

# Hatherleigh Community Plan Feedback Form

## Tell us your views after reading the plan

Consultation Phase: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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- Old Schools
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- *Community Centre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10am - 1pm*
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**Use this form to comment on the plan?** As your response plays a key part we would like you to feedback your views, however small. Please **comment online** or complete this **feedback form**.

**Post your comments in the Feedback Form Boxes at the above locations.**

**This plan is a consultation version and as a community you all still have the opportunity to comment on the plan and influence what it says.**

Below are comment boxes for you to give your feedback. There are questions in each section which are the same as those cited in the Hatherleigh Community Plan. Please respond to the questions or give any other thoughts you have which relate to each chapter heading. Use more paper if needed.

**Responses below so far from 18 completed forms. Answers to specific questions and general comments grouped under same headings.**

**COMMUNITY LIFE: What are your views about this chapter in the full plan?**

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- *1. What will your role be in preserving the Community spirit?*
- *2. Would extra notice boards provided around new developments help people to join in and feel part of the community?*
- *3. How can we promote Hatherleigh as being a vibrant market town with a good community spirit?*
- *4. Do you have any other ideas for sharing information in the town?*

1. I speak to everyone. I support coffee morning, fundraising, film club, market, library, shops and businesses.

1. I support local events such as market, carnival, festival.

1. Continue taking part in events

1. I support as many initiatives/events as possible.

1. Using local shops and businesses as much as possible. Continuing to offer transport to elderly for

appointments. Willing to do door to door deliveries for communication

2. Extra notice boards won't make a great deal of difference – if people want to know they find out.

2. Boards are ok but do people bother to read, word of mouth best.

2. No. It's more important to put relevant info up.

2. Yes as long as they are kept updated.

2. Please NO more notice boards! Existing ones ok!

2. Extra notice boards would definitely be good, around new developments. More space for posters at community centre, the market, the car park. Permanent boards advertising what there is in the town – for locals and visitors.

2. Extra and larger notice boards would be helpful.

2. Yes needed everywhere in the town.

2. Existing telegraph poles are very successful.

3. Promote it by not spoiling it any further, i.e. no more enlargement, remove car park charges, no more houses.

3. Keep up good work being done.

3. Give new residents a welcome pack listing all local facilities/clubs/ contact etc inspiring info to encourage them to get involved.

3. Marian Presswell does an excellent job reporting in North Devon Journal, but we really need someone to give reports to Okehampton Times, etc. – we have so many events that go unreported in this FREE form of 'advertising' our town more widely.

3. Advertise walking/cycling routes and other events in appropriate magazines and with the tourist board.

4. Parish Pump goes to all houses.

4. Create a list of email contacts for info via town council/community centre. A facebook/twitter page or website.

4. Good informative website aimed at tourists (PR?) and keeps Hatherleigh as a market town in order to attract them!!

4. Possibly town to pay for town crier on day of event, when Vic Read did it, it was very effective.

"There should be an active YOUTH COUNCIL of young people aged 13 – 25 who have actual POWER to make decisions for the town – perhaps part of the existing town council as in Barnstaple/South Molton.

"Extra notice boards around new developments would be a good idea.

"Hatherleigh is not a vibrant town, it is dead, you want to see a vibrant town go to Torrington, it has 44 shops and a new market on Mondays and Tuesdays. What and how many shops does Hatherleigh have??? Hatherleigh is closed on a Monday to shoppers, what a welcome for visitors!!

"Promotion – engage with all commercial and tourist avenues as if the town were a small business.

"we have good community spirit but too much social housing will erode this as many families get sent here that don't integrate into the established community.

"Help existing traders to survive, the community spirit lies within them too. Provide free parking so they use them more. There are plenty of notice boards; they need to be maintained better. Best way of sharing information is talking to people.

"Need a tourist/history shop. I would like to open! (name supplied) To promote this area – any funding available?

"Cannot promote Hatherleigh as a vibrant MARKET town as it will not be there anymore.

"No harm in putting up extra notice boards. But generally Hatherleigh.net and Parish Pump are a good source of local info. The Pump could have a shorter "print" deadline though.

