current development limits and not straying on to any greenfield sites. Need to be patient to utilise infill land as it becomes available
- Affordable housing? What percentage of that to number of houses?

Natural Environment - *Enjoying and respecting the countryside and rural setting*

- Certain speed limits are already far too low. E.g. Rewe and Latchmore to Thorverton. Also, others were set low when vehicles brakes, steering, etc were far less efficient than 21 century vehicles.
- Reduce speed – Church Road, Gospel Hall and by school. / Reduce selectively. / No reduction of speed limits.
- Resist solar/wind farms - of any sort. / No wind farms ‘noise’. / No wind farms.
- Resist solar farms of unacceptable size – What does that mean? / What is unacceptable. / What is unacceptable? / Small scale only. / Who defines acceptable?
- Farm diversification – What does this mean?
- Maintain existing route ways – Footpaths?
- Protect greenfield – Then where? / What sites around perimeter of village not greenfield. / Limit scope. / Release some very slowly. / How? With AONB?
- Footpaths and green lanes
- Width and weight restrictions to allow for access and agriculture. / For through vehicles but allowing access where needed. / Need for tractors and farm machinery to work, however their speed needs addressing. / Ensure large HGV do not use Tiverton-Exeter road then cut through village to get to Silverton Mill. Put in weight restrictions. / Do not wish to see hedgerows destroyed to build pavements. / Some already exist.
- More bridleways would be wonderful
- New paths/footpaths – as opportunities arise.

- Map of footpaths and bridleways - already available
- Standard and style setting – No too restrictive
- Setting standards and styles – Interesting. Depends on viewpoint of what is appropriate!
- Reduce litter incidence – Covert CCTV
- We need alternative power. Fossil fuels = climate disaster

Sport and Recreation - *Creating a healthier and more active community*

- Providing picnic tables would create more litter but seating, I do agree would be good. / Depends where. / With sufficient litter bins. / And maintain.
- All fine as long as these are financed/organised individually and NOT by increasing public expenditure.
- Dog walking area – No! / Not near recreation ground of playpark. And what is wrong with lanes and fields currently used? / More fines
- Respond to changing needs - Community workshop
- What people want – arts. / Better standard of sports field. Lottery grant? / Village cinema.
- Community spaces – How do you define this? / Depends on the space in question. / Penalties for youths who destroy these.
- More cycle routes and footpaths going to places like Killerton and Ellerhayes
- Parking has become more and more difficult. Parking on road when they have driveways not in use! Could there not be designated parking outside houses i.e. 1 parking space then rest of vehicles parked in car parks?
- Some traffic management make the road more dangerous
- Love the idea of community involvement, but is it practical or wishful thinking? / What would this involve? / Scouts? Educational eco-warriors group of 12-16 year olds.
- Not sure about seating and picnic tables. Existing ones on recreation ground not used
- More clubs means more socialising
- Publicise what we have got – We have but very little. / Is there a local newsletter?
- Trees to climb and chestnuts to gather

Traffic and Parking - *Reducing the impact of the motor car and lorry*

- Footpath A396-Silverton already present with lane opposite Ruffwell to Exeter Road, Silverton
- Footpath between village and A396 – Yes please. / Inside hedge along Upexe Lane. / Improve Upexe Lane
- Additional public car park not necessary if houses have adequate parking
- Footpaths and cycle ways - Exe Valley cycle path and more footpaths. / Footpaths yes. Cycle ways not viable. / Make track from Exeter to Tiverton along Exe Valley (old railway). This would increase business/tourism opportunities.
- I think having a 20mph speed limit and speed bumps is very important in the interest of safety of animals and people. / Not a concern for traffic with restrictions or making speed limit lower. It is just the 30mph limit needs enforcing. Some people drive far too fast, including tractors. / Signs for ‘Slow. Children crossing’.
- Traffic management – No humps. / Enforce the speed limit.
- Encourage the use of the Devon Car-share scheme. There is a link on the SPC website. www.middevongazette.co.uk/Devon-car-sharing-scheme
- School and pre-school – road warning signs if possible
- Take lorries/vans off road by enforcing a separate car parking area
- Public car park only full up when street market. Have another car park for lorries and vans

