

Hatherleigh Market - Summary of 1st Stage Consultation Responses

- Approximately 300 people attended the first public meeting held at Hatherleigh Community Centre on 14th July 2011
- Of the 300 attendees to the event, 139 people (46%) expressed particular views which were recorded on a master sheet
- From the 139 responses, there were in the order of 292 different threads identified in the comments.

The different threads were categorised into 4 different broad themes:

- i. The Market/Civic Events – 105 related responses (36% of overall)
- ii. New Residential Development – 92 related responses (31% of overall)
- iii. Infrastructure and Services – 55 related responses (19% of overall)
- iv. Support and Suggestions – 40 related responses (just under 14% of overall)

The key issues that were raised within the feedback were as follows:

i. The Market/Civic Events

- a) Of the 105 comments made regarding the market/civic events, the most common remark expressed was a *desire to see the Tuesday Pannier market/Fur and Feathers market continue* (16%).
- b) 13% of those who made comments in respect of the market/civic events raised the issue of a *preference to retain car parking and adequate space for the Hatherleigh Carnival*.
- c) 11% of those expressing particular comments regarding the market/civic events *highlighted their desire for the proposed retained marketplace area and associated open space to be larger*.
- d) 10% respectively raised the issues of *the retention of some form of marketplace being imperative as a social centre/meeting place and the preference to see a more equal balance of industrial use and residential development on the site*.

ii. New Residential Development

- a) A key concern amongst those who made comments regarding the new residential development element of the proposals was their *perceptions of a lack of employment for new residents* (23%).

- b) 15% of those expressing particular comments regarding new residential development *raised concerns over the volume of housing units and marketability.*
- c) Just under 10% of the respondents in this category *expressed concern regarding incomers to the town as a result of new social and market housing and/or expressed concern that the new housing won't be for local people.*

iii. Infrastructure and Services

- a) Of the 55 comments made surrounding infrastructure and services, 33% had *concerns over the capacity of the local school.*
- b) 16% raised *general concern regarding the potential strain on Hatherleigh's infrastructure and the general need for improvement of services.*
- c) 14.5% of those who commented in this category were *particularly concerned over the capacity of the local medical centre and the pressures it would likely experience*

Support and Suggestions

Around 40 of the responses attracted at the 1st stage public consultation event offered further suggestions or unique comments, which were not readily categorised. The most common suggestion was that of providing for a riverside walk as part of the proposals.

Ends

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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