

Silverton Parish Neighbourhood Plan

I am writing to inform you that Silverton Parish Council has commenced the process of developing a neighbourhood plan for the area. As you will be aware, neighbourhood plans were introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and provide the opportunity for the local community to set out its own statutory development plan and policies for its area. Mid Devon District Council has formally designated the neighbourhood planning area as the administrative boundary of the parish as shown on the attached plan.

We are following rather a tight timetable which we hope will see a draft plan ready for submission to Mid Devon District Council later this year. The Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee of the Parish Council is currently developing the evidence base and holding initial 'discussions' with local people, organisations and other key stakeholders and consultees about their views. You can find out more about the neighbourhood plan and process at www.silvertonparishcouncil.com.

In order to help us ensure that we are aware of all issues relevant to the development of neighbourhood plan, we would be grateful if you would contact us (by replying to this email) should you wish to contribute anything at this early stage in the process. This might include:

- informing us of key strategies, plans and programmes (or elements of them which are relevant to our parish) which you think we should be aware of;
- telling us what you think the Neighbourhood Plan should focus on or help to achieve; and/or;
- any other comments you wish to make to inform the developing neighbourhood plan.

We are keen to establish a dialogue with you and would be grateful if you can confirm who the most appropriate contact person is for future correspondence on the neighbourhood plan. Due to our very tight timeframe, if you do wish to contribute anything at this stage, we would be very grateful if you could do so by 30th September 2014, as we would like to finish compiling our initial scoping of the evidence base and key issues to inform the next stage of the process. If you do not wish to contribute at this stage, the 'door remains open' should you wish to contact us at any point.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Highways Agency and Natural England are PDF and therefore attached.

Arts Council England response

Dear Olivia

Thank you for contacting Arts Council England.

Having read through the documentation, it appears that we would not be an appropriate body to provide advice about best practice in terms of neighbourhood planning and strategy.

Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. We do this by providing funding for arts based projects, which are not for profit and are directly intended to benefit or engage the English public.

If some of your neighbourhood planning is related to the arts in some capacity then please get in touch again to specify what elements this aspect may comprise of and we may be able to provide some useful advice or contacts.

I hope this will be useful to you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us by emailing enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk or calling 0845 300 6200.

Kind Regards,

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Devon Ramblers response

Dear Olivia,

Thank you for the information. Ramblers are only able to help if there is a problem existing that is within our area of expertise. So anything that effects Rights of Ways, Footpaths and development in an Area of outstanding Natural Beauty are within our domain and we will be pleased to be involved with any problem or advice required. Please contact myself in the first instance and I wish you well in your endeavours in looking after lovely Silverton.

Regards,

ROBERT WOOLCOTT

Chairman, Devon Area Ramblers.

Sport England response

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above Neighbourhood Plan.

Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important.

It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Parts 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England - Planning Policy Statement'.
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/>

Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below:
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/>

Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations.
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/>

If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

If you need any further advice please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

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