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BUDSHEAD, HONICKNOWLE AND SOUTHWAY AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2010
TIME: 6.30 PM
**PLACE: ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL, WEST MALLING AVE,
ERNESETTLE, PLYMOUTH, PL5 2SS**

Members –

Councillor Monahan, Chair
Councillor Browne, Vice Chair
Councillors Berrow, Drean, Lowry, Purnell, Roberts, Smith and Thompson

Co-opted Representatives –

Mr D Barratt	(Honicknowle Commnet)
Mr A Dyer	(Resident of Budshead ward)
Mr P Ebsworth	(Whitleigh Forum)
Miss D Edwards	(Kinnfylde Flats Residents' Association)
Mr T Kirk	(DEBRA)
Ms V Small	(Budshead Trust)

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf

Members and Officers are requested to sign the attendance list at the meeting.

A location map of the venue is attached to the agenda*

**BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

BUDSHEAD, HONICKNOWLE AND SOUTHWAY AREA COMMITTEE

PART I (PUBLIC AGENDA)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 3 - 10)

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009.

Please note any questions relating to these minutes can be asked under question time for members of the public.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary will report on any relevant local issues.

6. THE PLYMOUTH SPORTS FACILITY STRATEGY (CONCENTRATING ON THE NORTH OF PLYMOUTH)

(Pages 11 - 16)

The Assistant Director of Community Services (Culture, Sport & Leisure) will submit a consultation report .

7. STEPPING STONES TO NATURE - PROJECT SUMMARY **(Pages 17 - 18)**

The 'Stepping Stones to Nature' Community Outreach Officer will submit a briefing report outlining the project's proposals for improving opportunities to access green space in and around the city, including reference to quality, usage and safety of the nature reserve adjacent to the community in Honicknowle.

8. VEHICLE SPEEDS TAUNTON AVENUE - DATA STATISTICS (Pages 19 - 20)

The Assistant Director for Development & Regeneration (Transport) will submit a follow-up statistical data report following the speed visor survey carried out in Taunton Avenue.

9. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND (Pages 21 - 22)

The Director for Development and Regeneration will submit a report advising of two new finance arrangements relating to this year's Local Environment Fund.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee will consider requests from individual Committee Members for future agenda items and identify items that are still outstanding from previous meetings.

11. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Pages 23 - 26)

The Committee and Officers will respond to questions from members of the public attending the Committee. Any question not answered shall be the subject of a written response direct to the member of the public within 5 working days and will be submitted to the next meeting for information.

12. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 10 March at Windsor House, Tavistock Road.

13. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

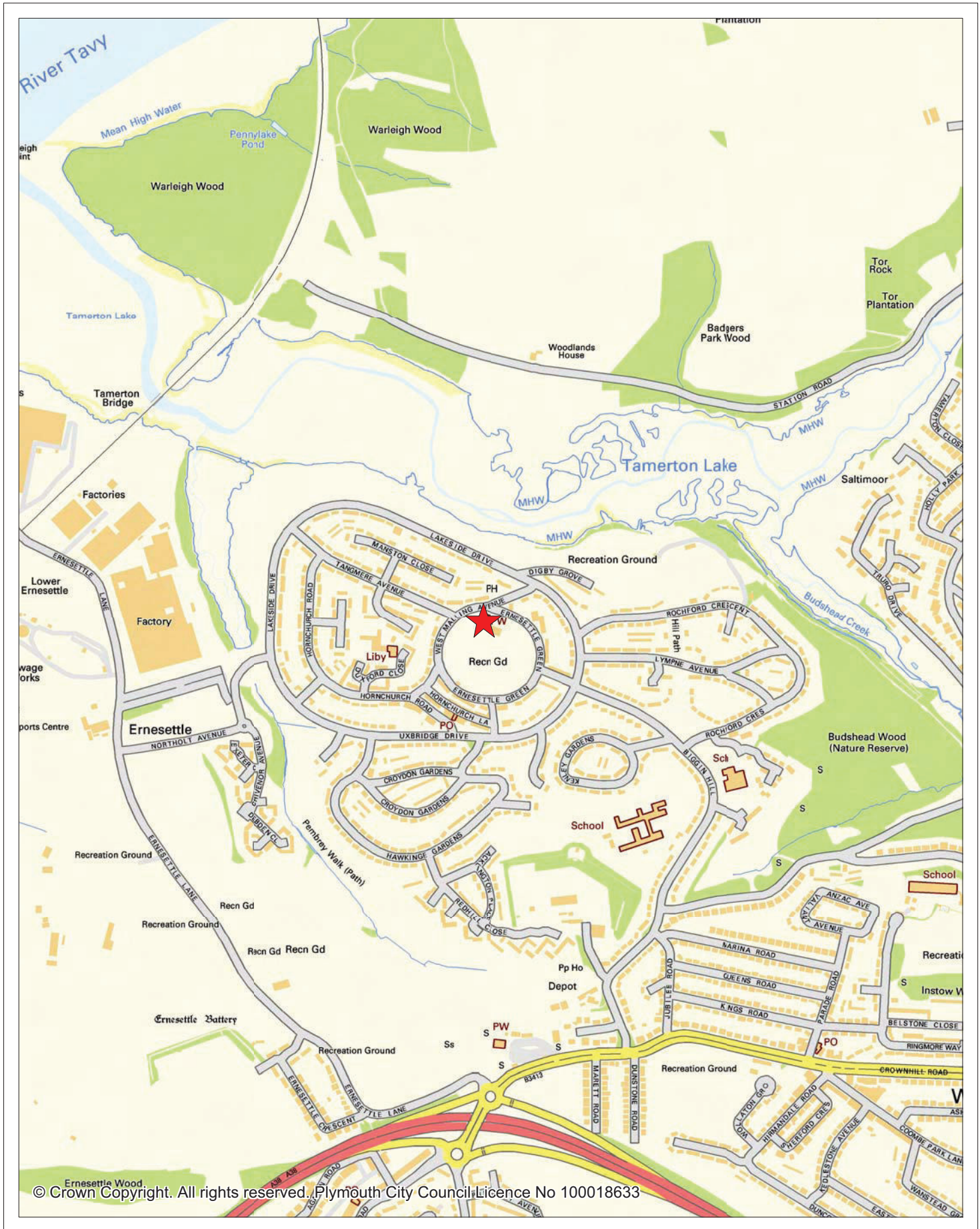
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that, under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

