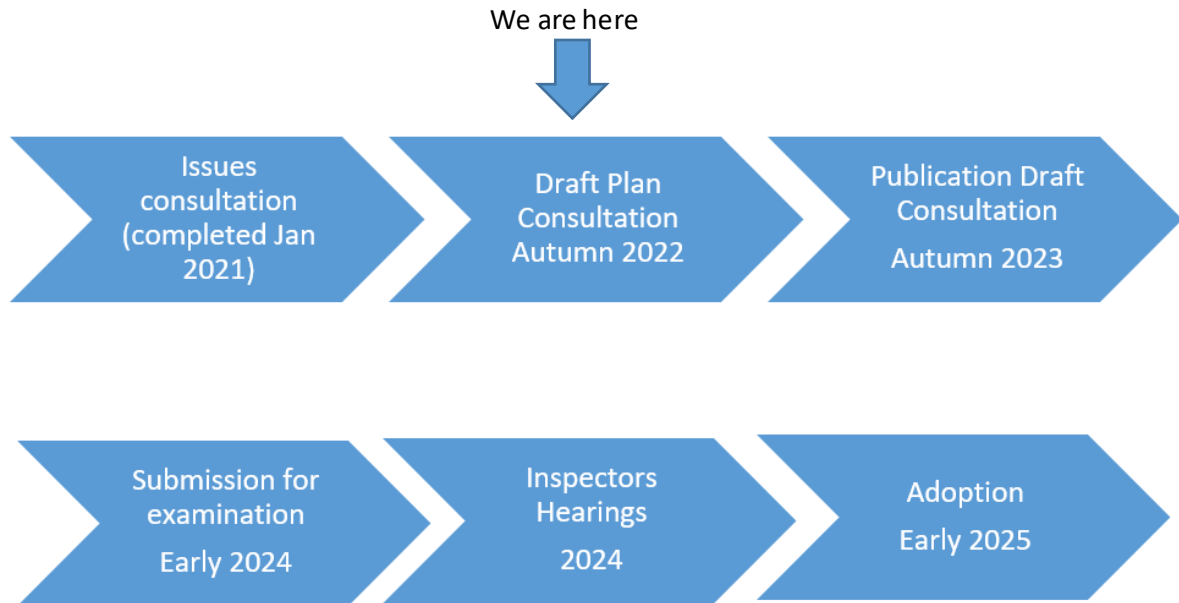


East Devon Local Plan – Where are we and how did we get here?

Key stages of Plan Production?



As can be seen by the above timeline, which is based on the Members agreed timetable, we are still at an early stage of plan production and there will be ample opportunity post draft plan consultation to refine the plan during 2023 prior to the publication draft consultation. The key thing is to consult on options at this stage so that we are wherever possible refining the plan rather than adding albeit further consultation next year on specific issues is inevitable work is not sufficiently progressed e.g. green wedges, the Clyst Valley Regional Park boundary.

How did we get here?

Below is a table showing the key reports consider by SPC and the decisions made that have informed production of the Local Plan and led to the draft Local Plan being presented to Members on 1st November.

SPC Meeting Date	Hyperlink to agenda	Key reports/decisions (Note- from 7th Sept 2021 onwards meetings were consultative)
20 th October 2020	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 20th October, 2020, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members considered a review of the current Local Plan and concluded it is out of date. • Agree to commence production of a new Local Plan. • Agree to produce a new non-statutory joint strategy with Exeter, Teignbridge and Mid-Devon following the demise of GESp.

15 th December 2020	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 15th December, 2020, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to consult on an issues and options document to define scope of the new Local Plan and seek views on key issues and options. • Agree approach to site identification and the HELAA process • Agree to run a call for sites alongside the Issues and Options consultation in Jan/Feb '21 • Agreed scoping report for the sustainability appraisal to also be consulted on. • Recommended to cabinet a budget of £300k for work on the new community proposals over next 3 years.
30 th March 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 30th March, 2021, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members considered an urban capacity study carried out for the larger towns noting that it yielded a supply of only 766 homes (i.e. less than 1 years housing land supply) and that these could come forward as windfall sites. • The limited capacity within the existing built up areas was noted as was the need to find land outside of these areas to meet future development needs.
27 th April 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 27th April, 2021, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members received an initial feedback report on the issues and options consultation. Key findings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Two thirds of respondents were supportive of the plan objectives -Wide support for net zero carbon requirement -Clear support for housing for all stages of life, jobs growth in all sectors, good design, protecting heritage and natural environment • Members agreed to producing a single Local Plan covering all key policy matters • Agreed objectives for the new Local Plan • Agreed that the Council Plan Vision inform the vision for the new Local Plan