**HOUSING: What are your views about this chapter in the full plan?**

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. Do you agree that a rate of growth of 13% over life of the plan is right for the town?
- 2. What do you think is most important as part of any new development (e.g. affordable homes, housing for the elderly, continued market uses, community facilities etc.)?

1. NO, too many new ones already with no jobs to support and a strain on infrastructure.

1. No, the town has grown too fast already, less would be better.

1. Yes.

1. Yes, ok, as long as school has capacity.

1. No I feel is still too high, 6% is more realistic (same person who said town is dead?!)

1. Yes as a maximum.

1. 10% would be more sustainable but any development should be secondary to employment opportunities.

2. Can't answer as don't agree with more houses.

2. the market, community facilities

2. Mixed housing with adequate employment opportunities and enhanced community facilities.

2. Continuation and expansion of market, a medium size supermarket – Aldi, bigger than Tesco Express which we don't want, to be incorporated into market area.

2. Continued market use would be the best option and light industry. Failing this, larger homes to attract prosperity and less dependence on employment prospects or benefits. I am concerned about the insurance implications of building on a flood plain, in spite of our flood defences.

"Improve links between school and community centre. More opportunities for ages 13 – 25. Where is the provision for NEETS? Or older teens?"

"Housing growth should not be excessive and should take account of the jobs available in the area. I feel that affordable housing should be primarily for Hatherleigh connected residents and not West Devon.

"The real point here is that the market should decide. Why build more houses if they aren't needed? The most important part of any development is that it is commercially sound and has a long term future.

"Agree with 2<sup>nd</sup> point of development plan. Do NOT agree that we need 105 new houses, it's a mini estate. 105 houses in the market area would not be compatible with promoting Hatherleigh as a "vibrant market town" and would cause more traffic/parking problems.

"I don't think there is a need for such growth – no jobs locally – no cheap homes for local young couples – infrastructure not in place (we were told 25 yrs ago the sewage system was working at full capacity!!).

"No, 13% is not right. The town doesn't need any more housing. The chapter is contradictory. The plan says it is not needed, but it also says West Devon WILL build anyway – so why bother asking people?"

"It is inevitable that additional housing will be built but we MUST ensure that the market is maintained – this is the life blood of Hatherleigh and without it the whole economy of the town is under threat!"

"Continue it as a market.

"Jobs need to be available if houses are built. Any new development must not jeopardise the ability of the market to continue to function as a centre for produce, bric a brac, poultry, etc, with corresponding space for circa 500 cars, recreation (?cycling/play area) when not in use! Housing should blend with existing town. Perhaps scope for incorporating economical neighbourhood heating schemes?"

“Catering for the elderly is very important, an area close to the amenities (Co-op, and other shops) for housing – bungalow style and close to the bus stop. Any housing needs to be thoroughly thought through so rubbish collections can be carried out (not as VICKS MEADOW) where it is all accumulated in one place as the vehicle cannot get round. Also street lighting is essential.

“Most important part of any new development would have to be parking for at least 2 cars – 3 if possible. And play areas. If there is a small market area then more car park space is needed.

“13% is not right. There isn’t any evidence that any significant new housing is needed, and elsewhere in in the report 75% of respondents say there is no need for new housing. 13% seems arbitrary and half of 26% recent years growth. A strong case should be put forward before any further large-scale development is contemplated. Elderly housing provision would be a good idea and obviously free up larger housing stock for families.

13% at the very very max. Continue the market – essential for any community spirit. If it all goes to the market development the town will be dead.

#### LOCAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES: What are your views on the chapter?

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. What would help to improve your access to local activities and facilities?
- 2. How could better use be made of existing facilities – i.e. Island Park, Community Centre etc?

1. N/A I get to all events i want to.

1. Ok already.

1. Better parking

1. Our existing facilities etc are excellent at present. My access is fine.

2. I use both these regularly.

2. Community centre does good job, island park has plenty going on.

2. Volunteers to step up and help organise events

2. Everyone appreciates the facilities the community centre offers – though seen as rather too expensive to use for many events.

“More opportunities for youth. When the community centre was built the youth of Hatherleigh were supposed to have a dedicated YOUTH CLUB area in the building, this never happened, WHY??