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Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway Area Committee

Wednesday 11 November 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Monahan, in the Chair.
Councillors Lowry, Roberts, Smith and Thompson.

Co-opted Representatives: Mr A Dyer, Mr P Ebsworth and Ms V Small.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Berrow, Browne, Drean and Purnell and Miss D Edwards and Mr R Sharman (co-opted representatives).

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.45 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

33. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to an amendment to minute 21 (vii), replacing the word 'Ernesettle' with 'Honicknowle'.

34. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

35. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives from Devon and Cornwall Police provided the Committee with an update on policing issues in the area.

Those present were informed that –

(i) anti-social behaviour issues in the Honicknowle area included –

- a person responsible for a number of hoax calls had been apprehended and was on bail;
- there had been positive press reports involving the police team at Honicknowle including a firework poster campaign;
- there had been arrest following a breaking of an Anti-Social Behaviour Order;
- there had been an increase in burglaries in the West Park, Honicknowle area and initially there seemed to be no links between them; security points for the public to be aware of included cat flaps and not leaving keys in doors;

(ii) issues in the Southway area –

- there had been an escalation arising from a previous stabbing incident; there had been arrests and police were pursuing formal statements;
- the PCSO had organised a speedwatch and an initiative was to be launched on 23 November 2009;

(iii) issues in the Whitleigh area –

- there had been an incident involving a dangerous dog which had been dealt with by a multi-agency approach and the dog had been seized and kennelled; the case had been adjourned;
 - Whitleigh PACT had identified drugs at Whitleigh Green as an issue of priority; there had been multi-agency work on overt drug use and the camera in that location was linked to the city centre CCTV control room;
- (iv) issues in Ernesettle included the presence of travellers; there had been no increase in crimes linked to travellers.

In response to questions raised, those present were advised that –

- (v) travellers were on private land and the owners would be receiving an eviction notice;
- (vi) regarding drug problems in Whitleigh, police wished to encourage people to make reports to the Whitleigh Housing Office and to the police; as the public were finding that the Housing Office was not forwarding drug reporting to the police, they should contact the Neighbourhood Beat Manager;
- (vii) regarding the query about why police were not enforcing audible means of approach on cycles and whether there was third party insurance for pedestrians on shared routes, it was a difficult issue to enforce but cyclists were breaking the law if they were cycling on pavements not designated for cycling.

Resolved that –

- (1) police representatives be thanked for their attendance;
- (2) with regard to (vii) above, a written response be provided, in accordance with the Constitution.

36. **COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW** (Pages 1 - 4)

Representatives of the Head of Performance, Policy and Partnerships gave a presentation on the review of Council Priorities. Those present were informed that, in addition to presentations at Area Committees, the Council would be conducting a consultation exercise at Drake Circus next week.

Those present were consulted on –

- (i) Affordable housing – members of the public commented that they were not sure what was being done in the city on this issue currently;
- (ii) Culture and Leisure – members of the public commented that they considered there were two parts to this question and it was therefore difficult to answer;
- (iii) Anti-social behaviour;
- (iv) Informing and involving residents;
- (v) Better value for money;
- (vi) Older people's living independently;
- (vii) Cleaner streets;
- (viii) Raising achievement in schools;
- (ix) Transport and getting round the city easier.

Officers advised that the responses of those present were recorded and would be taken into account as part of the consultation exercise in respect of this review (see responses graph attached to this minute).

37. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

In accordance with the constitution, the Committee considered requests from individual Committee Members for future items.

Members advised that the draft Sports & Recreation Strategy was now being consulted on and this strategy indicated that there was significant under-provision in the NW locality. Those present queried whether residents' associations were being consulted.

Resolved that the following items be considered at the next meeting –

- (a) Officers be requested to submit a report including the relevant extract from the draft Sports and Recreation Strategy that referred to the North West locality and provide advice on what the Council's long term plans were to address the under-provision in this locality;
- (b) Officers be requested to attend the next meeting to answer concerns regarding the Whiteleigh Housing Office.

38. **QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee considered questions from members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) current situation with Whiteleigh Community Centre;
- (ii) the possibility of the Council funding fencing at Widewell to divide the playing fields to ensure pupils' safety and public use;
- (iii) the Widewell School Educational Trust use of S106 money relating to Belliver reservoir;
- (iv) Widewell School Educational Trust's intention to expand to two forms of entry and the source of funding for what was proposed;
- (v) Council liability increase;
- (vi) trees at the back of Taunton Avenue dividing the school from houses;
- (vii) Council assurance that footpaths would be provided at the new estate on the old BAE site at Lulworth Drive;
- (viii) lack of action by the Whiteleigh Housing Office regarding smashed windows of Council housing property.

