

## Joint Local Plan and MACKPlan

As Cllrs are aware, WDBC, South Hams DC and Plymouth Council are to produce a Joint Local Plan [JLP] covering their combined areas.

WDBC has announced that the first consultation phase of the JLP begins on 1 July and runs until 12 August 2016, entitled: **Plymouth and South West Devon: where will we develop?** How much detail is in the consultation documents is unknown at the time of preparing this report. It could just be about the principles of where development should go, but is probably going to identify either sites or target numbers for new homes.

The PC can give preliminary consideration to this at this meeting, but is likely to need to hold the provisional meeting scheduled for 3rd August to refine its views, probably in the light of local consultation if specific sites are involved.

Cllr Asbridge has been working on the preparation of part of the evidence base for MACKPlan and recently submitted a document to WDBC for their comments as to its relevance and technical competence. It is mainly concerned with housing and can be found at [\[insert link\]](#).

The WDBC planner supporting neighbourhood plans [who was on a temporary assignment that ended last week] stated that:

*'Your document seems to be fine and progressing very well. You are quite right to acknowledge the need for local evidence which is proportionate such that your group should not feel obliged to undertake comprehensive and detailed studies in order to try to explain the local situation.'*

*The one suggestion that I would make to you now is that your group focuses upon the forthcoming consultation on the joint local plan which will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July. I would urge you to make sure that as full a response as necessary is submitted be it in support or in opposition and, in either case, that your view is supported by whatever evidence you have available. If you don't have any detailed quantitative technical evidence (by way of, for example, a housing needs study) or qualitative evidence (such as the results of community surveys) then you will need to justify the view given in order to give it a degree of credence.'*

He also said:

*'Please ensure that any response is submitted on schedule in order to ensure that it is accepted. I suspect that, as statutory consultees, the view of the parish councils will carry more weight than that of the Neighbourhood Plan groups. Therefore, it may be preferable for the councils to submit the response rather than your group.'*

As soon as further information is received, hopefully on 1<sup>st</sup> July, it will be sent to all Cllrs. If appropriate, Cllr Asbridge [as Chair of MACKPlan] will produce a commentary on the proposals concerned and the future development of MACKPlan, to be circulated before the meeting.