- Parking and traffic concerns are our personal interest. I.e. speed control measures
- New car park, resident parking permits, pedestrian preferment areas – Are these needed? / Residents permits, not feasible.
- 2-3 parking spaces for new houses – Is it realistic? / Just one-off road space. / To off-road, but not 2-3. / Is this an ideal? Is it likely? Will it be used? Most parking is residents but not in their road.
- We need more 2-3 bedroom houses
- Traffic management – And enforce it
- Another car park - Might people rather park near their own home than walk to another car park some distance away? It would be useful for visitors however.
- Where would a pedestrian preference area be in Silverton? I can only think of the High Street, Fore Street area. / Confusing for children.
- Resident parking schemes – On street or residents' only parking. While it would be in theory possible, it is clear that many visitors are elderly and would find parking away from the house they are visiting difficult. Also the elderly resident's themselves need to be able to be visited by social care/medical workers and also by friends and family who need to be able to park within a reasonable distance. This might also discourage tourism visitors. Also business and churches need adequate parking especially for weddings, funerals, etc
- Need for parking by visitors.
- Difficulty with resident parking scheme is the need to provide parking for those who come to visit residents, e.g. family, friends, care workers. / Could backfire.
- Some residents are only able to park on the road. To reduce this possibility, would make life very difficult for them, particularly if disabled.
- Parking problems are caused by residents' cars so a residents' parking scheme will not help unless numbers and type of vehicles restriction, eg no trade vehicles to park in residential road.
- Churches need parking; especially for funerals and weddings.
- Live in terraced house so have to park on street. Others have drive, garage but 2-3 cars per house. Consider 1 'free' permit for on-street if house has no other option and charge for additional 'on-street' cars (residents' only!!). So many business vehicles park in the village
- No more concrete! Drewsteignton has public parking in a field area – more appropriate for rural area. Perhaps the kind of matting used by NT properties.
- Please no humps. Resident parking OK provided adequate public parking is available.
- Introduce annual car parking charges for on-road parking.
- Cycle racks – Exe Valley?

General comments

- More cycle routes and bigger houses which families can afford.
- Carry on with the social events so people can socialise in the village
- Who pays?
- An important aim should be that the village should To work towards a sustainable future not be simply a satellite to Exeter. We need work space and community developed housing and services.
- I'd like to see more part ownership housing (but not rabbit hutches) so that the young people in the village can get on the housing ladder. Also, I'm not against solar or wind farms per se – we should be looking at alternative forms of energy.
- Ensure allotments are secure for current users
- A little concerned as the work done so far looks as though there will be an excessive amount of new building.

- Agree with all aspect wholeheartedly
- Spar post office requires more customer space
- Old village hall could it be a car park if not sold. At present it spoils the centre of the village. It could provide a toilet site too!
- I have to say, I am surprised by the lack of attention to boundaries acceptable or unacceptable development areas for new housing and baffled by the amount of attention given to the strategic and planning issues which seem beyond the viable remit of village residents. I had thought that the main aim of a village plan was to stipulate limits on changes. The ongoing ambition to improve what we have are fin but can be achieved without the clout of a plan (??). As a template and authorities to improve the community, it has plenty to offer; if that is necessary. My two main concerns are the apparent desire to introduce businesses and too little emphasis on providing activities for teenagers.
- Schemes for encouraging wildlife.
- It is difficult to disagree with such worthy aims but the detailed outworkings may produce difficulties/expenses not presently apparent
- A seat half way up School Road for the ease and comfort of elderly people walking to the village centre.
- This a fully and comprehensive list which will need prioritising at a future date.
- Keep cycles off footpaths
- Footpath on School Road and make a 20mp limit
- Zebra crossings instead of pedestrian preference areas. 'Watch out/warning signs' for children crossing.
- Gate at b ottom of park onto Coach Road with a latch at the top (toddler proof)
- Ban the ice cream van. Noisy nuisance ruining tea time.
- Toilets for car park
- These are excellent aims andobjectives but many of them will need a lot of input from residents. Are there enough people willing to help?

Appreciative comments

- Thank you for all your effort. The problem is the powers that be never listen and are driven by financial reward. During the time of austerity there is no public money available for schemes to enhance local communities.
- Good luck funding all this may be a challenge
- If we can achieve half of these aims and proposals, we will be doing well. Good luck
- A comprehensive plan which seems to address many of the villagers concerns. A huge thank you to those involved in co-ordinating and presenting this document.
- You are doing an excellent job. Well done!
- Thank you for an excellent report. A lot of work has gone into this – a great scene setter for discussion.
- I appreciate the comprehensive document that has been put together and the work that it must have entailed.
- Totally agree with all points raised. Sincerely grateful to all who have worked so hard on the project. Thank you.
- I do commend you all for this document and hard work it represents.

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Negative comments

- Very biased questions. One tick for 4 objectives? Where is the evidence that these statements are representative of local views.