

# **SILVERTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**



As you may know, the Government introduced wide reaching changes to the planning system in the Localism Act 2011. In particular, the concept of Neighbourhood Plans has been adopted, whereby parish councils are empowered to draw up a plan for their parish, or parts of it, **in consultation with parishioners** for the future of the parish. Following the public meeting in St Mary's Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 with the Forward Planning Officer from Mid Devon District Council, Silverton Parish Council decided on behalf of the parishioners that it should inform Mid Devon District Council of their intent to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Silverton Parish. The preparation of a neighbourhood plan will enable everyone within the Parish to look at the various issues and identify possible solutions.

The process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is as follows:

1. Agreement in principle by the Parish Council to prepare a plan (Agreed at March meeting).
2. Confirm with Mid Devon District Council (done).
3. Public consultation on issues, proposals and opportunities (Booked for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June in the Millenium Hall)
4. Preparation of first draft.
5. Second round of public consultation on draft plan (Planned for August)
6. Parish Council agrees final plan.
7. Examination of the plan by an independent assessor (September)
8. Referendum on the plan: to accept or reject it.

The first consultation dates are Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00 - 8.00 pm in the Dorothy Grainger room of the Millenium Hall, and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 am - 6.00 pm in the Millenium Hall itself.

Information about the Silverton Parish Neighbourhood Plan will be found on the Parish notice board and website [www.silvertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.silvertonparishcouncil.org.uk). Further information can be downloaded from <http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/>. The Government has also published an online planning practice guidance on neighbourhood planning which can be seen at <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/>

Continuing information about the progress of this plan will be published on the parish website.

We would very much value your views of the issues affecting the parish which will be going into the Neighbourhood Plan and we would therefore greatly appreciate it if you could let us know your comments on the various issues outlined on the attached page and drop them in to the boxes supplied at Spar, Flixx hairdresser, Lamb Inn, Silverton Inn, Three Tuns and Wyndham House Surgery.

**by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

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## Parishioners' Views

If you have any thoughts on any of the following issues, or any other issues in the Mid Devon Local Plan Review Core Strategy, found at <http://www.middevon.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2605> please comment in the relevant box. If you would like to look at an almost completed plan, a similar example to our parish is Harberton in the South Hams at <http://www.harbertonford.org/index.php/Parish/NeighbourhoodPlan>

Core 3 Housing Needs		<b>Age Groups in House</b> <u>Number</u>  1-15
Core 4 Employment Needs		16-30  31-50  50-65
Core 8 Infrastructure Provision		Over 65
Core 9 Access		
Further comments		

All core strategies can be found at: <http://www.middevon.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=7872&p=0>

*All comments will be carefully considered, though it may not be possible to incorporate them all, and a plan with achievable objectives will be drawn up and put out for consultation. Please feel free to continue on another page if you need.*

**“A Neighbourhood Plan is designed by YOU the parishioner for the future good of the parish”**