Members responded as follows –

- (a) with regard to (i) above, Whiteleigh Community Centre –
 - this building had been in the possession of the bank;
 - it had been sold at auction to a private individual;
 - it was not yet known what would happen to the property;
 - the Council's covenant for the land to be restricted to social and community remained in place; any change of use would need planning permission which might involve S106 provision issues;
 - there were not many community halls across the city;
 - development of a new church in the Budshead ward would include a church hall which could be used by the community;
- (b) regarding (v) above, the Chair read out an email response he had received;
- (c) regarding (vi) above, the trees at the back of Taunton Avenue were due to be planted within the next few weeks;

(d) regarding (viii) above, the Chair would follow up this matter; in view of concerns raised at this meeting relating to the Whiteleigh Housing Office, an item on this be placed on the next agenda (see minute 37(b) above).

Resolved that written responses be provided in respect of items (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vii) above, in accordance with the Constitution.

39. **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Resolved that the date, time and venue of the next meeting, i.e. 6.30pm on Wednesday, 20 January 2010 at St Aidan's Church Hall, Ernesettle, be noted.

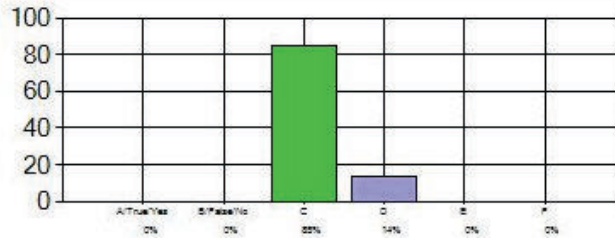
Class Information

Class: Sir John Hunt
Teacher: Tracy Hewett
Activity: Area Committees
Date: 17/11/2009
Class Avg: 22%
Class Size: 40

Question 1 - Multiple Choice

Where is Plymouth situated within the country?

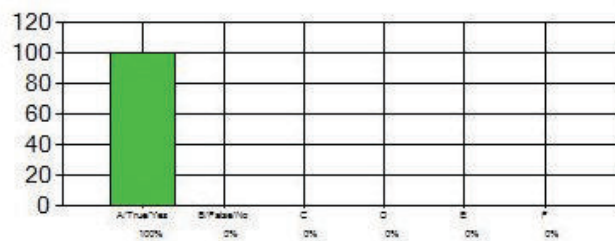
- A) South East
- B) North East
- C) South West
- D) North West



Question 2 - Multiple Choice

Surfing is a sport that takes place where?

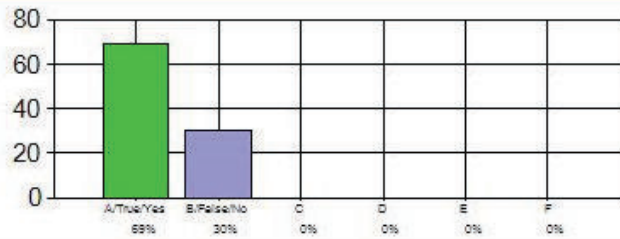
- A) In the sea
- B) In a swimming pool
- C) In your living room
- D) In a school hall



Question 3 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to provide better and more affordable housing."

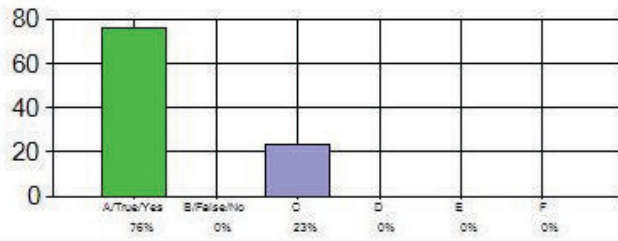
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 4 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to provide more culture and leisure activities."

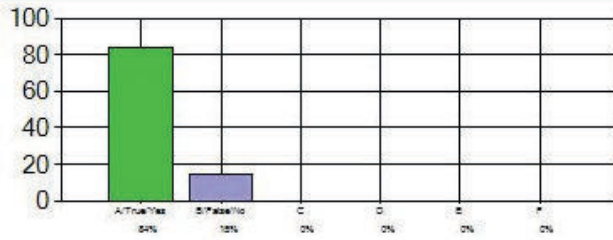
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 5 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to tackle anti-social behaviour."

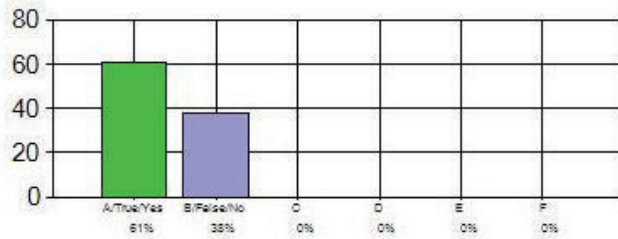
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Question 6 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to keep me informed and involved in local issues."

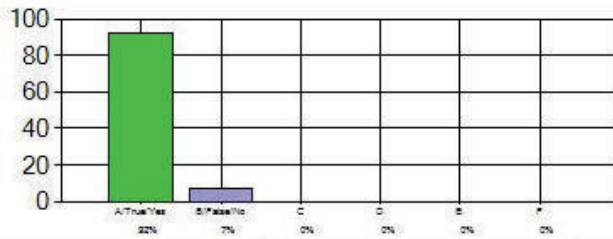
- A) Do more
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- C) Do less



Question 7 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to work on providing better value for money."

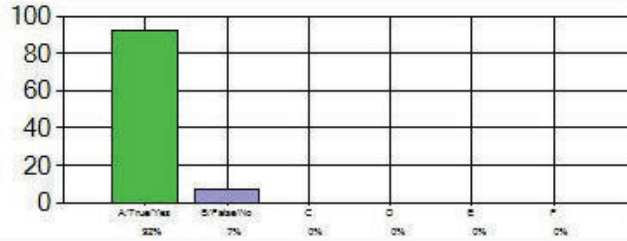
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 8 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to help older people to live independently."