“Relocating the GP’s surgery would help residents who live down the hill but not those at the top of the hill. Relocations would be costly. There is a transport service provided by Okehampton and District Community Transport Group which residents can use – it would be £3.50 for a trip to doctors.

“Really good to have a local fire station. Need more dog fouling/litter warden, and the occasional policeman.

“Community Centre needs a fit for purpose kitchen when hiring for large events like weddings, there is need to hire in ovens to use as not sufficient on site.

“Return car park to the people of the town, it was given to us. The town toilets are a disgrace, they should be upgraded. Clubs have a problem finding venues that are affordable.

“Community Centre charges are far too high to local users – renting rooms in the centre is very expensive.

“Need a tourist information centre in the town.

“The churches are also popular venues for concerts, but it is increasingly difficult to park near enough to the

parish church as even the top entrance is often full of cars ever since the new houses adjoining Claremont have been built. More activities in the square could make it yet more difficult for parking.

“We have excellent facilities and clubs but are often apathetic about using them. We should be reminded that the community centre belongs to us and needs our support and needs money to run it.

“A separate area for younger children at the Island Park, so if you have children of different age groups they are catered for in one location. Also a gate and fence to the Island Park would improve safety. Speed bumps along this stretch of road by the garage would stop speeding on a rat run.

“More public toilets – none at Island Park and only one in the Square.

“There should be some way of subsidising the community centre for community groups so that more can use it. It’s a terrible shame that some groups cannot afford to use it. Can an increase in precept not be used to achieve this?

“Community centre needs to be much more user friendly. Some groups are moving elsewhere. Our grandchildren love the Island Park, just need a decent skate board park.

#### LOCAL SERVICES: What are your views about this chapter in the full plan?

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. Are you satisfied with local service provision?
- 2. Can you identify any other gaps in provision?
- 3. Is anybody willing to look into providing nursery provision for working parents in the town?

1. Generally yes.

1. Yes.

1. Generally yes but pharmacy/chemist needed.

2. Wrap around day care could be provided by the school to help working parents, i.e before and after school clubs.

2. Already excellent pre-school/sure start scheme, could its hours be extended?

3. I am a registered childminder and support individual families.

3. I would be a trained nursery nurse – maybe use an empty shop?

3. and how about cubs, scouts, beavers.

“YOUTH! Ages 13 – 25. There is little/nothing.

“Many of us feel that although the plan-it survey says there is a good community spirit, it is NOT a friendly place to live. More over 60 exercise classes in the centre, we don’t want Zumba or Pilates!!

“Local service needs should relate to demand. Currently, generally everyone seems satisfied, but childcare provision for working parents very important.

“If town grows too large this will place strain on the doctors surgery as this is a one-doctor practice. Service by and large is adequate.

“Excellent fire service.

Any service lacking i.e. dentist, is not going to happen - it’s not in West Devon plans. Hatherleigh Town Council as hard as they work will not be heard – planners who do not live here will just be bribed by the big developers, so all this consultation is a waste of time, energy and money.

"Is there a 'prescription delivery service'? It works very well in similar sized towns I know [and can be an important helpline for those without a family supporting them.]

"Generally satisfied. Police could do spot checks on parking infringements, i.e. parking at corners and junctions (within 10 metres) restricting vision. Notices should be put on cars initially to remind people of the law. Public toilet would be better situated in car park as it is difficult for visitors to locate, also would be more useful for people waiting for public transport.

"Nursery provision would be a good idea but presumably there isn't core demand for it or one would have already been set up. Okehampton has provision that presumably set up without local authority support.

## ENVIRONMENT: What are your views about this chapter in the full plan?

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. Do you think that if extra signposting and an up to date map informing you of where the various walks around Hatherleigh are more people would be encouraged to use them?
- 2. Are you concerned about climate change and the effect it would have on this area, for example increased flooding risk? Would you like to see more local discussion on how Hatherleigh can mitigate this?
- 3. Do you agree with the idea of good sized gardens and/or allotment space to provide areas for people to grow their own food to be provided with new housing?