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that site developers and promoters be engaged in plan production through presentations at SPC
22 nd June 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021, 10.00 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members received details of the sites submitted in the various call for sites up to this point including maps showing their locations. • Members agreed amendments to the HELAA methodology that had previously been agreed under GESP. • Members agreed a topic paper on employment provision that set out current evidence and the further evidence needed as well as a number of key concepts to incorporate into the employment strategy of the plan. • A topic paper on Housing policy matters was agreed that set out the evidence requirements, highlighted key issues and Members agreed to not challenge the government standard method for calculating housing need. • A topic paper considering issues around the distribution of development and the need for a western quadrant focused approach due to constraints elsewhere was noted.
20 th July 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 20th July, 2021, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members considered a draft of the Role and Function of Settlement study which set out the 4 tiers of settlements and endorsed its use to inform plan production
7 th September 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 7th September, 2021, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members agreed a report setting out a structure for the Local Plan and proposing that Members consider a working draft in December 2021. • The constitution and role of the HELAA panel was agreed. • Members considered a topic paper on town centres and an approach to policies to widen the role of town centres and enhance them.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A topic paper on bio-diversity policies and bio-diversity net gain was presented and Members endorsed seeking a net gain of at least 20%. • A topic paper on landscape policies was presented and a series of actions and proposed policy principles were endorsed.
5 th October 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members endorsed a final draft of the Role and Function of Settlements work including the settlement hierarchy. • Members considered a report on principles for drawing settlement boundaries and sought a further report setting out options for a criteria based policy on development adjacent to settlements. • A topic paper on the importance of health and considerations was endorsed to inform plan production. • Members noted a report on the on-going work to gather evidence and develop policies for sport and recreation.
9 th November 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 9th November, 2021, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A topic paper on coastal change was noted and agreed to inform policy making. • A topic paper on approaches to tackling the climate emergency was noted.
14 th December 2021	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 14th December, 2021, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members considered a working draft of the Local Plan and provided comments through a series of straw polls.
11 th January 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 11th January, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members gave further consideration to a working draft of the Local Plan and provided comments through a series of straw polls.
25 th January 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 25th January, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members heard a series of presentations from site developers and promoters of sites that had a mid-range score in officers initial assessment.

26 th January 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Wednesday, 26th January, 2022, 10.00 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members heard a series of presentations from site developers and promoters of sites that had a mid-range score in officers initial assessment.
8 th February 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 8th February, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members gave further consideration to a working draft of the Local Plan and provided comments through a series of straw polls.
22 nd February 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members agreed a revised timetable for plan production that would see a draft plan consulted on in Autumn 2022. Members gave further consideration to a working draft of the Local Plan and provided comments through a series of straw polls. Members noted that there was a significant element of housing need for which suitable sites had not been identified. A series of options for addressing this including strategic growth at tier 4 settlements including Whimble and Feniton were discussed but no favoured option emerged. Members requested that a report on a potential further call for sites be brought to the committee to potentially increase the pool of sites.
8 th March 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 8th March, 2022, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As requested by Members a report including options for expanding the settlement hierarchy was considered but ultimately it was decided not to do so. As requested by Members a report on a further call for sites was considered and endorsed to be carried out in the spring.
5 th April 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 5th April, 2022, 10.00 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members endorsed a proposed methodology for defining settlement boundaries.

3 rd May 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 3rd May, 2022, 2.00 pm - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members received an interim HELAA report including assessment of sites submitted in the 2017 and 2021 call for sites.
12 th July 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 12th July, 2022, 10.00 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members considered an update on plan production and noted the proposed criteria for further site assessment work. Members were advised that around 150 sites had been submitted in the 2022 call for sites but many were resubmissions from previous calls. Members were advised that the additional sites could not be taken to a HELAA panel until August/September with a final HELAA report to come to committee asap after that.
9 th August 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 9th August, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members heard presentations from developers and site promoters for sites in and around the tier 1 and 2 settlements. Members considered officers assessments of the sites at tier 1 and 2 settlements. These included initial assessments of sites submitted in the Spring 2022 call for sites where appropriate.
6 th September 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 6th September, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following comments by Members about potential to accommodate more homes on brownfield sites in Exmouth a report was presented which identified the significant constraints of Exmouth town centre particularly flooding which would prevent new homes in these locations. Members gave further consideration to officers assessments of the sites at tier 1 and 2 settlements and endorsed all of the preferred sites and 2nd choice sites for public consultation.
29 th September 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Thursday, 29th September, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members heard presentations from developers and site promoters for sites in and around the tier 3 and 4 settlements. Members considered officers assessments of the sites at tier 3 and 4 settlements. These included initial assessments of sites

		submitted in the Spring 2022 call for sites where appropriate. Members endorsed all of the preferred sites and 2 nd choice sites for public consultation.
4 th October 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Tuesday, 4th October, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members agreed a draft consultation strategy with the service lead agreeing to bring a report to the 1st November meeting setting out options and resourcing implications of face to face consultation events.
7 th October 2022	Agenda for Strategic Planning Committee on Friday, 7th October, 2022, 9.30 am - East Devon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members endorsed the draft local plan subject to agreed refinements to be presented and other updates to be presented at 1st November SPC. Members resolved that consultation would not specify a level of growth in Feniton and Whimple but would instead seek views on the appropriate scale of growth and ask respondents to rank the site options in order of preference.