

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Vision & Objectives

Vision

Our vision for the Neighbourhood is a place where people want to live, with the infrastructure and amenities to offer an outstanding quality of life for current and future generations in the distinct settlements of Exminster and Matford.

We envisage that:

- the village of Exminster will continue to thrive as a vibrant and distinctive community;
- the new settlement of Matford will develop its own unique character and identity;
- residents of both communities will have access to first class infrastructure and amenities to support their needs sustainably.

We will achieve this by:

- maximising the benefit to the whole Neighbourhood from the proposed South West of Exeter (Matford) development;
- maintaining Exminster as a Village by, for example, limiting further large-scale housing development within the Village Envelope;
- helping the proposed Matford development to establish its own identity in the Neighbourhood;
- developing the infrastructure and facilities matched to the growing population.

Objectives

Maximising the benefit to the whole Neighbourhood from the proposed South West of Exeter (Matford) development:

- Delivery of first class education facilities to meet modern expectations.
- Provision of major indoor and outdoor sports and leisure facilities.
- Improving movement in and around Exminster Village and in the wider Neighbourhood and District.

Maintaining Exminster as a Village:

- Limiting further large-scale housing development within the Village Envelope;
- Supporting small-scale, sustainable development and the provision of affordable homes;
- Promoting the distinctive and much-loved 'village feel' by enhancing the village centre and protecting green space in and around the Village;
- Maintaining the high quality natural environment.

Helping Matford settlement to establish its own identity;

- Promoting sensitive development which protects and enriches the landscape and built setting;
- Maintaining a natural 'buffer zone' between Exminster village and the new settlement of Matford, while supporting sustainable communication links between the two communities.

Developing infrastructure and facilities

- Sustaining and improving excellent local facilities for existing and new residents;
- Addressing traffic congestion in and around Exminster Village;
- Supporting local organisations, retail and employment opportunities;
- Supporting the development of footpaths and cycle routes in and around Exminster Village and in the wider Neighbourhood and District.

And finally:

- Involving local people on an ongoing basis in the process of developing the Plan and delivering our vision for the Neighbourhood.