1. Who knows?

1. Hopefully

1. A guide to local walks would be helpful.

1. Yes more people would use walks with better signs.

1. An up to date map of walks in and around town would be good idea.

1. Yes

1. Yes

2. Yes

2. Not convinced there is climate change, 1950s had plenty of wet weather.

2. Understand that flood control measures already in place.

2. Flood risk should be monitored.

2. Yes

2. See above concern of building on flood plain and insurance implications.

3. Yes, pity those stuck with small patches and have to use poor play areas built in 2 new developments.

3. Yes and no, not everyone likes gardening and food is cheaper in shops, however like idea of allotments as they have community feel.

3. I think allotments are better than large gardens on new plots.

3. Yes there should be more areas for community food production.

3. seems a good idea but would have cost implications for price of houses.

3. Yes, but it is difficult to enforce as a planning condition.

3. Good sized gardens and space for trees to screen and soften visual impact, absorb water and lower carbon footprint.

3. Yes

"Agree with all aims to protect green spaces and protect local vernacular. Allotments a very good idea. NO cycle racks on pavements or square – would look unsightly..(what about car park). We've always lived with possibility of flooding, this is Devon!

"A new map would be useful. More allotment ground set aside would prove useful.

"Flood defences are good – adequate – as long as buildings and concrete are not placed on flood plains, as half the country! Wonderful if houses could have nice gardens – so stop giving planning permission for people to build on gardens.

"Extra signposting and information centre in town to promote area.

"Extra signposting and an up to date map leaflet (if free) could be useful but the walks themselves need to be improved – several are muddy in wet weather, a few impossible. Good sized gardens where people want them; not everyone does; some people prefer courtyards and more open communal grass with seats.

"Good sized Gardens is an improvement, and also plenty of tree planting in any new development is essential. Think an up to date map would be a waste of money it is easy to find walks on an Ordnance Survey map, or by asking locals.

"Whilst agreeing with much of this section I do feel there is no need to go overboard in considering any bats foolish enough to roost in corrugated iron sheds! Improving public access along the River Lew is a super idea and one which, living across from this area, we heartily endorse.

"Flooding is a concern and will increase as more and more houses are built. The sewage would need updating and improving. The developers/contractors of new buildings should contribute. Good sized gardens are a very good plan.

"Hatherleigh Moor surrounding roads should be 30mph zones to encourage/protect pedestrians and cyclists. What about a small scale hydro plant on the river.

"More allotments, the [current] access is awful – getting out on the road is blind. New houses with decent gardens good idea but probably not liked by developers. We want free parking, when will they [WDBC] admit the present arrangement is losing money.

#### **ECONOMY: What are your views about this chapter in the full plan?**

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. What initiatives could be introduced to help your business?
- 2. Would you support the setting up of a business forum?
- 3. Do you have any other ideas about how to promote cycling and tourism in the town?
- 4. What do you see as Hatherleigh's greatest assets?

1. Get Pyle to improve his auction site. Remove car park charges. No big supermarket.

1. GET RID OF BUSINESS TAX.

1. Free parking.

1. Lower business rates for struggling shops, Government incentives to encourage new industry complimentary to existing ones.

1. Lower the rates.

2. Yes

2. Yes

2. Business forum has already been tried.

2. Business forum would be useful.

3. Remove car park charges. Improve signage.

3. Good ideas already.

3. Better publicity and promotion.

3. Better signposting from main 'A' road, highlighting Hatherleigh's amenities.

3. Both type of accommodation for cycling groups.

4. Rural feel, slow pace of life.

4. The feeling of community, many people love the town and work hard organising events/ organisations make things happen. Its big enough with people 'to do' and not too big that people are strangers.

4. The community spirit.

4. Is its size, we don't want to expand too quickly.

4. Town council, volunteers and The MARKET.

4. It was the market.

"The market – it is the love of Hatherleigh.

"This section of the plan needs more emphasis. A thriving economy must be the foundation of a good community. Yes to a forum but would it just be a talking shop. Promote more than just cycling.

"All aims are laudable but main one should be to SUPPORT EXISTING (STRUGGLING) BUSINESSES rather than trying divert energies to new ones. However, encouraging Hatherleigh as cycling centre – excellent – would make use of existing facilities. Hatherleigh's greatest asset is undoubtedly its market.

