

Proposal form for items for consideration by Scrutiny Committee



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Item for Consideration: The Production of the Local Plan 2013-31 and Goodmores Farm

Expected outcome (i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, review and/or scrutinise the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas):

Priority for matter to be considered (please tick):

High (up to 3 months)	X
Medium (3 to 6 months)	
Low (over 9 months)	

Basis on which priority has been set:

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate)

a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control	x
b) It is a recently introduced policy, service area of activity which would be timely to review	x
c) It is a policy which has been running for some time and is due for review	x
d) It is a major proposal for change	
e) It is an issue raised via complaints received	x
f) It is an area of public concern	x
g) It is an area of poor performance	
h) It would be of benefit to residents of the district	x

Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address?:

Outstanding Homes & Communities

Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?): No, but lessons learned will impact on the new emerging Local Plan.

Members are requested to provide information on the following:-

What do you wish to achieve from the review?:

Councillors and residents wish to know how a primary school was allowed to be added to the Goodmores Farm and Exmouth Town Council's Local Plan and who was consulted on this.

Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable? Yes

Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness? Not relevant, it is about local democracy and meaningful consultation

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked:

a, b and c are self-explanatory.

e and f - I have had many complaints from residents over the past five years about how their wishes from the three public meetings held in 2014 were not implemented (and there was no evidence that they were even considered.

h. The right community infrastructure in the right place is of key concern and benefit to residents.

Please can you return the completed form to Democratic Services via email to democraticservices@eastdevon.gov.uk.

MONITORING OFFICER COMMENTS

Members may recall similar discussions in 2016 around the inclusion of the Sidford Employment site in the Local Plan. A report was brought to the Scrutiny on 7th July 2016 detailing the evolution of the Local Plan as it related to that site (see section 5 of the report). While a similar analysis could be undertaken in relation to Goodmore's Farm the comments in section 6 of the report ought to be borne in mind by the Committee. In particular it should be noted that it says '*the role of the Scrutiny committee is not to comment on the merits or otherwise of a site allocation – that is not permitted under the constitution. It can look at the process of how the local plan was shaped, but it is clear from the long timeframe of production of the draft Local Plan through to Examination and then final adoption that there have been many opportunities to comment on the provisions of the draft Local Plan, and that Members on both Development Management and Overview and indeed collectively as a full Council supported the adoption of the Local Plan.*'

Date: 24 February 2021