

Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan – Key Findings

The Neighbourhood Questionnaire was sent to all parish households in July 2016. It was independently reviewed before distribution and independently analysed upon its return by Devon Communities Together. Below is a table summarising their key findings based on the comments parishioners made, along with the proposals of your Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. A copy of the comprehensive Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan and the Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan Survey Report can both be found on the Lamerton Neighbourhood Plan website <http://www.lamertonparish.co.uk>

<u>Key Finding</u>	<u>Plan Proposal</u>
The rural nature of the parish, parish identity and feeling part of the community are highly valued by local people	<p>Restrict future house building to small in fill sites and thus minimise green field development and excessive village expansion;</p> <p>Protect conservation areas such as the Green Triangle, The Avenue and the Village Hall playing field as these form the cornerstone of Lamerton Village’s identity;</p> <p>Continue to actively support community facilities and services throughout the parish.</p>
Local services and facilities are regarded as important to the majority of respondents and should be maintained.	Continue to actively support community facilities and services throughout the parish.
Most people travel outside of the parish for work and to shop.	To support business and transport initiatives which would best serve the interests of Lamerton community whilst recognising that most people will still continue to work and shop outside of the parish.
The petrol station, village hall and the pub are the most frequently used services and should be maintained.	Continue to actively support community facilities and services throughout the parish.
Agricultural related businesses and farm diversification should be encouraged.	In keeping with its status as a rural farming community, ensure agricultural and farming businesses are, where possible and practical, given the support they need to thrive.
Larger retailers and warehousing and distribution businesses should not be	Developments which would adversely affect Lamerton Parish’s rural status will not be

encouraged.	supported.
New developments in the parish should include allotments and wildlife corridors.	All new developments within the parish must be sympathetically designed to blend with the existing rural setting; Developments which offer additional community facilities and minimise or enhance the natural environment will receive greater support.
Investigation into community owned renewable energy scheme that directly benefits the parish should be considered. Solar panels on domestic and commercial building roofs and hydro power are the preferred source on energy.	Business led initiatives which will provide direct benefits to the parish will be given full consideration; Domestic led initiatives that sympathetically blend with the parish's rural setting will be given full consideration.
Community owned renewable energy schemes that incorporate solar panels on farmland or open spaces and wind turbines are not preferred by local people.	Business led initiatives that provide the parish with direct benefits, do not adversely affect its rural nature and scenic beauty will be given consideration.
The majority of people in the parish own their own home and have no plans to move.	With restricted mobility and family growth future housing development aimed at the first or second time buyer is essential for the sustainability of parish families.
2 and 3 bed houses should be prioritised in future plans.	Development of 2 and 3 bedroom houses aimed at the first or second time buyer will be actively encouraged.
Housing development that includes affordable family homes and starter homes for younger people are supported by local people.	Developments which include affordable family homes and starter homes for younger people will be actively encouraged.
Housing developments that include retirement homes for rent are supported by a high majority of people over 65.	Developments which address the needs of an aging parish community will be given full consideration.
Housing developments should be small scale and retain the rural character of the parish.	Small scale housing developments which address the needs of the first or second buyer or the needs of those wishing to downsize

	and that blend with the rural setting of the parish will be supported.
A scheduled bus service and speed of vehicles through the village are considered the main transport related issues to local people.	Road calming and parking measures will be considered as part of any future roadside developments; Transport initiatives which would provide enhanced public services will be supported (although it is recognised that financial viability may prove to be an issue).
Broadband and mobile services limit local people's ability to use online services effectively.	Service improvements are slowly being made but the active pursuit of service providers must continue.
The parish should encourage a mix of age groups and more young people and families.	The absence of affordable housing for first and second time buyers will be encouraged to ensure a thriving family community of all age groups exists for the longer term sustainability of the parish.