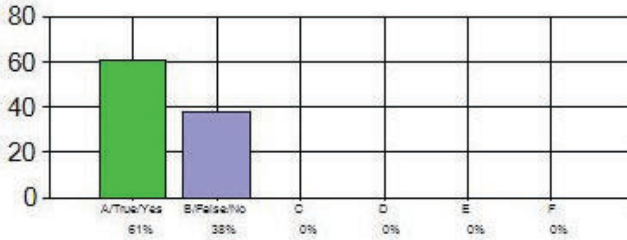
- A) Do more
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- C) Do less



Question 9 - Multiple Choice

"We want cleaner streets."

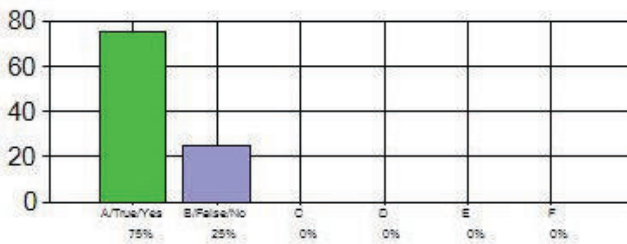
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 10 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to raise achievement in our schools and colleges."

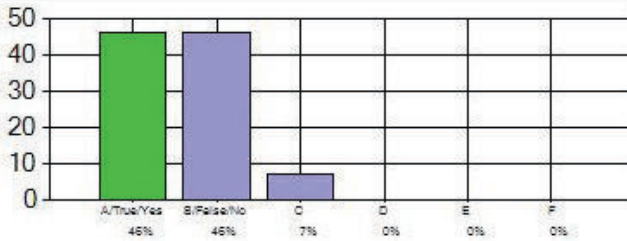
- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



Question 11 - Multiple Choice

"I want you to make it easier to get around Plymouth."

- A) Do more
- B) Keep it up
- C) Do less



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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: The Plymouth Sports Facility Strategy (concentrating on the North of Plymouth)

Committee: Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway Area Committee

Date: 20th January 2010

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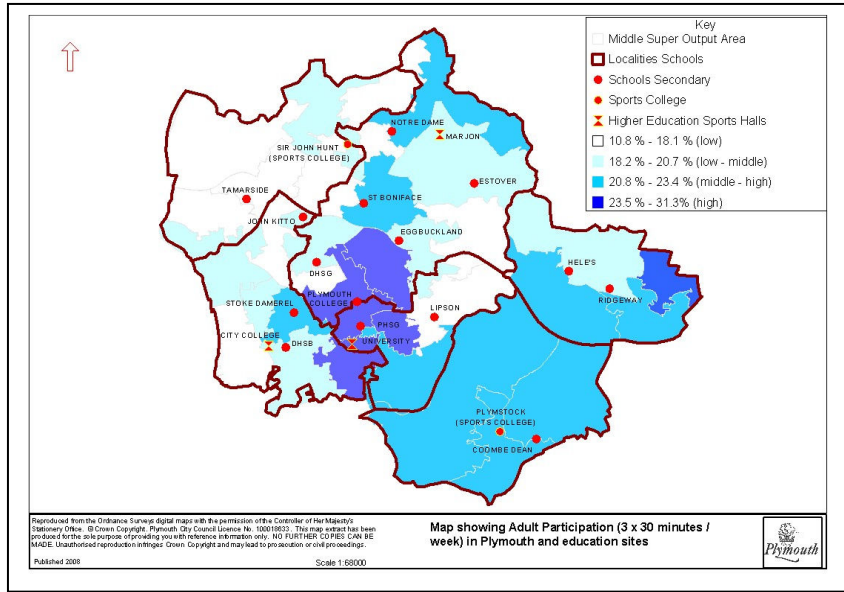
Executive Summary:**1 The Plymouth Sports Facility Strategy**

- 1.1 According to recent surveys, over half of Plymouth residents do not participate in any type of fitness or sporting activity and – despite recently recorded increases – only just under one quarter take part on a regular and sustained basis (at least three times a week for 30 minutes). There is also wide variation in participation rates and opportunities to take part in sport and fitness across the city. Involvement in sport and fitness is usually regarded as a matter of personal preference, but many people may be discouraged because of lack of opportunities or barriers to taking part and those who do start to get fit or learn a new sport may not continue to realise their full potential.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Sports Facilities Strategy is to understand where we need to improve and develop the range and quality of sporting facilities and opportunities in Plymouth. In this, it particularly supports the delivery of Corporate Improvement Priority (CIP) 6 of ‘providing more and better culture and leisure activities’ and also (CIP) 4 of ‘reducing inequalities’.
- 1.3 The new opportunities it creates will enable increased physical activity and participation rates (targets for which are set out within the Local Area Agreement) and progression through to higher standards of performance.
- 1.4 A specific aim of this Strategy has been to present much of the information visually. Demographic characteristics, indices of deprivation, participation rates and the location and distribution of facilities and their catchment areas have been mapped.

For example:**Example 1**

The Sport England Active People Survey 1 allowed the mapping (Map 1) of levels of a population’s fitness or sporting activity on a regular and sustained basis. The deeper the colour the higher the level of activity. The positioning of Plymouth’s secondary schools is also shown.