"Hatherleigh's greatest asset is the town itself and its PEOPLE.

"Help existing businesses to stay in business, reduce their operating costs, allow free parking, promote them within West Devon. Stop being railroaded by the big guns! Free parking. There have been business forums before. The Co-op is very generous and kind to the community – why jeopardise that with another supermarket. Leaflets are always good.

"We do not need another supermarket in the town! – this would adversely affect existing businesses.

"Help financially in setting up a tourist information centre for the town. Promote B&B's and cycle routes.

"The abattoir is very important and should be given sufficient space of buffer zone – building houses near it would be a silly idea. Town hanging baskets look great when first put up in early summer and encourage visitors but need to have much better care – employ someone to water them? Greatest assets are the market, lovely old buildings, friendly people and the views, especially from Hatherleigh Moor – PLEASE PROTECT THEM FROM UGLY WIND TURBINES.

"Hatherleigh's greatest assets are the market, community centre, surrounding country side – viewpoint at monument – more picnic benches are required.

"Noted and agreed that Hatherleigh is anti large super stores and 'secondary shopping area',. However this need not necessarily preclude a small neighbourhood shop in Moorview – privately or community owned/run. This would solve some parking problems straight off and also help older residents who have a long way to walk carrying heavy bags.

"Tourism is underexploited. Council could encourage/look favourably on a campsite/cycling barn application. The cycling link to Meeth is a must and could put Hatherleigh at a cross roads on Coast to Coast and the Bude link.

"A large supermarket in the market site would be a total disaster.

## TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: What are your views on the chapter?

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. Would you be happy to pay extra on your precept (Council tax) to enable the town car park to be free?



- 2. *Would you be interested in “residents parking permits” to use the car park rather than on-street parking?*
- 3. *What would be your favourite option for a traffic solution to ensure parking does not cause any accidents or delays to emergency vehicles?*

1. Yes

1. No, it's robbing Peter to pay Paul

1. Why is it necessary to pay?

1. Yes for residents (I live outside the town).

1. Yes

1. Yes, a little as I think the car park makes very little.

1. Yes

1. NO – NO – NO

1. Yes

2. No

2. Definitely

2. No

2. Yes

2. Yes if it gets them off the street.

2. Yes

2. Yes if they pay for it themselves.

2. Yes

3. Free car park. New developments have insufficient parking. This was too shortsighted, 1 space for each home is inadequate. What about visitors?

3. Free car parking. If car park free visitors would come more often and stay longer and spend more money in town.

3. Restricted parking at pinch points, where roads are narrow.

3. More car parks out of town centre and walk.

3. One way system South St / part of Bridge St / High St. Enforcement of a 10 metre parking restriction at junctions.

“Think town car park should be free, or certainly for the first hour. If market development included a SMALL supermarket would they provide extra parking?”

“Double yellow the whole of the main street, from the bridge to the top of town, and all new housing to have parking but NO pavements so they can park on them.”

“Take numbers of irresponsible parkers and if they are residents name and shame them. Maybe take the money from ...**in the square to?** ... free parking?”

“Am particularly in favour of point 3 in ‘aims’ – houses appear to be built without adequate garaging, and therefore more cars on streets in ALL recent new developments. Do not see why free parking in town car park should increase in council tax! (no warden to pay for...?)”

“If the car park was free the more stringent street parking legislation would solve the problem.”

“The car park was given to the people of the town. For once why don't West Devon just back down and admit they were wrong. The problems have only arisen since they started charging. The residents of Bridge Street and Market Street always ‘walked’ and parked in the car park.”

“Parking should be made free for all users – this would encourage people from outside Hatherleigh to visit the town.”

"I do feel the car park should be free. Interested in 'residents parking permits'. Speed restrictions down South st, this street is so dangerous, don't know what the answer is but folk with babies and shopping and the elderly need to know they can park safely near their house. Today a car parked near my house had its wing mirror smashed and broken by a passing car.

