

Neighbourhood Development Plan One Year On



In February 2015 the population of the parish voted 95% for the Exminster Neighbourhood Development Plan. What this means is that when the TDC Planning department and TDC Planning Committee look at planning applications in the Parish of Exminster, they must take into account the four policies in the Plan:

EXM1 – Community Sports & Leisure Facility	Providing the parish sports facilities.
EXM2 - Open Countryside	Ensuring countryside is a part of our community.
EXM3 - Quality of Design:	Ensuring quality is a part of all community infrastructure.
EXM4 – Use of Community Infrastructure Levies	Setting the priorities for money raised from CIL.

What happened next?

The Parish Council set up a group to advise and drive the action supporting the NDP called the Exminster Neighbourhood Development Plan Implementation Group.

Who's in the group?

The NDP implementation group consists of parish council and community members who meet once a month to discuss updates and provide recommendations to the Parish Council. We have a great mix of people who are passionate about our community and bring a great wealth of understanding of planning rules, how to engage with public bodies, working with developers and above all else experience and knowledge of our community challenges and priorities.

What does the group do?

The aim of the group is to invest time to understand the details of infrastructure plans across the parish and how they can impact the community in order to support the Parish Council dealing with development, in order to ensure high quality living across the parish. Most notably this covers the Matford developments but also covers Parish Council driven development for community infrastructure and improvements. This is achieved by working with councils, developers, land owners, local education providers, doctors and all parties involved in providing infrastructure and amenities (including green space) across our parish to promote and ensure that the Exminster parish community aims, as reflected in the NDP and Community Plan, form part of development plans.

Why now?

As we have been working hard over the last year on the priorities set by the community we're now reaching a point where we can start to share the success and next steps as developments and projects begin to start across the parish. Over the next few months we'll be bringing you updates and news from the work accomplished so far and the plans we have going forward.

Where can I get more information before next month?

The NDP implementation group provides updates to the Parish Council during its public meetings where you can hear the latest and ask questions during the public session.

The parish council website also holds the information regarding the neighbourhood development plan: www.exminsterparish.org.uk/wp/ndp/

If you have any queries get in touch with Helen Hibbins via email: rfo@exminsterparish.org.uk