

Summary of the Parish Councils' feedback about next year's priorities.

Do you agree with the priorities proposed for next year?

Parish view	Officer comment
Broadly, but previous evidence of planning enforcement (high numbers of retrospective planning applications) is not good and will enforcement such as nuisance and anti-social behaviour be any better?	It is certainly a challenge in terms of using the limited resources available and meeting expectations.
Seaton/Exmouth development – needed but much more detail needed. Is this primarily an industrial development with the environment secondary?	The detail will accompany planning submissions.
No, too much biased towards the east of Exeter and not enough for rural parishes	Our Policy is the direct result of Government and Regional policy.
In general yes – but change “more affordable housing” to “have to do”	Policy of 40% affordable housing now in the adopted Local Plan. It is a local and national priority but not an absolute duty.
Retain council housing stock a “have to do”	Stock retention will be a matter of finance and tenants vote.
Mostly, with reservations: namely about the amount of money being spent on the Seaton/Exmouth regeneration schemes worth £40 million	Funding is largely from the private sector.
If the banks; BT; Police etc cannot get an efficient call centre – how can EDDC manage that system? Staffing levels, waiting time, frustrated callers etc?	Other councils have shown much higher levels of customer satisfaction as a result of introducing this new way of working.
We do not generally understand Sky Park. It would be nice to have details.	Devon County Council currently carrying out consultation exercise which can be seen on their website.

Would you add any? If so what would you add?

Improve emphasis on children's services, facilities and leisure provision	Some of the children's work will be mandatory. We do not have finance to extend facilities at present.
Greater co-operation and closer working with PCs	We have acted upon your better communication ideas and are currently working on a protocol to put in our Constitution to help better joint working.
Within clean neighbourhoods and environment remit – pest control to be expanded to include vermin pest species birds (rooks, seagulls etc). Currently no department seems to take up bird pests.	Bird pests are very difficult to tackle humanely and acceptably. The costs are high and many species are protected.
Look into capitalising on selling Knowle and building a new purpose built HQ at Cranbrook	This will be investigated.

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More support for rural village premises	What support is sought?
The opportunity to re-cycle all materials including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plastics ▪ Cardboard ▪ Associated packaging ▪ Compostable materials – garden/kitchen waste etc 	Will be taken up – first roll out of service will be next year.
To ensure that planning officers take more notice of the opinions, based on local knowledge, of Parish Councils – where relevant to planning regulations and laws	Planning officers operate within clear guidelines, not always possible to agree with Parish Council view.
More emphasis on affordable housing in the rural community – not just towards the new town (to keep our villages alive)	To be addressed by the Overview Committee on 5 October. We have been seeking parishes' assistance in identifying exception sites for development.
Recycling: other parts of the world such as Perth were recycling over 70% of waste some 20-30 years ago. Has anyone thought to look outside the UK (look not visit)	Yes but all new initiatives come at a price.
Force Railtrack to repair Stoke Canon signal box. It is Grade II listed.	Sent to the Planning Policy and Conservation Team to look at.

What would you take out? (If you add something, you have to take a current priority off the list)

Retain the council housing stock	This is the current position but it may change.
JE exercise. They are a “cop out” for management and 9 times out of 10 result in an increased wages bill.	We are bound by the national agreement to implement this.
If pressed – new nuisance and behaviour powers if needed to preserve finance	Noted. We have new powers but no finance to increase enforcement presence.
Reduce Nuisance and Anti-social behaviour	We have new powers but no finance to increase enforcement presence.
Likewise East of Exeter	There are no plans to remove this from the Local Plan Policy
Seaton and Exmouth regeneration	There are no plans to remove these from the Corporate Strategy
Review of council's landholdings	Noted
No need to remove anything from the list	Noted
Exmouth Visitor Centre if one had to	Noted