Map 1

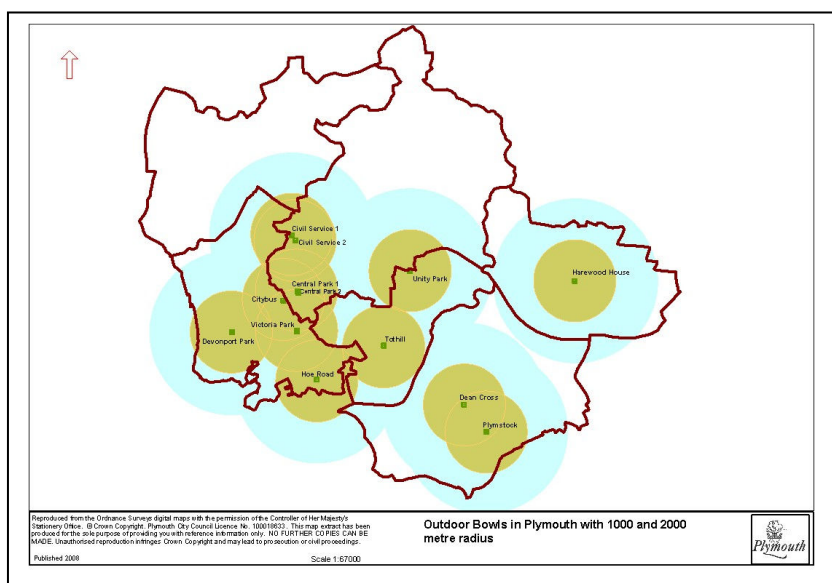


This research for the Strategy shows that generally, participation in sport is higher in the east of Plymouth than the west – although the picture in the centre of the city is complex. The analysis also suggests correlations between rates of participation and other indices; for example, there appears to be a relatively strong correlation between neighbourhoods exhibiting relatively low rates of participation and high indices of deprivation.

Example 2

Major types of facilities were also mapped and compared against Plymouth’s ‘Locality’ areas with catchments shown with a straight line 1000 and 2000 metre radii. Map 2 shows the positioning of the outdoor bowling greens.

Map 2



Although this example only describes one type of facility (outdoor bowls) it clearly shows areas of Plymouth with an inequality of access. Unsurprisingly the analysis suggests that there is also a strong correlation between easy access to sports facilities and rates of participation.

2 Challenges in Facility Provision for the Strategy to address

- 2.1 There is already a well established network of public, commercial and education based sports facilities within Plymouth. Nevertheless, as the Strategy sets out within its detailed facility analysis, challenges remain, including:
- Several facilities which are in need of upgrading (notably on school sites) and replacement (the Mayflower Centre, Central Park Swimming Pools). Indoor sports halls which are not able to accommodate a range of sports due to inadequate sizing and ancillary facilities
 - Although a completely even distribution of indoor, outdoor and specialist facilities throughout the city is not practicable, **certain areas are a long way from any kind of sport or fitness facility, impacting on people's ability to take part**
 - **Wide variations in ease of accessibility and transport to different facilities**, particularly for those whose mobility and ability to access opportunities is restricted (e.g. by cost, time).
 - A lack of a recognised 'network of provision' whereby a range of sports can progress from basic entry level facilities to higher quality venues capable of accommodating competitive, coaching and training events at various levels restricting club and sports development
 - Limited access for the community to take part in sport during the day in term time due to the location of the majority of the city's stock of sports facilities on education sites

3 Opportunities within Plymouth

- 3.1 The draft Strategy makes reference to a number of key opportunities arising for transforming sports facility provision within the city, most critically:
- 3.2 Building Schools for the Future: Mapping school sports provision (see Map 1) for the Strategy has demonstrated how pivotal facilities at secondary schools are to the development of sporting opportunity in Plymouth, particularly within lower participant and deprived neighbourhoods. As well as creating a sound basis for young people to begin their lifelong involvement in active recreation, facilities on education sites are a model for future sustainable sports facility provision. Providing access to the community is guaranteed, they can have a huge impact on education, community participation and the sports development continuum of 'grow, sustain, and excel'.
- 3.3 The BSF programme for Plymouth brings with it great opportunities for establishing a new network of city-wide leisure facilities. This will be achieved through a co-ordinated approach to the management of the facilities and a city wide sports development vision, which will significantly impact on the corporate objectives of widening leisure opportunities.

- 3.4 New Funding Opportunities: Whilst many sports aspire to having dedicated provision (particularly indoor sports), the delivery of this vision is unrealistic. Opportunities however may exist, through the delivery of the Whole Sport Plans and increased revenue funding given to Governing Bodies by Sport England, for the co-commissioning of new facilities.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 Initial consultation for the strategy embraced key partners – Sport England, the Community Sports Network, Children's Services, Plymouth Schools, Plymouth University, UCP Marjons, Plymouth Sports Forum, the Primary Care Trust, National Governing Bodies, Children and Young People's Services, Health, Community Safety, sports clubs and the commercial sector, sports development officers, sports facility managers (both public and commercial) and various user groups including young people, older people and people with disabilities and their parents and carers.
- 4.2 The second phase of consultation was with the same group of stakeholders to establish that the Strategy has been written in accord with their initial comments. This second phase also included an invitation to the public to determine whether there was agreement with the principles and vision laid down in the document and to seek further views and possible actions on how sports facilities and new opportunities in Plymouth, could be developed. The second phase runs for 12 weeks and this consultation period ends on 22 January 2010.