"Parking has GOT to be sorted out better – especially if we are encouraging cycling as well on our own narrow roads. Large vans and trailers should not be allowed to park continuously on the streets – they are bad for visibility and for passing. Parking near the church is sometimes/often impossible – even the top cul de sac is now sometimes full. Parking for weddings and funerals especially needs to be considered.

"Re extra payment on precept – how much (net) income does the town car park currently make? And what would be the cost if the town council run it and it is free?

"Encouraging teachers and teaching assistants to not park in South St, to leave more spaces for residents and to ease congestion and improve safety. Car parking spaces are supposed to be made on entrance to 'STONEY BROOK RISE' by garage, the sooner the better. Double yellow lines on South St junction by school is essential as visibility is hampered by vehicles parking by flower bed.

"Whilst appreciating that the study area was limited virtually to Hatherleigh Parish; and the report refers (once) to people using the Tuesday Market also visiting local shops; I feel that Hatherleigh as the 'hub' for surrounding villages needs stressing. This point was part of the 'Market and Coastal Town Initiative' and the Community Centre funding bid. General appreciation of this hub role might lead to such developments as village mini-buses into the market – useful if the parking area was reduced in the future.

"Residents without garages or parking spaces should be able to BUY a yearly permit to park in the town car park. They should be fined if they block the roads by parking inappropriately on the streets. I do not think that people who already pay extra for having a garage or parking off the road should pay again for others who do not have their own space (they already paid extra when buying their property). The idea of one-way traffic is silly, most are only wide enough for one vehicle at a time anyway and you need to look ahead to check if anything is coming opposite way and reverse when there is. Also if a large vehicle is delivering at least you can go around the other way.

"Should be a covenant that any new houses have 2 parking spaces and residents of such properties not be allowed to use street parking. A one-way system should be explored as an option.

"Mostly the buses are ok, just miss the 9am to Okehampton

#### **HATHERLEIGH MARKET: What are your views about this chapter in the full plan?**

*Also, have you responses to the questions below?*

- 1. *What do you think are the most significant aspects of the market area and its operations?*
- 2. *How big should the market facility be?*
- 3. *Who will manage it and what form should this take?*
- 4. *What strategy should be developed to ensure a smooth transition?*

1. Its UNIQUE and must be preserved.

1. Weekly market and open space.

1. The Tuesday livestock and market.

1. All aspects of the market are important to different sections of the population. Personally, the pannier market as it brings visitors to the town.

2. The same as its always been.

2. Equivalent to existing farmer's market area and auction space with some parking. Employment and

commerce should be use of area.

2. Pannier market could be condensed into a quarter of the space with less space between stalls. This would enhance the character. However parking will be a problem.

3. works well in present format

3. Managed by a Market Management Committee like moor management. On day to day basis various areas responsibility of sub-managers.

3. The town council or a new CIC or social enterprise to promote Hatherleigh Market.

3. Ideal would be a farmer co-operative.

4. Phased development.

4. Gradual encroachment from perimeter of site (S.W). Administration will be a mine field to work out dependent on ownership – lease and much research!!

“No specific answer, except i don’t believe new housing or business is beneficial. Possibly create a large cycle centre or cafe.

“The market is of significant importance to Hatherleigh and must be kept in some form. A twice-weekly market, maybe Tuesday and Saturday would be good. A cafe which would be used by the local rural community as the present one is essential.

“Market should be double the size and undercover.

“It’s the economic heart of the town. All 3 points depend on the new owner – a key action point should be to engage them at early stage with the plan-it group to ensure their plans have community as well as planning approval.

“The most significant aspects of the market area are easy access from A386 and open space for parking 400-500 cars + space for all stallholders: that is what is required. Could existing market employees be employed to run market – paid out of generated income? There could be no ‘smooth transition’ if 105 homes were to be built on this space!

“I don’t know the answer to this, if it was viable we would not be discussing it. Redevelopment, no doubt will change the town forever.

“Important to keep undercover market. Maybe run by local Hatherleigh people – Co-operative?

“It is vital that Hatherleigh continues to have a market and good that there is now consideration for a community-led planning process. The main features have been listed; the general purpose buildings MUST be large enough (can some of the current market buildings be incorporated into the plan?) and there must be adequate provision for 500+ cars – keep same area? Community Interest Company to run it if it will ensure its future. Smooth transition is essential and the site is surely large enough for this to happen i.e. temporary relocation of stalls etc while building work happens.

