

## **ENVIRONMENT:**

- EN1. The present quiet rural and historical environment must be preserved and not spoiled or wrecked by noise, traffic, car parking and shops.
- EN10. More dog bins!
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- EN12. Creation of an orchard bee keeping?.
- EN13. Community growing – eg. Orchard make sure enough allotments are available
- EN14. Space allowed for growing food and open spaces to enjoy = Community
- EN15. You are losing green space; I see animals all the time in the fields.
- EN16. Using Greenfield sites ruins the natural beauty of the Village
- EN17. I do not think we should be building on green field sites at all. If they are not needed for farming, they should be returned to the wild. That is the only way to provide for our long-term health and happiness
- EN18. Village must be protected from further developments. Protection of environment is paramount.
- EN19. 7 yr old suggestion play park and den in the allotments please
- EN20. No development on the south side of the Village where people get into the countryside.
- EN21. Any development has to take into careful consideration the wildlife/habitats in that area. They should not simply be removed.
- EN22. Concerned – that infill will be insufficient to maintain the vibrant village we are; so many groups, facilities etc. We will have to accept that we will need to extend the current settlement limits. However, we do not want large scale development by large developers. We need sufficient additional housing etc built to a standard to maintain the village environment.
- EN23. Silverton is still a pleasant rural community which still features the traditional character and “feeling” of a typical Mid Devon village. This is what we like and this why we live here. Certain individuals and groups push them forward to the detriment of the village as a nice place to live.
- EN24. The imposition of housing on an already well developed village will destroy the essence of what is a very beautiful and balanced community. The building of more terrible modern homes would be a complete disaster for Silverton.
- EN25. Any development in Silverton should be gradual and limited. It is a large village already and should remain a village.

- EN26. Because of the new town (Cranbrook) and major housing developments in the Exeter area, there is more than adequate housing in the greater Exeter area without having to desecrate the village of Silverton – where there is little or no employment – with its already congested roads.
- EN27. Silverton is a *village* not a *town*. It will not have the character of a village with a great deal more expansion. All the recent expansion should be taken into account for the housing needs of the village. Heavy vehicles using approach roads/streets to building sites could damage older properties.
- EN28. If we wish to keep our village environment/heritage then future development needs to be closely controlled. Small and within the village boundary, and appropriate to the village. Not rows of town houses! We have had huge developments of the village over the past 15+ years.
- EN29. Any development whether for housing or industry should take note of lessons being learned elsewhere in an area of climate change. Flooding has become a serious issue and an increased acreage under concrete and tarmac does not allow for natural drainage under the soil.
- EN30. Planning rules to safeguard village life. Conservation areas and agricultural land needs to be maintained. In particular, efforts should be made to maintain the ancient turnpike route. The approaches into the Berry and the Square are to a large extent intact eg: deep Devon lanes with high hedgerows. The same is largely true of old Butterleigh Road. This is a precious legacy.
- EN31. Steady development – not too much.
- EN32. Sustained development (i.e. 2 a year – 40 by 2034) coupled with an ambition to ensure that Silverton remains a village
- EN33. Avoid large-scale developments which turn Silverton into a “new town” satellite of Exeter. It does not improve the community as a whole. Small-scale development within the village preferred.
- EN34. The village within Silverton is rare and precious. It works extremely well as it is. Silverton must not drift towards becoming a town.
- EN35. A small expansion of the population would benefit the village. Large-scale influx would ruin a thriving community spirit.
- EN36. If this village gets any bigger it will cease to become one and will be a commuter belt village where no-one cares
- EN37. Preserving the remaining rural “gateway” to the village is of paramount importance
- EN38. Not on the allotments please – I have one and use it. Not on Livingshayes Road, too narrow. Build up behind Silverdale and Applemede, also down near Forge (?) Garage if anywhere. Please keep Silverton a small village and don't build.

EN39. The Parish must aim to be carbon neutral by 2025. This could be by neighbourhood power generation schemes including micro-hydro, solar and wind power etc.

Don't spoil village lanes for the sake of more houses

The road running past the Glebe should be considered as a major recreational facility for the village. It is the only level road for walking out of the village and is heavily used by cyclists, children, the elderly and dog walkers. The only recreational road is the old Butterleigh Road which is very steep and has more local traffic. Development of the Glebe is undesirable as it would turn this road into another busy access road. Why live in a village if one is unable to walk out into the countryside?

None of the main roads supplying the village and through the village are able to support any increase in traffic. Most have no or inadequate pavements, are largely single track, including those in the centre of the village and those surrounding the areas under discussion for development. The Glebe is surrounded by single-track lanes. Enlarging those to allow for two tracks would destroy hedgerows, pavements and/or housing. Any development should be *at* points in the village where main entrance roads already exist.

Rural environment destroyed by wide roads

Noise levels increase with more traffic AQ23

HR13. Establish Friends of Silverton to build on work of litter picking and tidy verges, weeds etc

HR15. Litter and dog mess

HR16. Crack down on litter instil pride in our kids

HR18. Keep old paths etc in good order e.g. old cobbled path from end of Church Road down New Barn Lane

A need to resolve the protracted non-development and ongoing deterioration of the old village hall site. The current situation down and encourages vermin.

Too many potholes persist on outlying lanes. The old village hall site is a blot on Silverton's village scape and should be developed ahead of any other area.

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It is important that local need drives decision making here. The Mid Devon Core Strategy (Core 1) talks about sustainable communities and this links with Core 4, Core 8 and Core 9. Core 2, though, talks about local distinctiveness, not least the natural beauty of Mid Devon and the

traditionally very low density of population. Thus any local development would need to be carefully justified in accordance with Core 4. The strategy also makes clear that the foci for any future development should be the towns: Tiverton, Cullumpton and Crediton, stating that remaining rural areas should provide for local needs only. Nonetheless the needs of the local people via affordable housing should certainly be considered.

Level of housing proposed by Mid Devon Council is far too high and would have a hugely detrimental effect on the village. Small-scale sustainable development (infill) with architectural design sympathetic to the village would be best option. Preserving the remaining rural 'gateway' to the village is of paramount importance. Upexe road still retains its historical character, whilst most other gateways have been seriously affected by inappropriate development.

Imperative to minimise green field development. Not to remove allotments which provide food and leisure within Silverton community. Imperative to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Ensure local needs are sufficient for future developments.

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Destruction of greenfield sites ruin the beauty of the village.

The village is big enough - any larger will erode the character + peace we enjoy.

The sites and numbers of houses suggested for development in Silverton are completely inappropriate. This needs reviewing. Upexe Road should also be left undeveloped as it is the only entrance to the village that still retains its historical value. Infill housing would be more appropriate and this should be of similar in keeping design with the conservation area of the village. Worse case scenario should only be a development at the modern end of the village to act as a high quality, good design (in keeping with the historic part of the village) buffer in front of the estates already there.

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We must adopt greener lifestyles if our village is to be protected for future generations.

Silverton has a strong sense of community spirit. An increase of a limited number of newcomers could enrich the existing community. However, no-one wants the village to become a commuter belt. A large influx of people would upset the balance.