5 Key Comments

All research and responses to consultation will be considered in the final drafting of the Sports Facility Strategy. The key findings and comments, received to date, reflecting provision in the North of Plymouth include:

5.1 Indoor Sport Halls

- Better, secured access to existing facilities and/or access to new provision for competition and specialist development are required in a number of sports, notably badminton, netball, basketball and volleyball.
- Replacement of Mayflower Leisure Centre indoor courts by 12 court hall at The Life Centre and development of a network of provision of satellite sports halls based around the Life Centre hub
- Deficiency in indoor sports space – additional provision either sports hall or flexible covered space to serve the north west of Plymouth, Lipson/Laira and Efford and Plympton
- Poor quality indoor sports halls - Preferably replacement or major enhancement; improved ancillary provision such as changing facilities at various school sites (Priority: Stoke Damerel School sports hall; Tamarside Community College sports hall; Lipson Community College sports hall)
- Smaller community halls – improved access where detailed locality/neighbourhood analysis suggests shortfalls

5.2 Provision for Swimming

- PCC contribution to community access to UCP Marjon to serve North East of the City

- Provision of a site to be identified in the North West of the City (possibility John Kitto School, but subject to further detailed analysis)

5.3 Synthetic Surfaces

- Synthetic Turf Pitches (STPs) to serve Tamarside and Whitleigh school sites.

5.4 Provision for Tennis

- Need for improvements to existing, and new provision of public outdoor tennis courts. including North of A38/Derriford area and within the North West locality

5.5 Bowls

- Consideration to be given to new provision in the North West of the City

5.6 Outdoor and Adventure Sports and the Natural Environment

- Parts of the city which are deficient in indoor provision, (such as St Budeaux, Ernesettle, Whitleigh,) (being on the fringes of the built up area) are close to countryside and water resources, and advantage should be taken of this proximity by extending means of access such as footpaths, cycleways, slipways and launching areas

5.7 Health and Fitness

- Unmet demand; desire to create network of health and fitness facilities throughout city, linking in to wide variety of health resources (GP Referrals etc)
- To consider new provision at all schools where no provision at present (e.g Tamarside Community College) and the extension of some existing facilities, to encourage wider community use.
- Development of community gyms and use of community halls and local resources for a range of health and fitness activities.

6 Conclusion

6.1 Whilst being focused on delivering corporate objectives, the proposals and policies emanating from the Strategy need to be realistic about the opportunities to enhance and improve facilities. In view of the investment the Council is making to The Life Centre, the enhancement of facilities at UCP Marjon and new and regenerated school provision through the BSF programme, it is widely accepted that there is unlikely to be additional large scale capital development funded by the Council during the period 2009 – 2020.

6.2 This is reflected in the Strategy's emphasis on providing a framework for use by the key partners – the City Council (especially Culture, Sport and Leisure, Children's Services and Development), the Community Sports Network, the Primary Care Trust, national governing bodies and other partners in children and young people's services, health, community safety, sports clubs and the commercial sector - to inform and guide discussions about facility need and investment.

- 6.3 The strategy describes the importance of accessibility to facilities and opportunities, to encourage as many people as possible to take part in sport and fitness activities. Wherever possible, to provide sports and leisure facilities in combination with other 'essential community facilities' that can be used for a number of purposes. The obvious location is on school sites within Plymouth but there will be other sectors such as retail and employment locations where such facilities can be of benefit with Investment in priority areas to address major deficiencies and to maximise overall increases in participation amongst target groups
- 6.4 The strategy more importantly for this report will set out where the facility deficiencies are in Plymouth and show where provision is most needed for a variety of sports and target groups and to provide a framework for facility improvements and new developments for the next 10 to 15 years.
- 6.5 The support and commitment of local people, their elected representatives and the City Council's many partners are therefore sought, so that funding to deliver the improvements and new facilities Plymouth's residents, workers, students and visitors require can be attracted and the potential for the North, and in deed the whole of Plymouth, as a vibrant City of Sport can be fully realised.

Stepping Stones to Nature - Project Summary

The *Stepping Stones to Nature* project is a £1.065 million partnership project seeking to deliver improved opportunities to access green space in and around the city. Stepping Stones to Nature seeks a future where local urban green spaces are promoted as the first step on a journey to experiencing the wide ranging benefits of accessing nature. *Stepping Stones* brings a fresh approach to delivering the 'Outdoors for All' agenda. Efforts are focused at where new users come from, rather than green space destinations. It will use each green space 'step' as an opportunity to increase confidence, and build enthusiasm for exploring natural environments further afield.

Stepping Stones brings together for the first time green space managers, with community engagement and health professionals. This unique partnership brings together expertise from public health, parks, protected landscapes, neighbourhood renewal, play, rights of way, and outdoor education. Using the *Stepping Stone* approach, the partnership aims to ensure that people of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to access Plymouth's natural spaces and take advantage of the extensive benefits.

The *Stepping Stones to Nature* vision has three components:

Step 1: Local urban green spaces. It encourages local communities to contribute to improvements, and to develop and participate in activities within these spaces.

Step 2: Encourage exploration and build confidence in accessing natural areas within the city but outside of the 'comfort zone', e.g. Local Nature Reserves.

Step 3: Opportunities to experience, encourage exploration, and build confidence in visiting one of the many unique natural environments that surround the city. e.g. Dartmoor National Park, the Tamar Estuaries.

Project Aims:

To deliver this vision, the project has five aims

Aim 1 – To promote a new approach to accessing natural spaces which places **Inclusive Participation** at its heart. This work will be targeted at six of Plymouth's most deprived areas, delivering innovative approaches to engaging people with natural spaces and overcoming perceptual barriers.

Aim 2 – To facilitate lasting **Organisational Change** in the way green space managers and community and health professionals work together.

Aim 3 – To deliver **Quality** improvements that ensure natural spaces are more welcoming and accessible.

Aim 4 – To deliver a step change in the quality and focus of **Communications** that provide information on opportunities to access natural spaces. The project will also broaden the appeal of natural spaces to new audiences city-wide by promoting opportunities through high profile community led events.