“The report supports the ‘fur & feather’ part: however this could be stressed. It must be almost unique and could be made easily more attractive and viable to a wider public by active encouragement of ‘Rare Breed’ auctions/shows etc.

“The market area should be as big as possible so it may continue to be used for a variety of uses as it has been, so encouraging people to visit Hatherleigh. This should be easy as you have 12 acres to play with and housing should not be a priority.

“The current management may not be very ..? at running the market and obviously would prefer to sell up and take their money now. Other auctioneers would make a better business of it and should be approached with a view to take it on. Holsworthy market is very successful, why isn’t Hatherleigh? Local authority should

refuse a change of use permission on it, as there is no evidence that it isn't a going concern.

**GENERAL COMMENTS: What are your views on any aspect of the full plan?**

"Very disappointed at hints of even more housing; increased population will increase anonymity of locals; increase traffic problems; lack of jobs; anti-social behaviour; and tension that new residents are put here because of WDBC social housing policy and who don't value or contribute to our rural life.

"An excellent well put together plan. Lots of good ideas, sensible and practical. Views of community have been taken into account very well.

"The Hatherleigh Community plan was well put together and shows the dedication of the Plan-it group to the project. Well done.

"Very good plan – excellent thoughts and ideas but yet again the youth are only represented by 15!!! Aged 8 – 16, that is NOT REPRESENTATIVE!! Come on you can do better!! The ..?.. consultation had more involved!

"An excellent plan, well laid out and well produced.

"I think the plan is not much different from previous plans. Still intent on ruining the town with housing especially low cost which bring in rough elements which is already upsetting the balance and quaintness of the town. Don't mend something which is not broken!!

"Well done. Lots of hard work shows in a ..?.. document.

"Many congratulations on the Plan-it document. Aims are generally laudable, but assumes a fairly large-scale housing scheme in market area, which Hatherleigh DOES NOT NEED. It needs its market much more than it does new houses. And PLEASE no footbridge across A386 – would have to be very high and would look HORRIBLY SUBURBAN!!

"The market area is an integral part of the carnival as all the floats congregate there, so a large open area is still needed.

"The plan gives an excellent view from all, is clear and realistic. However I doubt whether West Devon will use it in the future. I may be cynical but sadly this happens all around the country. Let the people have their say – but take no notice or just highlight a few things from it that are West Devon plans anyway! Despite the whole report in sections 10.26 – 10.31 you sum it up – you will do what is already planned anyway and I suspect you will let a supermarket in, saying it will create jobs! Goodbye Hatherleigh – enter Newleigh! Sadly we live in a corrupt society. Ever seen the film Brassed Off! You say this is the first plan of its kind, what about the one done in here in the 1980s?

"Market MUST stay in some form. Parking up South St must be eased by speed restrictions, and free parking, or resident's permits in free car park. To encourage shops to re-open rent should be offered LOW – even if only for a short period. I am interested in taking over a shop (tourist/history of Hatherleigh shop) but rent too high.

"Use of cars is unlikely to reduce very much as people come to market to buy and sell goods therefore need to transport them. Maybe electric cars and some horses and carts in years to come? The sheep sculpture is recognised far and wide, especially as the buses park there. Scope for sculpture trail etc, but town MUST keep CONTROL of this. Mixed views on bikes – they tend to whiz through the town and rarely do any shopping as have nowhere to put anything, often they can't be heard by walkers. Wind turbines if allowed to

take over the landscape and precious views could totally ruin the area as a tranquil place to live/stay in/live here. Keep the character of it as a market town e.g. the old railings, the sheep sculpture, hedges, stone faced walls and a place where everyone feels welcome no matter what their financial situation. Keep open spaces where people can meet and talk and feel special while going about their 'business'.

"Excellent document pinpointing compromises, difficulties, implications and responsibilities. Thanks to all who have put in such hard work in producing it.

"A great piece of work.

"Difficult to read and fill this form in.

**Thank you for your comments**

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