

North Tawton Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Event 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016

FEEDBACK on the day

**FEEDBACK FROM POST IT NOTES: ECONOMY**

**Retail (see also under Community Life feedback)**

*Wouldn't it be lovely to have a produce market (fresh veg etc) in the town Sq or car park (no rent) once a week?*

**SAVE OUR SHOPS**

*We need a few more interesting/useful shops – poss. Of pop-up shops selling bric – a – brac/local produce?*

*We need to maximise use of facilities, empty shops, buildings etc. Could the council give local business lower rates to enable new start-ups, pop-up shops or “peoples co-operatives” to happen – make North Tawton a market town again!*

**AGREE MORE SHOPS PLEASE**

*What is happening with old pharmacy? It still needs to be a shop!*

*(Referring to previous comment) Thoroughly agree it makes town look tatty*

*No more shops to be converted to residential use.*

**Employment (see also under Community Life feedback)**

*Industrial development on ARLA side of the bridge will detract from the view of the fields, river and ancient bridge in addition to the ecology. Consider flood risks – road to Week regularly floods. More than enough HGVs & tankers. Better to promote ?? & artisan workshops in the woollen mill*

*What is happening with woollen mill restoration plan?*

*Forget Wool Mill its History – move forward out of town – no lorries over bridge or through town*

*Wool Mill is accepted by English Heritage as a site of national importance.*

*To preserve the historic nature of North Tawton and access over Taw Bridge and the ecology of the river please no more industrial development necessitating HGVs & distribution on an inappropriate road network. It does not promote tourism; pedestrian safety is compromised on the bridge. Already been issues with noise pollution from ARLA.*

*There should be better access for Gregorys to go from main road. Please not too many so called live/work units!*

*Vital to get more employment to the town for the next generation.*

## **FEEDBACK FROM POST IT NOTES: HOUSING**

### **More housing generally**

*Would be nice to see something done with the wool mill instead of being left like it is. Maybe Wain Homes could focus on this venture and stop where they are at Batheway!!*

*The m.p.r. is already exceeded, why do we need any more development?*

*No more (big) new developments!*

*There can be very little community spirit with too large a community. Therefore no more development PLEASE. We have started to lose our community spirit already. Drivers are not so polite etc.*

*No more new developments objective 9 – we have a Wain Homes house and the build standard is appalling. Currently battling with NHBC & WDBC. The town doesn't have the infrastructure for any more housing.*

*No more houses to be built by Wain Homes. Have met some of the first/new occupants and they are disappointed with the quality. Have already had builders in to put things right.*

*Throw Wain Homes out.*

*Enough development already*

*The Woollen mill project should be completed 62 dwellings BEFORE WAIN HOMES are given any further planning permission.*

*No need for major development as we have exceeded 137 already in 2016.*

*Say no to Wain homes.*

*MPR reached. Wain Homes should be refused further development.*

*MPR – minimum ok – maximum???* – add a maximum criteria

### **Particular sites**

*Had we known the proposed size of Batheway Fields, we would NEVER have bought a property here. We were never told of this! We want to live in a community market town not a faceless commuter town.*

*Once again I agree Batheways is too big and will get bigger, we moved from suburban Kent, we wanted countryside NOT concrete.*

*Environmental Trust area should not be used for housing.*

*Why is development proposed in Devonshire gardens when local residents have objected to these proposals on a number of occasions, this is a matter of public record.*

*North Street is a lovely but narrow road with attractive cottages. Please can we protect and preserve it by keeping traffic to the minimum.*

## **Affordability**

*I agree that it is very important that any new housing is GENUINELY affordable, pref for local young people sustainable/environmentally designed as far as poss.. Small scale developments NOT on green field sites; has own parking.*

*Affordable housing is only affordable if it truly considers low wages. That's the criteria and should reflect local pay.*

*Affordable homes should be for locals. Parking should be included. Bad congestion in town already.*

*Real affordable housing is not expensive.*

*If affordable homes are to be built, then they must be affordable. I see no benefit of building these and people find they are not affordable. Perhaps before any further building encourage more shops.*

## **Infrastructure**

*Instead of more housing we should concentrate on what we already have. What about JOBS?? We need more industry to encourage people to work and live in NT.*