Aim 5 – To support a **Research** programme that will report the benefits and changes evoked by this unique project.

Project Management:

The Council's Planning Services are leading the development and delivery of this partnership project. Parks Services, Childrens Services and the Transport Infrastructure & Engineering Service are also significant contributors from within the Council.

The external funding partners are BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers), Dartmoor National Park, Groundwork South West, OPAL (Open Air Laboratories network), the Plymouth NHS Trust Public Health Development Unit, University of Plymouth, and the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Stepping Stones will employ two Project Officers to work with the partnership to deliver this ambitious project. The officers will be hosted within Planning Services but will work very closely with the local communities and project partners.

Project Benefits:

Over the four years of the project it will deliver:

- A step change in public awareness of the opportunities to access natural spaces within and around the city.
- Green space consultation events in each priority neighbourhoods.
- A minimum of 50 events on natural spaces across the city.
- A minimum of 30 trips to green space 'Stepping Stones'.
- Ten capacity building events for health, community and natural space professionals, to engender new relationships and ways of working.
- Quality improvements on a minimum of one local natural space within each priority neighbourhood.
- Significant quality improvements to the accessibility and welcome of four Local Nature Reserves.
- Four new natural play spaces.
- A minimum of four new Public Rights of Way.
- In excess of 2000 volunteering days on green spaces.
- The production of comprehensive research into the changes and benefits of the project.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH**BRIEFING NOTE**

Subject: Vehicle speeds on Taunton Avenue – Speed Visor

Committee: Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway Area Committee

Date: 20th January 2010

Cabinet Member: Councillor Kevin Wigans – Cabinet Member for Transport

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Ref: Taunton Avenue – BH&S Area Committee Report

Executive Summary:

This briefing note updates the Committee on the results of the Speed Visor survey undertaken on Taunton Avenue in September & October 2009.

Vehicle speeds at Taunton Avenue**Speed Visor**

A Speed Visor, which records and displays a vehicle's speed on its approach, was erected on Taunton Avenue at its junction with Shrewsbury Road in September & October 2009.

The equipment surveyed northwest bound (uphill) traffic between 10th – 24th September 2009 and southeast bound (downhill) traffic between 1st – 31st October 2009.

Results of the survey are summarised below:

Summary of Results

	Northwest bound (uphill)	Southeast bound (downhill)
No. of vehicles surveyed	13050	16270
85 th Percentile speed	28mph	29mph
Percentage within speed limit	90%	87%
Percentage exceeding speed limit	10%	13%
No. of vehicles 0 – 30mph	11818	14114
No. of vehicles 30 – 40mph	1200	2065
No of vehicles 40 +	32	91

To: Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway Area Committee
 From: Garry Stainer, in the capacity as the Project Manager of the LEF Fund
 Subject: LEF 2009/10
 Date: 20 January 2010

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I am writing to advise you of 2 new finance arrangements relating to this year's Local Environment Fund -

- **LEF – Supplementary Allocations 2009/10**

With it now being decided that all LEF budgets not spent last year are to be carried-forward, there are now some additional monies available for your committee.

In addition, there are also some further amounts available from projects that were 2008/09 ring-fenced projects – this is either with a ring-fenced project being cancelled due to a factor beyond the control of the Committee or a project being completed at a cost which is less than the original budget.

The following table summarises the newly additional funds that are available to your committee (these are additional to the main allocations which have already been allocated to you).

Committee		Share of "unallocated" (£)	Newly available due to ring fenced projects being cancelled or under-spent (£)	Total (£)
Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway	LEF 1	1,158	3,449	4,607
Compton and Peverell	LEF2	772		772
Devonport, Stoke, St Peter and Waterfront	LEF 3	1,158		1,158
Drake, Efford, Lipson, Sutton and Mount Gould	LEF 4	1,029	600	1,629
Eggbuckland and Moorview	LEF 5	772		772
Ham and St. Budeaux	LEF 6	772	7,469	8,241
Plympton	LEF 7	900		900
Plymstock	LEF 8	773		773
	Total	7,334	11,518	18,852

As Chair of your Committee, it has been decided to initially allocate these new monies to yourselves, for you to be able to apportion to each Councillor eg at your next Area Committee meeting.

- **LEF Monies needing to be spent by March 31 2010**

It has also been decided that the deadline date for spending allocated LEF Funds is **March 31 2010** – no carry-forwards are to be allowed into the next financial year.

This is for all LEF Funds: i.e. your original 09/10 allocations, 08/09 carried-forward projects and the newly available allocations above.

We are aware that the date of March 31 2010 is not that far away and that there is a need to allow for time for invoices to be processed – we would therefore please encourage for LEF allocations to now be spent as soon as you are able.

Please do not hesitate to telephone the Project Manager for the LEF Fund of Garry Stainer on telephone no. 304682, if there is a query.

Distribution:

Chairs of the Area Committees -

Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway -	Cllr Monahan
Compton Peverell -	Cllr Dr John Mahony
Devonport, Stoke, St Peter and Waterfront -	Cllr Mrs Dolan
Drake, Efford and Lipson, Sutton and Mount Gould -	Cllr Eddie Rennie
Eggbuckland and Moorview -	Cllr Michael Foster
Ham and St Budeaux -	Cllr Gordon
Plympton -	Cllr Nicholson
Plymstock -	Cllr Mrs Pengelly

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway Area Committee (written questions and answers re 11 November 2009 meeting)

Director for Services for Children & Young People

Q1 Would Plymouth City Council be prepared to contribute to the costs of the provision of fencing to divide Widewell Playing Fields in such a manner as to allow public access to part of the fields whilst improving the safety of school children using the remainder of the fields?

