

**Hatherleigh Market Community Engagement
Statement for Immediate Release to Hatherleigh Town Council and West
Devon Borough Council
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Summary of 1st Stage Public Consultation Exercise – 14th July 2011

A range of acknowledged factors have undermined the viability and long-term future of Cattle Markets and Hatherleigh is no exception. The West Devon Local Plan and more recently the Core Strategy have recognised this.

The owners of the site have appointed a professional team to advise on the future of the site and the potential for a range of uses, including housing, employment and a street market, which will continue to benefit the town. The team are committed to involving the community in the evolution of proposals and the first public meeting was held on 14th July 2011 at Hatherleigh Community Centre and ran from 13:00 to 19:00 hrs.

The event comprised an exhibition of indicative plans, presented as ideas to generate debate, and the opportunity for members of the public to discuss the proposals with representatives of the project team. Around 300 people signed the attendance register and just under half of the attendees expressed particular comments regarding the proposals at the event.

The responses received in the first Community Engagement exercise have been collated, analysed and carefully monitored by the project team, and the proposals are currently being developed in response to these comments. The second stage of community consultation is anticipated to take place in the Autumn, when more detailed plans will be available for viewing and discussion.

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