*School and surgery cannot support more housing.*

*Should also take account of need for access to school, doctors etc & fact that centre of NT gets very congested at busy times. I am not in favour of conversion of shop etc. premises to dwellings – NT needs MORE shops eg. greengrocers/deli/bakery. This might attract more visitors.*

*I am against turning shops into housing. We need more shops in the town. Better parking and access near school.*

*I have concern that if we continue to allow future housing developments within the town then our school will not be able to provide places for the children who live within the town. The school is already having to turn local children away in certain year groups.*

*Infrastructure can't cope with more houses. Need shops, better transport.*

*There needs to be appropriate infrastructure ie space at NT primary school, doctors' surgery and reduced traffic if they want to build more houses. but please do not make it like Okehampton. We want to remain as a small market town.*

*Local buses are needed, we don't want to spend 2 hours in OKE. Better public transport is greatly needed to provide a better service for people travelling to work, and the elderly. 1 bus an hour is of no good, we cannot always be ready to go when the timetable states these long times.*

*Parking and traffic levels are a major issue in North Tawton, and no development should increase this problem in the older part of the town with its narrow roads and poor access through the square.*

## **Self-build**

*I like this idea a lot, keep people in NT.*

*Point (iii) What is full definition of 'completed'? What would happen if completion (under the above definition) is not achieved?*

*Need to allow for more self builds, lax on planning permission for low impact builds, builds better communities than building big building contractors erecting 50 houses at a time.*

*The self-build scheme is good. Keep things small scale and personal. Great to give people who want it the opportunity to work on a project like this.*

*This would be great – self-builds for local people, to fit into the look/feel of NT.*

*I hope that terms such as 'local connection' and 'strong local connection' are defined in either national or local planning legislation. If not I see endless riches for lawyers.*

*Self Builds will be built to a better standard and people will stay there longer.*

*Any garage parking should be specified to fit modern large cars. Else it will just be storage and more cars on road!*

*All new builds should have a garage & parking space.*

## **H03/H04**

*Necessity on all counts!!*

## **H05**

*Yes every house needs space*

*Don't build houses in front of bungalows*

*H01 a given!!!*

*Is there any point in putting our views here. Let's face it we will NOT be listened to as is always the case.*

## **H07 iv)**

*Does the Wain Homes site comply with this?*

## **FEEDBACK FROM POST IT NOTES: INFRASTRUCTURE (see also Housing comments)**

### **Parking**

*Parking a real problem – NT needs a plan!*

*Need some realistic options to solve the parking problem issues*

*Parking issues need to be addressed. Support home owners who want to add off street parking to their houses.*

*Environment Agency land in North Street and bottom end of park in Barton Road could be used for car parking.*

*Medical Centre car park for public use by agreement at evenings and weekends?*

### **Traffic (see also under Community Life feedback)**

*The square should be made 'one way' by the clock tower & Post Office. I'm surprised there's been no accidents there! No Parking in that area would be good too!*

*Speed limit change between Moor View & Batheway Fields (to) 30*

*HGVs restricted from town centre unless they are given a permit to deliver, this money could be used to build a road network around the town. Make the centre for pedestrians only this would also encourage business back.*

### **Doctors surgery**

*Doctors surgery already struggling to cope & then elderly are already having to travel to Bow or Crediton.*

*Public transport need to increase or doctor visits and appointments will only be available at bus time table schedules*

*Doctors surgery needs to stay in North Tawton not everyone can travel to Bow, Okehampton or Crediton*

*My concern is that the doctor's surgery is becoming less and less and I wonder if we will even have a branch surgery in the future!*

### **Public Transport**

*Sunday Bus service to & from Exeter. This could be an extension of the existing Sunday service which stops at Crediton. Essential for those of us who cannot drive.*

*Totally agree*

*Public transport – made available, user friendly & affordable*

*Re-opening railway station would environmentally help*

*Make it look like new Okehampton – another toy town*

**Feedback written on boards**

**Policy E1 (v – vii)**

1 sad face

2 smiley faces

**Policy E4**

1 sad face

**Is the plan going in the right direction?**

2 sad face

7 sad/happy face

5 happy face

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