A1 Widewell Primary School became a Foundation School with Trust status with effect from September 2007, as such it is not within our legal ability to provide fencing on land owned by the Trustees of the school.

The school have access to Devolved Formula Capital funding which if the Trustees deemed this to be in the best interest of the school and the wider community could be used for such improvements.

Q2 Is Plymouth City Council aware of plans to Widewell Primary School to 2 forms of entry and what source of funding is proposed for that expansion?

A2 Given the restricted nature of other school sites in the area and due to legal aviation restrictions Widewell is the only school that could be expanded and this forms part of the City Council's Strategy for Change.

In June 2009 the LA wrote to the Headteacher of Widewell Primary regarding an allocation of Section 106 funding which was available for the provision of a capital build to provide additional school places. To date no response has been received.

If the Section 106 monies were not used then the LA would potentially identify future Primary Capital funding when the need for additional school places was identified by the LA.

Director for Development & Regeneration / Director for Services for Children & Young People

Q3 To what use has Widewell Primary School put the amounts of £25,000 and £16,383 received under Section 106 agreements relating to the Belliver Reservoir Development?

A3a (Director for Development & Regeneration) Education use of Developers Contributions from developments at Belliver:

Thank you for your question you posed at The Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway Area Committee of 11th November 2009, regarding the above. Looking at our records we can confirm that we have received two sums of money relating to developments in this area, these being:

£16,363 (planning reference 05/00866 FUL) Belliver Reservoir

£49,312 (from planning reference 04/00572) Belliver Reservoir

We cannot find any reference to the £25K contribution you mentioned at the meeting.

Both contributions totalling £65,675 have been identified by our Education Service to assist with the implementation of Beechwood Primary School currently being delivered at Southway. To our knowledge, Widewell Primary School has not made any formal request for financial assistance to expend these monies.

A3b (Director for Services for Children & Young People) In June 2009 a letter was written to the Headteacher of Widewell Primary School informing her that funding from a Section 106 agreement was available. The legal requirement for the Section 106 agreement is related to the provision of a capital build to provide additional school places. The funding is allocated by two agreements £16,383 to be spent by October 2010 and an amount of £25,000 to be spent by January 2013.

The Headteacher has been asked to provide details for a proposed project to expand the school taking into account the wider community context ensuring that it does not adversely affect other schools within the locality. To date no response has been received.

Clearly the legal requirement of Section 106 funding is to meet strategic objectives and the expansion of Widewell is a stated objective within the City Council's Strategy for Change.

Director for Development & Regeneration

Q4 Development on old BAE sites Lulworth Drive and pedestrian access paths were agreed at the top and bottom of the site onto Lulworth Drive. It is believed that this provision is a Council responsibility, not the developer's. Will Council Officers make an assurance that this is carried out and funded and that no trees will be removed in the process?

A4 Background: The site in question is part of the former BAE site (now Atlantic Inertial Systems) that fronts Clifford Road and Lulworth Drive and is known as Phase 1A. Outline planning permission for this site and other sites in Southway for housing, employment, associated highways and parking and open space was granted in 2007 subject to a section 106 agreement, reference 05/01085. Approval of Reserved Matters for 110 dwellings on the site was granted on 19 October 2009, reference 09/01081.

The background to the treatment of the verge is important and is a matter you will recall. As part of the outline application the original proposals included development of the verge, removal of the trees and two vehicular accesses to Lulworth Drive. Officers negotiated improvements that residents wanted including retaining the treed verge and downgrading the accesses to a combined cycle/pedestrian path and two pedestrian paths with no vehicular access. This is necessary to achieve good design and "permeability" linking the site to the nearby facilities of two primary schools, a doctor's surgery, the park and ride and The Carvery (formerly The George).

Answer: The applicant/developer is responsible for providing the combined cycleway/footway and footways crossing the verge. The details and programme for the works will be approved by the local planning authority. This is condition 9 of planning approval 09/01081.

It is not possible to say that no trees will be removed but the Council will ensure that any tree loss would be kept to a minimum.

Director for Corporate Support

Q5 (minute 35 refers) Has the law forbidding cyclists riding on pavements and the law requiring an 'audible means of approach' been repealed? It is recognised that some pavements are marked indicating cyclists allowed. Following a near miss experienced by me on Southway Drive, I would ask again that the 'audible

means' of approach be enforced. Having indicated permission to use of pavements by cyclists, does the Council carry third party liability insurance against the accidents which will be inevitable?

A5 The Council's Legal Services Department has reviewed the legal position and advised the following:

- The law regarding cycling on pavements has not been repealed.
- All the relevant legislation has been checked but no reference has been found to the term "audible means of approach".
- The Highway Code clearly states in paragraph 64 "You must not cycle on a pavement".
- Relevant legislation is the Highways Act 1835 Section 72
- Enforcement action is a matter for the police who can issue fixed penalty notices for minor offences or bring a prosecution under the Road Traffic Act for more serious offences.
- Designating a pavement/footway for shared use by cyclists and pedestrians is governed by Local Transport Note 2/86 issued by the Department of Transport. Such a designation in Plymouth is dealt with by way of a Traffic Order or bye-law – no such Order or bye-law is in place in respect of Southway Drive.

As regards third party public liability, it is confirmed that the Council does have appropriate insurance cover in place. However, this cover only operates where it can be proved that any accident or property damage caused to a third party is as a result of negligence on the part of the Council. The Council cannot be held responsible for accidents resulting from the irresponsible actions of third parties over whom it has no control. For any incident involving a cyclist the Highway Code states that it is the cyclist who carries the liability. In terms of enforcement where problems are being experienced as a result of cyclists riding on pavements and endangering pedestrians, this should be reported to the police.

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